



The Highland Lakes Newsette

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Our Precious Land

SUE ROSS, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBER

Sincere thanks to 2nd VP Christine Alber, who provided me with this detailed breakdown of our community owned property. I merely wove the facts together. Without her fastidious analysis, I could never have provided such a comprehensive summary of the land we own and how it is being used.

According to the 1995 Highland Lakes Community Plan, the first hundred acres of our community was purchased in 1933 by the development company owned by John Seckler and Clayton Shepperd. Two years later, lands abutting this original tract of land were purchased including the Fedden Corporation property (600 acres), the Marsh tract (400 acres) and the Rutherford tract (130 acres). Log cabins were built, land was sold, lakes were created and a community was born. In 1967, the Highland Lakes membership voted to purchase the five lakes and the lagoon from Seckler and Shepperd for about \$130,000. Today, HLCC and CA owns and pays taxes on a little more than 582 acres. Of that property, the vast majority is made up of the lakes (principally the Main Lake) and the lagoon.

Lake 1 (including the shoreline around the lake but not Beach 1) is 17 acres. Lake 2, commonly referred to as the Main Lake, (not including any of the islands, which are each separately parceled and owned by individuals, not HLCC) is 337 acres. Lake 3 is just under 24 acres and Lake 4 totals 11 acres in size. Lake 5 (including the small northern shoreline where our freeway is and the island) is a total of 19 acres. Finally, the lagoon (including the wetland/marshy areas that surround it and extend to the north) is 3 acres.

The next largest swath of land owned by the Club is the forested property that adjoins Wawayanda State Park. There are two lots that total 93.408 acres and both are being considered for a possible sale to the state under the Green Acres program. There is another small single lot of just more than a tenth of an acre (.138 acres to be exact) that also adjoins this property.

Additionally, we have properties that provide our members with access to recreation, bathing, and boating at the lakes. These properties, totaling approximately 24.5 acres, include the Clubhouse, our seven beaches, beach parking areas, multiple boat launches, 24 freeways, and several recreation areas (ballfields, tennis courts, basketball courts, pickleball courts, etc.).



Photo from HL archives taken by Walter S. Frech of Sussex dated August 30, 1936.

The remaining lots that we pay taxes on include shoreline properties, land that provides access to our dams, and assorted parcels of varying sizes throughout the community. Approximately 41 acres are lake front, wetlands, or stream ways that form part of our immediate watershed. The remaining 11 acres are lots throughout the community that the Club acquired either directly from Seckler & Shepperd or through tax foreclosure sales.

In addition to these properties, HLCC owns approximately 32 miles of roads and one tiny lot that is designated on our maps as a cemetery. Really? Really!

Upcoming Events

- July 24 – Family Water Polo
- July 24 – W/A Bunco
- July 25 – Open Mic
- July 26 – 90th Anniversary Dinner Dance
- July 30 – Town Hall with FirstService Residential

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FOR ANY QUESTIONS FEEL FREE TO CONTACT:
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Highland Lakes Country Club and Community Association

Our Annual Meeting will be held
on Sunday, August 16, 2026
at 2 pm.

Section Trustees
whose terms are expiring:
Section 1, 3, 4, 5
Unexpired Term Section 7

VOTE

HIGHLAND LAKES COUNTRY CLUB & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

FAMILY DAY 2026

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026

MORNING: START YOUR DAY!

7:30 - 10:30 am	Event Set Up
8:30 am	Quad & Triathlon Sign Up - Front Porch
9:00 - 10:30 am	Quadratathlon
10:30 - 11:00 am	Kids Triathlon

MIDDAY: FAMILY FUN & COMPETITION

11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Sand Castle Building
12:30 - 2:30 pm	• Egg Toss
2:30 - 4:30 pm	• Henna, Face Painting, Giant Games, Cotton Candy, Popcorn, Bounce House

AFTERNOON: COMPETITIONS & SHOWS

3:00 - 3:30 pm	Bubble Gum Blowing Contest
3:30 - 4:30 pm	Tentative Fishing Derby - Fishing Club
4:30 - 5:30 pm	Talent Show & Baby Parade

EVENING: CELEBRATION & SHOWS

5:30 - 6:30 pm	Ice Cream in the Clubhouse
6:30 - 8:30 pm	DJ on the Lawn & Foam Party
8:30 pm	Boat Parade
9:30 pm	Fireworks

Food 2:30-8:00 pm

Sign Up Today

Section 11 Check In

ERIC CARD, TRUSTEE, SECTION 11

Our first monthly section meeting will be held on Monday, August 3, at 7:30 pm. Bring your questions and suggestions. We will meet in the Lake Room.

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Friday, July 24, 2026

Clubhouse - 6 pm

Please register at hlcc.org today.

90th Anniversary Dinner Dance

CAROL HASTIE, COORDINATOR

The event of the year is quickly approaching! July 26 will be here before you know it! We are very excited about this dinner dance. We have been planning this event for the past 9 months. It is going to be a spectacular evening for celebrating our 90th Anniversary!

Tickets are available at the Activities Center for pick up by table. Table Captains, please get the tickets for everyone at your table and then distribute them accordingly. There may be some names you are not familiar with, since we had to add to some tables. Please let us know if there is someone at your table that you do not know how to get in touch with, we will help you.

All right, we know it is a semi-formal affair, so this means jacket and tie for the men and cocktail dress/pants suit for the ladies. We can't wait to see everyone all dressed up for this! Don't forget to bring your ticket and badge. You need to bring your favorite beverage to drink. Ice will be available. I am sure you will be able to find us – we will be in the big tent on the Clubhouse lawn.

“Doors” open at 6 pm and dinner will be ready promptly at 6:30 with the music starting at 7:30 pm. There will be assigned seating so as you enter there will be a seating chart for you to look up your table number. We are asking everyone to please enter the parking lot through the entrance by the rowboat. This will make it easier for parking. There is limited parking so you may consider carpooling or walking. See you there!

Candidates for Officers and Trustee Positions

Election to be held August 16, 2026

The following individuals have submitted their intentions to run for office in the respective positions and sections. Elections will take place at the Annual Meeting on August 16, 2026, and by Absentee Ballots received by 4 pm on Wednesday, August 12, 2026.

Position	Candidate
Section 1	Sue Buruchian* Evan Dolcimascolo
Section 3	Heidi Fuhrmann*
Section 4	Owen Hyland Joseph Sweeney*
Section 5	Julia Campbell*
Section 7**	Stu Blank * Ann Moriarta Mike O'Neill

Candidates appear in alphabetical order.

*Identifies incumbent candidates (current office holders)

**This position is to complete the unexpired term which will end on September 30, 2028.

All officers and section trustees will serve full three-year terms commencing October 1, 2026. Members may vote for one of the candidates listed for their section or write in the candidate of their choice in the “Write-in” space provided on the ballot.

Please note: Absentee ballots will be available at the office starting July 31. Members may request an absentee ballot via email; however, it cannot be returned by email due to the double-envelope ballot process.

Beach Water Testing Results

Below are the results of the most recent E. coli testing performed at the Club's beaches and swim lanes 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.

Location	7/1	7/13	7/15
Beach 1	5.2	13.5	
Beach 2	4.1	21.6	
Beach 3	<1	17.1	
Beach 4	2.0	5.2	
Beach 5	17.1	42.0	
Beach 6	<1	4.1	
Beach 7	16.1	15.8	
Swim Lanes	<1	435.2	1

Upcoming Meetings

- Boat Dock – No meeting scheduled at this time
- Buildings and Grounds – Tuesday, August 4 at 7 pm
- Communications Committee – Saturday, August 8 at 10 am
- Ecology Committee/CCHL – Tuesday, July 28 at 6:30 pm
- Fish Committee – Thursday, August 20 at 7 pm
- Road Committee – Thursday, August 6 at 7 pm.
- Rules/By-Laws Committee – No meeting scheduled at this time
- Voting Board Workshop – Wednesday, August 12 at 7:30 pm
- Annual Meeting – Sunday, August 16 at 2:00 pm

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



Just a boy who caught a big fish! Photo courtesy of Melissa Hardin

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19 2:00 PM Art Show 3:00 PM Family Tennis	20 9:00 AM Water Aerobics 5:00 PM Yoga 6:00 PM Pickleball 7:00 PM Canistear Cup 7:45 PM Ceramics	21 10:00 AM Women's Aux. Mtg. 1:00 PM Bocce	22 9:00 AM Water Aerobics 5:00 PM Yoga 6:00 PM Pickleball 7:00 PM Swim Meet (H)	23 8:00 AM Yoga & Meditation 1:00 PM Bocce 7:00 PM Chess Club 7:00 PM Coaches Choice Meet (A) 7:00 PM Stitching	24 9:00 AM Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Pickleball 6:00 PM Water Polo	25 8:30 AM Advanced Pickleball 9:00 AM Team Tennis 7:00 PM Open Mic
26 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Boat Safety Course 3:00 PM Family Tennis 6:30 PM 90th Anniv. Dinner Dance	27 9:00 AM Water Aerobics 5:00 PM Yoga 5:00 PM Yoga 6:00 PM Pickleball 7:45 PM Ceramics	28 10:00 AM Women's Aux. Mtg. 1:00 PM Bocce 6:30 PM Ecology Comm. Mtg. 7:00 PM Sr. Club Mtg.	29 9:00 AM Water Aerobics 5:00 PM Yoga 6:00 PM Pickleball 7:00 PM Swim Meet (A)	30 8:00 AM Yoga & Meditation 1:00 PM Bocce 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Town Hall Meeting with FirstService Residential 7:00 PM Chess Club 7:00 PM Stitching	31 9:00 AM Water Aerobics 10:00 AM Pickleball	

Summer Athletics

KELCEY BLANK, ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

Highland Lakes Athletics is off to a spectacular start this summer, welcoming a fantastic mix of familiar faces and eager newcomers to the community sports scene. This season brings extra excitement with the expansion of the local athletic lineup, featuring the highly anticipated debut of pickleball and a brand-new sports program designed specifically for the little kids. Whether you're looking to serve up an ace on the courts or get the youngest athletes moving, there's something for everyone. Come out, connect with neighbors, and help keep this great momentum going all summer long!

Softball Update

CHIP ZIEGLER, COORDINATOR

July 16

Last Thursday we only had six players as many boys were away at camp. We took turns having batting practice, and Abigail and Riley continued to crush the ball into the deep outfield. Jacob ran hard to catch the balls, but many were over his head. Later, Jacob got his revenge by hitting balls past the older girls. Ellie and Rene's batting continues to improve with some hits into the outfield, as they continue to work on their throwing. This week we were joined by Carl for the first time, and he got in a lot of swings, and a few hits. Nice going everyone!

GCOF Community Yard Sale

NANCY EISENBERG, CHAIR

Once again, the community came together to make the CGOF Annual Yard Sale a great success! Our volunteers (the pink brigade) worked hard starting Thursday evening and all day Friday to accept and sort items in preparation for the big day. Thanks to everyone's efforts and generosity, a wide variety of items—including bikes, boats, golf clubs, sports equipment, furniture, housewares, toys, and tools—have successfully found new homes. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, and supported this year's sale! A special thanks to Roll Off Joe for donating the dumpster, and Brooklyn Pencil LLC for our business needs.

Women's Auxiliary News

JENNIFER ZIEGLER, SECRETARY

On July 11, the Women's Auxiliary was literally front and center on the porch at the GCOF Annual Community Yard Sale. If you were there, our ladies were selling wonderful homemade baked goods. We are proud to report we raised \$564 to go towards the Goodwill Fund. Special shout out to all our bakers, especially Jan McMurtry for once again baking her delectable almond cakes. They are always the first to sell out! Thank you also to Claire Kenny, Pat Wooten and Sue Mokray for all your hard work organizing the table.

Our meeting on July 14 had over 30 people in attendance. Thanks to organizer Marian Benedicto, we have added a luncheon boat ride to our busy schedule. On July 31st, our members and their guests will board the "Miss Lotta" to cruise Lake Hopatcong, see the beautiful homes and the shoreline. They will dine on delicious food catered from the Windlass Restaurant. A full bar is on board too! Tuesday, August 4, Variety Game Show night with Stephen Christopher. Back by popular demand. Last year was so much fun! This is our annual Fundraiser for our local emergency services and the community. Get your teams together for Family Feud, and new challenges this year. Great door prize items too. Doors open at 6:30 pm, \$25 a ticket in the Seckler Room. BYOB.

Saturday, August 8, Covered Dish Dinner for Auxiliary members and their guests. A beautiful catered affair with a wonderful in-house DJ from one of our members. We'll dance the night away!

Wednesday, August 19, Broadway Bus Trip to see "Hamilton" Orchestra seats, luxury bus, 5 course lunch at Carmine's. Tickets \$275. Currently Sold Out! Can get on the wait list.

Tuesday, August 25, End of Season Luncheon at Ana's Restaurant in Warwick NY. A beautiful lunch to look back on another wonderful summer together.

A Psychic Night Fundraiser tentative date is October 23 subject to change based on construction schedule. Women's Auxiliary is excited to welcome back Psychic Medium Jill Kelly to the Seckler Stage. Jill Kelly has been connected to the spirit world since she was a child.

Log Cabin/Lake Bungalow Photo Tour. If you own a vintage Seckler & Shepherd lake bungalow or log cabin and would like to share the history and story of your home, especially renovations, everyone needs ideas! We want you! Date to be decided. Women's Auxiliary would like four or five homeowners to take pictures of their homes, inside and out. We will meet in the Lake Room and give photo tours of Highland Lakes homes. Owners are welcome to present the history and the genesis of their properties. If public speaking is not your thing, no worries, we will have that covered. Please contact Jennifer Ziegler at: 203-979-7135 if you would like to participate.

Come to the Lake Room on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am. Enjoy a continental breakfast, meet old friends and make new ones. Help plan and run fun activities that give back to our community. Free babysitting is available right next door in the Seckler Room. Please let us know in advance if you need childcare for the meeting. Last meeting is Tuesday, August 19th.

For further information or to reserve your ticket Variety Games Show Night or get on Broadway Bus Trip wait list, email jjcinc@gmail.com.



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GCOF Annual Community Yard Sale

MARYANN GUNNING, YARDSALE CHAIR

The Goodwill Community Outreach Fund held its Annual Community Yard Sale on July 11. It was a tremendously successful event, thanks to the efforts of 108 HL Volunteers over 3 days. We are grateful to this Highland Lakes community for gathering and donating your very good quality treasures for us to sell. The money raised for this 501(c)3 charity organization provides valuable financial assistance to our Highland Lakes neighbors through emergency assistance for heat, food and other critical needs throughout the year.

The amazing group of volunteers, many who are still giving their time and talent over 16 years, make HLCC such a beautiful, caring and vibrant community to live in. We give a Shout-Out to the pre-teen volunteers from the swim team and a number of other NEW volunteers, especially the 25 - 50 age groups. You were very helpful in the physical nature of some important tasks, and your energy provides hope for the continued care of our community for the future.

Special thanks to the Vernon United Methodist Church and the Holy Counselor Lutheran Church for the loan of 25 long tables for the 3 days, arranged by HL members Paula Walk and Elaine Kuntz. We desperately need those tables, so their generous loan saves us a great deal of money. Additionally, we are grateful to the HLCC office staff, maintenance and security for their ongoing support of the GCOF to help our HL community members.

This year, we recognize the huge contribution of Gina and Joe Abdalla, owners of Roll Off Joe Dumpster & Garbage Services for their generous donation of the delivery and pickup of the dumpster, including the disposal fees. Thanks also to Brooklyn Pencil, LLC for the Yard Sale flyers & GCOF website design and maintenance and to the HL members (preferring not to be named here) who sponsored the volunteer bagel breakfast, the delicious volunteer workday lunch and refreshments, and the new T-shirts.

Finally, while there are hundreds of small details and tasks completed by the 108 volunteers for the Yard sale, I must acknowledge the truly indefatigable contributions of Kate Eisenberg, Janice Fajardo, Cathy Kenny, Carolyn Acker and Tressa Deady Kabbez. Your efforts before, during and especially cleaning up after the sale were invaluable.

Mark your calendars! The 2027 Yard sale is set for Saturday, July 10.

For more info about the Goodwill Community Outreach Fund, go to gcof.org or call 862-314-0806.



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July Voting Board Meetings

JANICE O'NEILL, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

A summary of the June Voting Board meetings follows. These are not the official minutes. All official minutes of our meetings can be found in the documents section of the membership portal once they have been approved by the Voting Board and posted to the portal.

Voting Board Workshop – July 8, 2026

General Manager Kelly Peters reviewed items on the agenda noting that the Club is waiting for the test results from 80 water samples in order to apply for a permit to use EutroSORB. The Club is replacing a water testing probe that was damaged and lost in the lake. In the meantime, Skylar loaned the Club her testing probe so that we can continue daily testing. Maintenance staff have been removing some of the lily pads by hand. Trustee questioned treating cattails on Lake 4 to the left of the beach. Kelly was unaware that they had been treated and would check.

The Club has found a 2024 truck, with low mileage and a warranty, to purchase for \$81,400.

Flying bird flags are needed on the docks to keep cormorants away. When the beach is open, lifeguards would need to remove the flag for safety reasons, and then put the flags back up when the beach is closing

Changes to the By-Laws were not provided to the Board in time for discussion at the workshop but will be sent to the Board to review for approval at the next Voting Boaed meeting. If approved, the changes will be voted on by membership at the Annual Meeting in August.

Under the Management Report, Kelly gave updates on pothole repairs and catch basin cleaning – both were delayed due to weather and are now underway again. She noted that the QR code observation program has received nine submissions regarding lake conditions and algae, that all docks have been installed, and that dead trees by Beach 4 will be taken care of. Road paving is being planned for the Fall, with a vote at the next Voting Board meeting.

Trustee comments included questions about having The Nerds perform again as the concert seems to be losing money and having the Workshop agendas distributed in advance of meetings. There is a residential dock on a Club freeway. Land has been surveyed and Boat Dock Committee has made a recommendation to Ray on how to handle it. Clubhouse construction is planned to begin the day after the Annual Meeting; the contract to be signed next week. The Voting Board needs to discuss budget items to address in August: printed Newsette, cameras at beaches, FOBs, Beach 3 kayak racks. A Trustee requested financial updates on maintenance and consultant spending. Trustees are having trouble receiving emails due to the Go Daddy quarantine system.

At the end of the Workshop, the Voting Board adjourned to Executive Session.

Voting Board Meeting July 17, 2026

Unanimous approval of the June 19, 2026, Meeting Minutes.

Floor open to members: Glen Kamp requested a motion for the Club to provide \$350 to purchase “Chemical Free Garden” lawn signs for members who pledge not to use chemicals (fertilizers, weed killer, pesticides) on their yard, to keep dangerous chemicals from entering the lakes and causing algae blooms.

Treasurer's Report (Lou Iannucci):

Lou provided April 2026 financial report. May-June financial report and next year's proposed budget will be presented and discussed at the August workshop.

Committee Reports: Trustees reported on the activities of the committees they were assigned to attend.

- Boat & Dock: No report from trustee. A member shared her neighborhood's concern about a dock being removed from a freeway on Lakeside Drive East. Kelly will follow up.
- Buildings & Grounds (Dave Lagas): Committee requested an update on boat ramps for Lakes 3 and 4. Residue from catch basin cleanup was dumped in DPW area and is creating an odor. Ray will follow-up with Vernon about cleaning it up. Rut by bocce courts will be filled in next week. Members noted a foul sewage smell at the Clubhouse toward the beach. Other Trustees commented that the swim lanes were closed for 24 hours due to E. coli.
- Fishing (Eric Card): Ray shared idea of stocking the Main Lake with muskie fish, which are beneficial for carp population control, which helps avoid algae blooms. The cost for 200 muskie is \$12,000, which will be in the budget discussion next month. The committee will support the fishing derby on Family Day and Lake Appreciation Day.
- Roads (Dave Lagas): No meeting. Stu Blank is no longer Chair of the committee and will be replaced after roadway repaving is finalized. Stu provided Kelly with a list of roadway issues. Kelly is getting proposals for paving.

President's Report (Ray Zimmerman):

Ray discussed three items for next year's budget consideration:

- Muskie fish \$12,000, as discussed under Committee Reports
- Carp: Obtaining nets from Carp Solutions in MN for our staff to capture carp, as a complimentary solution to our current method. He requested estimates of the ages of the fish caught, which Glen will obtain for him. Ray will send the board a video of how the nets work.
- EutroSORB: For 2027, \$140,000 is needed for four treatments in Lakes 3 and 4, and four of the coves in the main lake. All those locations will receive one or two treatments this year. Copper sulfate was applied today. Kelly will provide a summary of how much copper sulfate has been applied over the season.

Manager's Report (Kelly Peters):

- Call for nominations was emailed through Connect. A hard copy letter was mailed to anyone without an email on file. So far, one nomination has been received. Trustees discussed inconsistency in receiving emails and the mailing going out too late for people to consider nomination.
- Catch basin cleaning will be done next week. Pothole repairs continue.
- Dam has been inspected. Repairs are considered minor.
- Trustee Eric Card raised the issue that the advertisement for the truck the Club purchased indicates that we did not receive what was promised regarding a warranty. Kelly will look into it.

New Business:

By-Laws modifications: The Board reviewed four proposed changes to the By-Laws (provided by the By-Laws & Rules Committee and reviewed by our Club attorney), which require a 2/3 vote by the Board to send to the members for a vote at the August annual meeting. Three of the four changes were approved by the Board and will be summarized

for members prior to the August annual meeting.

Floor Open to Members:

Members raised questions on topics including: the Club not following state regulations requiring advance notice of elections and nominations; inconsistent communications from First Service Residential (FSR) to members; By-Law changes; a Koi pond in a stream leading into one of the lakes; unsigned contract for Clubhouse construction; a dock removed from Lakeside Drive East; chemical applications to the lakes; Chemical Free Garden lawn signs; carp solutions; and frustrations with new billing system and process from FSR.

Floor Open to Voting Board:

Motion to spend \$350 on Chemical Free Garden signs was passed.

Motion to move dock back to Lakeside Drive East was tabled, to allow time for Kelly to review previous minutes about the issue and then talk with member.

Trustees brought up additional concerns and topics including tree removal; E. coli; 90th Anniversary Dance (only 8 tickets left!); racing buoys and hazard buoys being improperly used by boaters (don't tie to them!); loose docks at Beach 1; collecting members' emails; mats on beaches not being used; and a dangerous telephone pole.

Ray Zimmerman brought up a concern about a civility problem in Highland Lakes including members being rude to staff and threatening people in the office, as well as member to member issues.

At the end of the meeting, the Voting Board adjourned to Executive Session.

Next Newsette: August 1, 2026

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 info@hlcc.org. Sorry – we can only print photographs submitted as .jpg files with a minimum of 150 dpi. Thank you.

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Sailing Fleet Schedule

MARK BURUCHIAN, HL SAILING COORDINATOR

Below are the 2026 HLCC sailing fleet schedules. All local fleet races begin at the Eckhart Sailing Center Dock located on Lakeside Drive West south of the intersection with Alturas Road. All fleets sail 2 races except for the Ladies Sunfish Fleet. The safety boat should arrive approx. 15 minutes prior to the start of each race.

Flying Junior (FJ) Races – Sundays at 11:00 am

Lou Iannucci: 914-262-7768
July 26 / August 2, 9, 16, 30 / Sept. 6

Sunfish Races – Sundays at 2:30 pm

Mladen Kresic: 203-918-1102
July 26 / August 2, 9, 16, 30 / Sept. 6

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

Erika Rodger: 201-961-3092; Kevin Murphy: 973-222-8243; and, Justin Murphy: 862-266-0165
July 29 / August 5

Ladies Sunfish Races – (1 race) Thursdays at 11:00 am

Sue Buruchian: 973-271-0227
July 30 / August 6, 13, 20, 27 / Sept. 3

Jr. Doubles Sunfish Races – Fridays at 11:00 am

Erika Rodger: 201-961-3092; Kevin Murphy: 973-222-8243; and, Justin Murphy: 862-266-0165
July 24, 31 / August 7

Force 5 Races – Saturdays at 10:00 am

Erika Rodger: 201-961-3092
July 25 / August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Hobie Races – Saturdays at 1:00 pm

Chris Conti: 914-384-9393 and Chip Ehrhardt: 973-222-6755
July 25 / August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Windsurfer Races – Saturdays at 3:00 pm

Kevin Gaston: 845-893-2923
July 25 / August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

All Boat Regatta – Sept. 5th Sailors’ Picnic – Sept. 6th @ 5:00 pm (safety boat lifeguards are welcome to attend)

Questions? Call Mark Buruchian @ 973-271-0213 or email hlccsailing@gmail.com

FJ Fleet

LOU IANNUCCI, FLEET CAPTAIN

Results for July 19

This Sunday’s races were a challenging and exhilarating day out on the water, with sudden shifts and heavy gusts keeping everyone working at their absolute limits. Sailing or racing in highly variable air requires constant focus, quick trim adjustments, and excellent communication with your crew to keep the boat flat and fast.

Race One:

1. Will & Lindsey
2. Mark & Sue
3. John Wayne & Haylie
4. James & Luke
5. Lou & David
6. MaryJane & Lisa
7. Bill & Liz
8. Cooper & Chris
9. Pat & Brenna
10. Krissy & Dom
11. Allan & LuAnn

Race Two:

1. Mark & Sue
2. Will & Lindsey
3. John Wayne & Haylie
4. Lou & David
5. Bill & Liz
6. MaryJane & Lisa
7. Pat & Brenna
8. Krissy & Dom
9. Cooper & Chris
10. James & Luke
11. Allan & LuAnn

Retirement...Naah!

MLADEN KRESIC, FLEET CAPTAIN

Senior Sunfish – July 19

On a day most would classify as almost perfect for sailing at Highland Lakes, save some typical wind shifts, we had a sighting of Commodore Mark coming out of seeming retirement. In a tough duel (or if it’s three, is it a thruel?) with Will and JW, Mark blared the horn once again. Both races were a 10 knot course 3, with, appropriately, 10 sailors participating.

In the first race, Mark and Will took off ahead of the fleet, with Lyndsay making the starting line a bit late due to a short lull in the winds. Nevertheless, she caught up as the entire fleet finished in 25 minutes. Behind the top three Bob, David and the indestructible one (Chip) duked it out for the next three slots.

In the second race, Will was off the line fast with Mark and JW close behind. Mark and JW caught up downwind, taking advantage of a shift along the eastern shore. They kept the lead for 1st and 2nd respectively. In an incredible sight downwind, eight boats were side by side! Will came out of the fray third with Lyndsay closing at the finish followed by Bob and JT Wisniewski, who also came out of semi-retirement for this sailing spectacular.

Let’s hope for more weather like this for the rest of the season. Keep growing the fleet! For any new entrants, my contact info is mladen@negotiators.com or call/text me at (203) 918-1102.

Thanks to LuAnne and Ellen for continuing their stellar committee work as well and to our safety boat crew. Have a great week and I look forward to seeing you next Sunday, the 26. Spread the word! Please check the sailing schedule periodically for any changes or updates. The default for every week will be 2 races.

Race 1

1. Mark Buruchian
2. Will Kresic
3. John Wayne Wisniewski
4. Bob Tomsey
5. David Goldman
6. Chip Ehrhardt
7. JT Wisniewski
8. Lyndsay Kresic
9. Bill Weis
10. Allan Napolitano

Race 2

1. Mark Buruchian
2. John Wayne Wisniewski
3. Will Kresic
4. Lyndsay Kresic
5. Bob Tomsey
6. JT Wisniewski
7. Chip Ehrhardt
8. Bill Weis
9. David Goldman
10. Allan Napolitano

Windsurf Happenings

KEVIN GASTON, FLEET CAPTAIN

Results for July 18

I came oh-so-close to canceling the races due to the gloomy weather forecast. The future radar prediction showed big areas of green gobs with embedded reds and yellows at race time. It was at that point that my Dock Committee Commander, Mike Gaston, interjected his opinion when he stated “I don’t believe in future radar. My current radar shows all of that junk dissipating. I think you should race.” After carefully, considering his optimistic opinion, I quickly followed with “Let’s rig them up, boys!”

Mike’s prediction was spot on. No lightning. No thunder. No rain. Just the best conditions we’ve had in over a year. In fact, the conditions were perfect. A steady 15 out of the south southwest. We couldn’t ask for a better direction and velocity.

Everybody seemed to have fun on the upwind legs. The downwind legs, well, that was another story. But when it all panned out, everybody was still standing and still smiling.

Join us every Saturday at 3 pm. See you on the line.

Championship Division

Race one

- 1 - Kevin Gaston
- 2 - Joe Gaston
- 3 - Joey Gaston
- 4 - Tom Latham
- 5 - Pat Detwiler

Race two

- 1 - Kevin Gaston
- 2 - Joey Gaston
- 3 - Tom Latham
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