

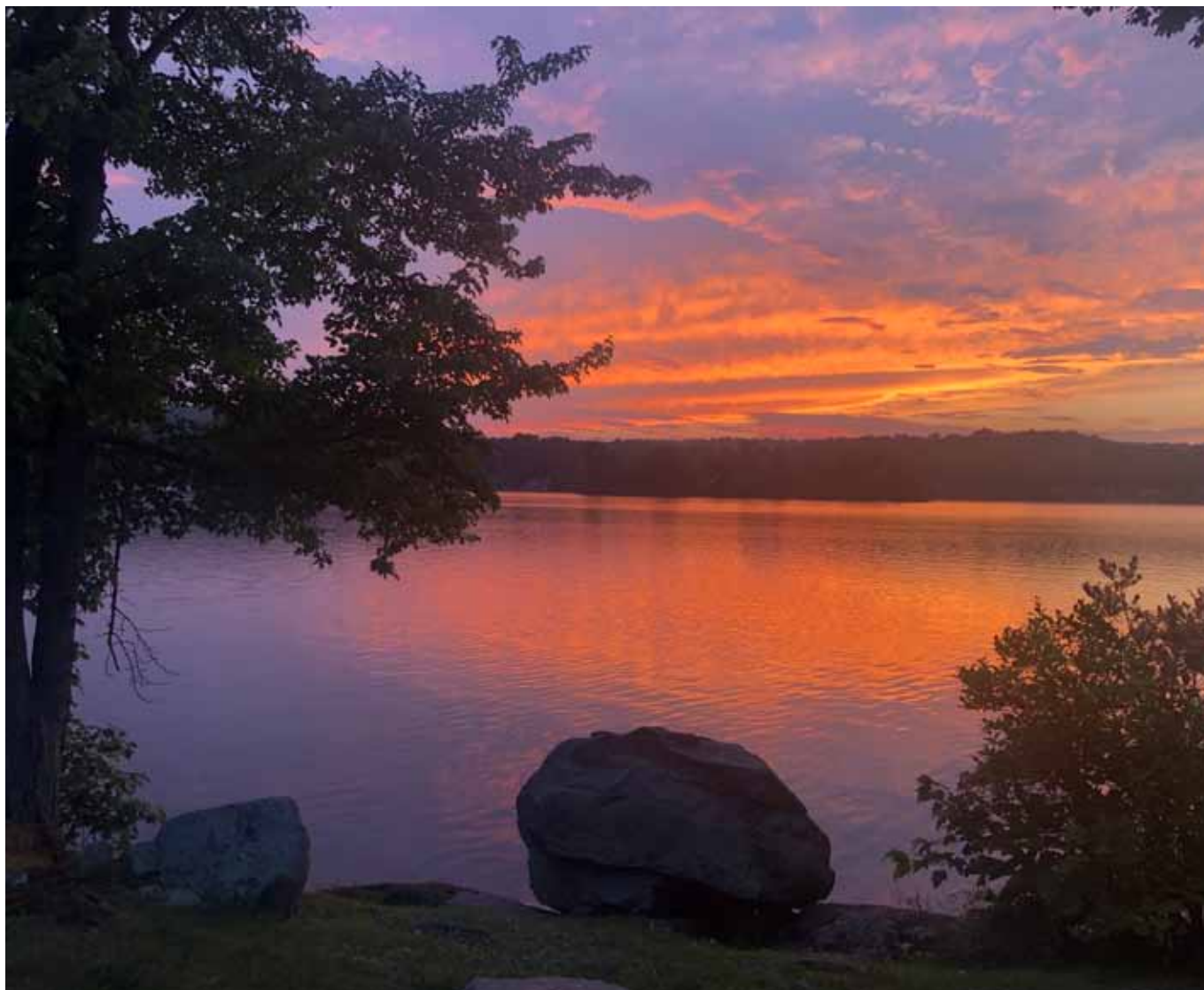


The Highland Lakes Newsette

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Sunset from Beach 4

Photo courtesy of Rosemary Polhemus

Upcoming Events

August 7 – Friday Night Lights
August 12 – Sunset Yoga
August 14 – Adult Night

Save
the
Date



Kids Cake Contest – Jurassic Dinosaurs

ROE HALL, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/EVENT
COORDINATOR

New Date - Thursday, August 13

Thursday, August 13, we will have our annual kids' cake decorating contest. All interested participants must sign up at the Activities Center so we can bake enough cakes for everyone.

Icing provided, bring your dinosaur decorations and show us how creative you are with dinosaurs.



Election News

Our socially-distanced Annual Meeting is planned to be held on August 16, 2020. The Voting Board adopted Emergency By-Laws in order to conduct the meeting and hold elections this year.

The quorum requirement has been reduced from 5% to 2.5% of the members in good standing, and ballots cast at the polls and by absentee ballot will count towards the quorum. Polls will be open before the meeting between the hours of 11 am and 2 pm.

Petitions for the office of Trustee have been received by the Elections Chairperson and the candidates below will appear on the ballot. As required by the By-Laws, these petitions were all received by July 27, 2020. Trustee candidates must be an owner, reside in the section to be represented, and shall have been Active Members in good standing for each of the three (3) years immediately preceding the election, meaning in good standing on August 16 in 2017, 2018, and 2019.

The names of the candidates, and the sections they will represent if elected, are as follows:

Section	Candidate
1	Louis Iannucci
3	Eric Pietrucha Patricia Thompson
4	Janice Fajardo
5	No Petition Filed

The By-Laws permit members in good standing to be elected as Trustees even though their names are not on the ballot by having members write their names either on an Absentee Ballot or during the election at the Annual Meeting. If you wish to serve as a Trustee (you must reside in one of the four sections electing Trustees) on the Voting Board, you may be elected through the write-in process, either at the polls at the Annual Meeting or by write-in on the Absentee Ballot. Absentee Ballots will be available at the Activity Center ONLY beginning Saturday, August 1. 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 envelope provided, no later than 4 pm on Wednesday, August 12, 2020.

Elections will be held August 16 at the Annual Meeting. Make sure that you attend this meeting and that you have your 2020 Membership Card with you. If you have any questions, please call me at 973-769-2484 or drop an email to artdawson@yahoo.com.

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 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.

	7/14	7/21	7/28
Beach 1	<1	17.1	10.9
Beach 2 – Clubhouse	45.7	2.0	1.0
Beach 3 – Lookover Lane	6.3	<1	7.4
Beach 4 – Bushwick	3.1	<1	2.0
Beach 5 – E. Lakeshore Dr.	7.4	<1	
Beach 6 – W. Lakeshore Dr.	1.0	3.1	2.0
Beach 7 – Upper HL Dr.	5.2	16.8	10.9
Swim Lanes – Clubhouse	3.2	2.0	1.0

Friday Night Lights

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

Teens 13 – 18 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Enthusiasm and excitement continues on Friday nights. Come down and join the fun. Teen members and their guests are invited for dinner and lawn games. Weather permitting, food will be served on the decks. Age restrictions will be enforced. Club Events, Activities and Athletics Permission form will be required for teens. Social distancing requirements will be in place--bring a mask. Badges and guest badges must be visible. Be ready to laugh and be hungry.



Don't Miss the

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, August 16

at 2 pm

Beach Rules

Everyone's Safety Matters

Beach rules have been adopted for everyone's safety and comfort. Failure to obey posted rules will result in expulsion from the beach and/or other disciplinary action.

- Swimming is permitted ONLY when a lifeguard is on duty, within the roped-in areas, and is done at the swimmer's own risk.
- Lifeguards supervise the roped-in areas only.
- Directives from lifeguards must be followed at all times.
- Flotation devices may only be used where the user can stand.
- An adult must accompany children requiring supervision.
- Swimmers must enter and leave the swimming area via the beach.
- Swimming is prohibited when thunder or lightning is present.
- Roughness, rowdiness, spitting, foul language, littering or other conduct affecting the safety and/or comfort of others is prohibited.
- Alcohol, glass containers, and pets (with the exception of dogs used for medical/physical assistance) are not permitted on the beach at any time.
- New Jersey's bathing beach regulations require that all children in diapers must wear plastic pants with snug fitting elastic waist and leg bands. Acceptable disposable swim pants are now available in the diaper aisle in grocery stores. Do not wash out soiled diapers in the bathing water.
- All boats must stay clear of the swimming areas. Boats may not drop-off or pick-up swimmers from within the roped swimming areas.
- Fishing is prohibited within designated areas at all beaches.
- In the interest of the safety of all members using our beaches, please be advised that grills are allowed ONLY on Beaches 3 and 5 and ONLY in the grassy area where the picnic tables are, away from the beach patrons, lifeguard equipment and any playground equipment. Your cooperation is appreciated.
- Smoking, vaping or the use of tobacco products is prohibited at all times on all Club properties, including Club beaches and parking lots.



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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.



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Clubhouse Activities

ROE HALL, EVENTS COORDINATOR

Week of August 10 -14 – Monsters Inc.

We are going to run these activities and more. Weather permitting, we will do as many activities as we can outside for social distancing. Check the Club's official Facebook page - facebook.com/highlandlakesnj for daily/weekly updates.

Monday – August 10

9:30 – 11 am: plant a snap dragon (all ages)

11 am – 12 noon: corn hole (all ages)

1 – 2 pm: plant a snap dragon (ages 4+)

2 – 3 pm: corn hole (all ages)

Tuesday – August 11

9:30 - 10:30 am: color a monster key chain (ages 4+)

10:30 – 11:30 am: monster bingo (ages 4+)

1 – 2 pm color a monster key chain (ages 4+)

2 - 3 pm monster bingo (ages 4)

Wednesday – August 12

9:30 am – 10:30 am: smash paint monster puppets (ages 4+)

10:30 am - 11:30 am pin the eye on the monster (all ages)

1 – 2 pm: tp roll monster (all ages)

2 – 3 pm: pin the eye on the monster (all ages)

****Thursday – August 13** Rescheduled**

9:30 – 12 pm: Cake Decorating Contest – give us your best dinosaur scene (all ages)

We provide the cake, you provide the icing and decorations

12:30 – 2:30 pm – lawn games (all ages)

Friday – August 14

9:30 am – 10:30 am: monster pegs (ages 4+)

10:30 am - 11:30 am: roll a monster (all ages)

1 – 2 pm: egg carton monsters (all ages)

2 – 3 pm: roll a monster (all ages)

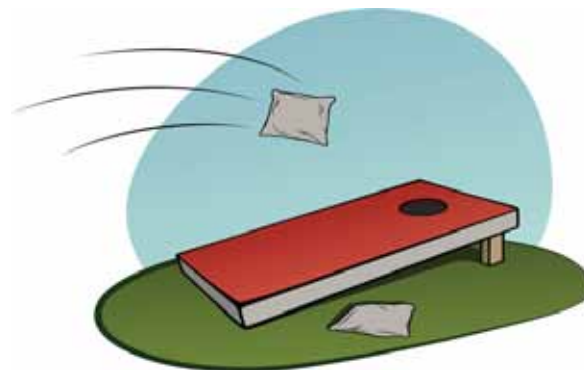


Adult Night Out

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

Friday, August 14 – Clubhouse

Mark your calendars for the next Adult Night. Come to the Clubhouse at 8:30 pm. Weather permitting, for dinner on the deck with a view of the lake. Informal game play including corn hole, scoop toss, badminton, ping pong and more.



Communication Committee Notes

SUE ROSS, CHAIRPERSON, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Meeting of August 1

The Communications Committee met virtually once again to discuss the upcoming Newsette production schedule, social media platforms, editing and website needs. Although the meeting lasted a scant 40 minutes, I am happy to report that we got a lot accomplished. Our committee now stands 15 members strong. All are fully engaged in our efforts and willing volunteers. We welcomed two new members to this meeting: Jacquelyn Green and Megan Wahnnon.

The meeting started with a full discussion of our editorial calendar. The Committee tries to publish a feature article in each Newsette, and so we talked quite a bit about what topics would be good and then assigned writers to each. We are set through Labor Day. A discussion about our social media channels followed and Stu Blank volunteered to manage the Instagram account. Look for us @hlccnj on Instagram and @HighlandLakeNJ on Facebook. We'll be posting about events and sharing photos regularly.

Karen Vogel stepped forward to work on the editing of the Newsette, (a task that Judy Norton has been handling all by herself for well over a year now) and Rory Byra and Megan Wahnnon will be learning how to send the eblasts that many members receive regularly. This task has been handled by Cly Wickoff for years! Speaking of the eblast... do you get it? If not, you can sign up by going to the home page of our website: www.hlcc.org. This is an easy way to stay informed of current happenings in our community.



Pickleball Update

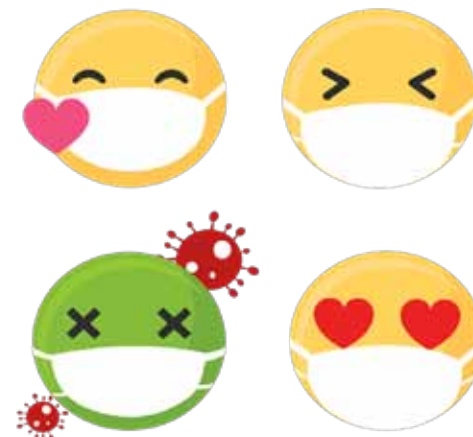
KATHI TAYLOR

Despite extremely warm temperatures these past two weeks we have had some great games on the pickle ball courts. Come on down and join us. Bring your paddle and water and wear your membership badge and sneakers. We hope to see returning players on the courts Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 pm and all ladies on Friday mornings at 9. We have had some interest from our younger members who would like to play. Because of COVID we are unable to share our equipment or use the Club's equipment so welcoming new players isn't possible unless you are 16 years old or older and have your own equipment. However, look for youth clinics coming in 2021! Questions? Call Kathi Taylor 973-303-2689.

Send Us Your Masked Photos

ROE HALL, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Everyone's style is different. We want to see your mask! Take a picture of yourself, family, friends, etc. Send to hlcc@warwick.net. Look for The Masks of Highland Lakes in a future Newsette.



Sunset Yoga with Victoria

VICTORIA KING

Wednesdays on the Lawn

Join Victoria on Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm for an outdoor socially distanced yoga class at the Clubhouse.



The Great Rock Hunt

THERESA RUIZ AND ALLEY STELLA

Clues – Week 4

The Great Rock Hunt continues...have you found any yet?

This hunt is designed for ages 3 – 14. Young adults and teens are welcome to participate and take selfies just for the fun of it. Eligible contestants need to find rocks each week and email a selfie with each rock to (rockhunt@hlcc.org). The contestants who send all three of their rock selfies the fastest each week will win a prize. Take a selfie with the rock (don't move it), please leave it where you found it so others can find it, too. Be sure to look for new clues for rock whereabouts in the Newsette each week. What I'm describing is the picture on the rock. Here are the clues for Week 4:

1. I'm cute and I like bird seed. I like to hang out in a tree by the big beach.
2. On Family Day you ride me from here after you paddle over in a kayak.
3. I am a USA symbol, free and proud. You may see me from a causeway.

Our first winners picked up their prizes on July 30, join them in the fun!



Rock hunt winners Noah and Noelle Van Strander

51st Highland Lakes Ladies Golf Outing

KRISTEN WEISS, COORDINATOR

August 11, 2020

Mark your calendars for Tuesday August 11. This 9-hole fun golf tournament for HLCC ladies and their guests, will be at Farmstead Golf Course, shotgun start at 9 am. Cost is \$55.00 per player and includes cart, lunch and prizes. Drop checks to Activities Center made out to Kristen Weiss. PLEASE Contact Kristen Weiss to confirm your place/ foursome at 862-881-0183.



Yoga

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Come down with your mat to the grass by the point on the Clubhouse lawn on Mondays and Wednesdays at 4 pm. We are so lucky for the privilege of enjoying the natural breeze air conditioning which is above and beyond our expectations. Beginners welcome. Don't forget to wear your badge.



Next Newsette: August 15, 2020

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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Kids show off their dinosaur crafts during Jurassic week.



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Ecology Corner

BARBARA JAGGI, CHAIRPERSON, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

“Re-wild” Our Community



the natural vegetation, trees, etc. when building homes, replacing septic systems, or installing a driveway. However, it is possible to “re-wild” our surroundings.

- 8 Steps to “Re-wild” our community
- Shrink your lawn. Halve the area devoted to lawn - reducing water, pesticide and fertilizer use. Replace grass with plants that sustain more animal life. Every little bit of habitat helps.
 - Remove invasive plants. Introduced plants sustain less animal diversity than natives do. Worse, some exotics

There is much to be said for preserving the native environment in our beautiful lake community in order to provide a home for many beneficial insects, birds, etc. Many times we must remove

- crowd out indigenous flora. Notable offenders: Japanese honeysuckle, oriental bittersweet, multiflora rose and kudzu.
- Create no-mow zones. Native caterpillars drop from a tree’s canopy to the ground to complete their life cycle. Put mulch or a native ground cover such as Virginia creeper (not english ivy) around the base of a tree to accommodate the insects. Birds will benefit, as well as moths and butterflies. When purchasing mulch use natural mulch without dyes.
 - Equip outdoor lights with motion sensors. White lights blazing all night can disturb animal behavior. LED devices use less energy, and yellow light attracts fewer flying insects.
 - Plant keystone species. Among native plants, some contribute more to the food web than others. Native oak, cherry, willow and birch are several of the best tree choices. When planting rhododendruns choose natives.
 - Welcome pollinators. Goldenrod, native willow, asters, sunflowers, evening primrose and violets are among the plants that support beleaguered native bees.
 - Fight mosquitoes with bacteria. Inexpensive packets containing *Bacillus thuringiensis* can be placed in drains and other wet sites where mosquitoes hatch. Unlike

- pesticide sprays, the bacteria inhibits mosquitoes but not other insects.
- Avoid harsh chemicals. Dig up or torch weeds on hardscaping, or douse with vinegar. Discourage crabgrass by mowing lawn 3 inches high.
- Pages 18 - 20 on native plants in At the Lake the guide to Highland Lakes Country Club and Community Association contains lists of native plants for varying soil conditions as well as a list of native plants web resources.



Athletics News

ORLANDO GOMEZ, ATHLETICS DIRECTOR



Clinics Offered

Derrick Jeter, LeBron, Ronaldo, and Serena Williams need to watch out - Highland Lakes Summer Sports Clinics are underway. There are about 100 children participating in tennis, basketball,

soccer, baseball, tee ball and softball. All of our athletes are working hard at learning and practicing new drills and skills. Some of these skills are offense, defense, ball handling, footwork, passing, catching and swinging. Keep up the good work!

Calling all softball players - we are planning to have an adult softball tournament during the weekend of August 14-16. We need at least 4 teams to make this possible. Please submit your team roster by August 5. Sign up early, to be sure you are in.

This year, we will be offering three, new, one day clinics - football, boys lacrosse and girls lacrosse. Sign up online for the following:

Football - August 12: 5 - 7 pm - ages 7-14

Boys Lacrosse - August 12: 9 - 11 am - ages 7-14

Girls Lacrosse - August 15: 9 - 11 am - ages 7-14



Kids making hand print cheetahs during Jungle Fever week.

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Windsurf Happenings

KEVIN GASTON, FLEET CAPTAIN

August 1

Aside from no wind at all, what could possibly be the worst conditions for sailing on this lake? How about light winds out of the east? That was, indeed, the conditions about an hour before race time. With that said, here are some of the texts I received before the race: "I vote paddleboard race today" and "I think I might bail on this race". Another came back with "agreed". To their surprise, my response back went something like this: "We're racing". Just then my phone rang. A voice on the other end blurted out "Are you out of your mind? If it stays like this, count me out."

Now, I like to think of myself as being able to see the proverbial "forest for the trees" kind of guy. You see, what they all neglected to notice was that the winds were forecasted to shift out of the south by race time. It was sometime around T-minus 30 minutes when the wind gods showed their mercy. Voilà! Winds out of the south.

The course du jour called for our first #2 course of the season. This means that the first upwind buoy to round is the infamous Rock Island Red -- a buoy that in past seasons

bore witness to some ugly crash scenes. It was during the second race when Justin rounded the mark just ahead of Joey. When Justin looked back, he noticed that Joey's board made contact with the buoy. At that point, Justin proceeded to remind the young talented phenom that he needed to do a 360 degree penalty turn. My theory for the reason Joey hit the mark was that he was distracted by the bluetooth speaker hanging off his harness playing the song "Country Roads" as sung by John Denver. He may have been better served by listening to a song titled "Stay Clear". See you on the line.

Race results

Race 1

1 - Kevin Gaston

2 - Justin Murphy

3 - Joey Gaston

Race 2

1 - Kevin Gaston

2 - Justin Murphy

3 - Joey Gaston



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Force Five Update

ERIKA RODGER, FLEET CAPTAIN

Results from July 25 and August 1

Saturday, July 25 started very worryingly, with no wind. It did pick up a little bit, but we enjoyed wind from every direction possible. Thank you to Sara Gillooley, our dock committee, and to the safety boat. A reminder to all that the dock committee has the authority to call starts and finishes, and can direct the safety boat where needed. Any questions, call Erika at 201-961-3092. Results for 7/25

Race 1:	Race 2:
1 - Justin	1 - Rob
2 - Andy	2 - Justin
3 - Mike	3 - Erika
4 - Erika	4 - James
5 - Rob	5 - Mike
6 - Lou	6 - Andy
7 - Ray	7 - Lou
8 - James	8 - Chip
9 - Chip	Ray - DNF

August 1 was another disappointing wind day! The second race was actually cancelled due to lack of wind. Thank you to the safety boat and Sara Gillooley, the dock committee.

- 1 - Rob
- 2 - Justin
- 3 - Lou
- 4 - James
- 5 - Chip
- 6 - Mike
- 7 - Ray

Ladies Sunfish Fleet

SUE BURUCHIAN, FLEET CAPTAIN

With the hot summer weather outside, Shannon Buruchian came to play for a day and raced with the Ladies Sunfish race. A solid start by all made this day fun and challenging. Ten boats and all good competition maneuvered the modified one course- red, red, white. The wind was inconsistent and light which allowed large spans to develop between the fleet. Notable finishers made big improvements by Patty Thompson rounding the marks ‘in the pack’ and Christine Alber who showed she is a force to be reckoned with. Ellen and Nancy dueled to the end with Ellen nipping her out in a tacking duel. Jessica, Christine and Kayla found it hard to find the solid puffs to keep their respective good beginnings. Arianna and Janet are really making strides and we missed our friend, Diane!

The fun continues each Thursday....come join us! Thank you to our safety boat crew of JT and Victoria and Mark Buruchian as timer. Season standings are in the board on the Clubhouse deck. Finishings for 7/30 were:

- 1 - Shannon Buruchian
- 2 - Emmaline Stoddard
- 3 - Ellen Wisolmerski
- 4 - Nancy Grimaldi
- 5 - Jessica Castiglione
- 6 - Christine Alber
- 7 - Kayla Murphy
- 8 - Patty Thompson
- 9 - Arianna Stoddard
- 10 - Janet Zatta

Great Storm, Great Winds, Great Race!

MLADEN KRESIC, FLEET CAPTAIN

Sunday Sunfish, August 2

In the morning it looked like a washout, but this Sunday afternoon provided a reprieve. By 1:30 pm, it was only wind...and that is what sailors crave!! The race day began earlier than normal because Mark and Rich volunteered to conduct a sailing and rules clinic that I was sorry to miss (helping Will and Lynds move into their first home). From all accounts the clinic was well attended, with lots of discussion about halyard and gooseneck positioning and rights on the water. One suggestion for everyone sailing older spars is to replace a fixed gooseneck with an adjustable one, that makes it much easier to quickly make a change due to wind conditions.

Following the clinic, 13 boats went out in great conditions – steady 12 mph with gusts up to 18 coming from the SW, so a course 1 was called. The crew sailed a long course (white) with Mark getting to an early lead and JW, Richie and Rich close behind. Downwind, the boats were flying, some literally. Rounding the leeward mark, JW began closing the gap on Mark by making multiple tacks down the middle of the lake, but Mark was able to tack his way ahead at the finish. The speed downwind carried Richie just ahead of Rich; they were neck and neck (I suppose that’s really mast and mast) following the leeward mark, when a gust tossed Richie overboard. He quickly scrambled in but that was enough to put Rich permanently into 3rd. Bob was a steady 5th followed closely by James S., and congratulations to James N. for a great finish just ahead of Chip. Rounding out were Luca, Roger and our newest senior sailor Rob Schaap, followed by Bill and Allan. Welcome Rob!!

The winds were so good that most of the sailors stayed

out for a practice run on a short course, with Mark and Rich switching boats as a fun test. A few boats did go over testing the winds and trying to cool off (JW). Two reminders that will help our dock committee: Those finishing races early please stay away from the line, and if you have a sail with no identifying mark or number, please add one – you can do so with sail tape, or purchase sail numbers for about \$2 per number from places like west coast sailing.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me - my contact info is mladen@negotiators.com or call/text me at 203-918-1102. Thanks Allan and Brett for a great job and especially on behalf of all the sailors last Sunday for staying out to start the practice race and coordinate the safety boat! Senior Sunfish team, please continue to stay safe and healthy. See you next Sunday at the usual time - 2:30 pm, if weather and the wind gods cooperate! Please check the sailing schedule periodically for any changes or updates.

- Race 1 Results:
- 1 - Mark Buruchian
- 2 - John W. Wisniewski
- 3 - Rich Mastrangelo
- 4 - Richie Amato (jr)
- 5 - Bob Tomsey
- 6 - James Sullivan
- 7 - James Napolitano
- 8 - Chip Ehrhardt
- 9 - Luca Bonardi
- 10 - Roger Kirchner
- 11 - Rob Schaap
- 12 - Bill Weis
- 13 - Allan Napolitano

HLCC Sailing Fleet Schedule

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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
- August 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
- August 12, 19, 26
- Ladies Sunfish Races – Thursdays at 11 am
- Sue Buruchian: 973-271-0227
- August 13, 20, 27 / Sept. 3
- Force 5 Sailing Races – Saturdays at 10 am
- Erika Rodger: 201-961-3092
- August 8, 15, 22, 29
- Flying Junior Fleet Sailing Races – Sundays at 11 am Arrive by 10:45am
- Mike Gillooley: 973-764-4185
- August 9, 16, 23, 30 / Sept. 6
- Windsurfer Races – Saturdays at 3 pm
- Kevin Gaston: 973-764-7332
- August 8, 15, 22, 29

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