



Housatonic Boat Club:



Current

Opening Message – Thank you for reading the inaugural issue of the HBC Current, your source for all monthly news and upcoming events. We hope to get feedback regarding this issue and want members to contribute. Have an event you want to write about past or future? Want us to document a great HBC race or cruise? Submit your write up to the team and we will work on adding it to the next issue.

Past Events:

***Opening Day** – This year’s opening ceremony was a return to a live event. With the blessing of the fleet, a canon firing, and a great performance of our national anthem by Hannah Head, one of the Jr. Sailing Instructors at the HBC. Although food was not provided by the club this year, many people came to the event with their own food and drink, and ice cream was provided by the club. Eileen Duffy had a table with HBC apparel to purchase, which was a hit! A great time was had by all, and we are looking for a grander opening night next year! Thanks for all who made opening night a success*

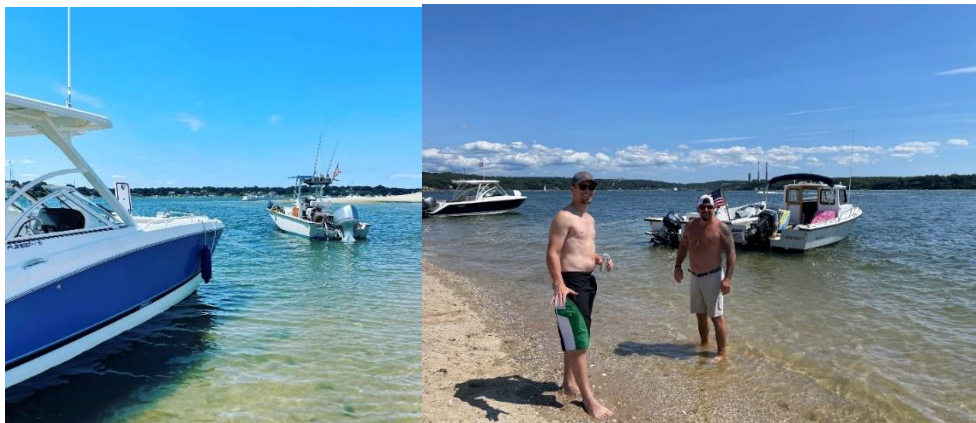


***4th of July Celebration** – HBC’s 4th of July BBQ was postponed this year due to inclement weather, but the event was a success the following week! Over 110 members enjoyed the BBQ and fireworks on a gorgeous evening. Special thanks to Dan Head and Dave Schrader for their BBQ skills! We look forward to seeing everyone next year for another successful event.*

Shrimp Boil – Do you love shrimp, corn, spicy chorizo, potatoes and corn? Well that’s what members who attended this year’s shrimp boil were treated to. Using Claudia Kingsbury’s home recipe, HBC’s Shrimp Boil event coordinators whipped up a tasty meal for all those in attendance. Thanks for all those that cut up corn and chorizo, and for all that made this year’s event a great success. We look forward to a larger crowd next year and hope to keep the tradition alive.



Cruise to Port Jeff – The tradition of the Port Jeff cruise continued this year, with both a contingent of folks that left on Fri by sail and moored in the harbor, and several folks who powered there way to the beach at Port Jeff on Saturday. It’s always a blast to cruise over to destinations with other HBC members. We hope to repeat these types of events throughout this and next season, to foster a home away from home at the club.



Sailing Activities at HBC –

HBC Junior Sailing – *Our Jr. Sailing Program continues to be a strength of the club fostering a new breed of sailors within the area. HBC has offered both a morning and afternoon class, and continues to have a thriving program, led by top notch instructors who foster a sense of learning and fun! As the summer winds down please be sure to spread the word about the program to keep it as a strength at the club.*



HBC Adult Sailing - *This was the second year for this program at the club and with the help of several of the folks at the club, led by Michelle Muller and taught by Jr instructors Anna Hughes and Hannah Head, adults were able to get an education on the basics of sailing including the rigging of a boat, points of sail, and hands on experience with the Mercury sailboats at the club. HBC will continue to offer this program and look to enhance this program for all adults wishing to embrace the craft of sailing.*

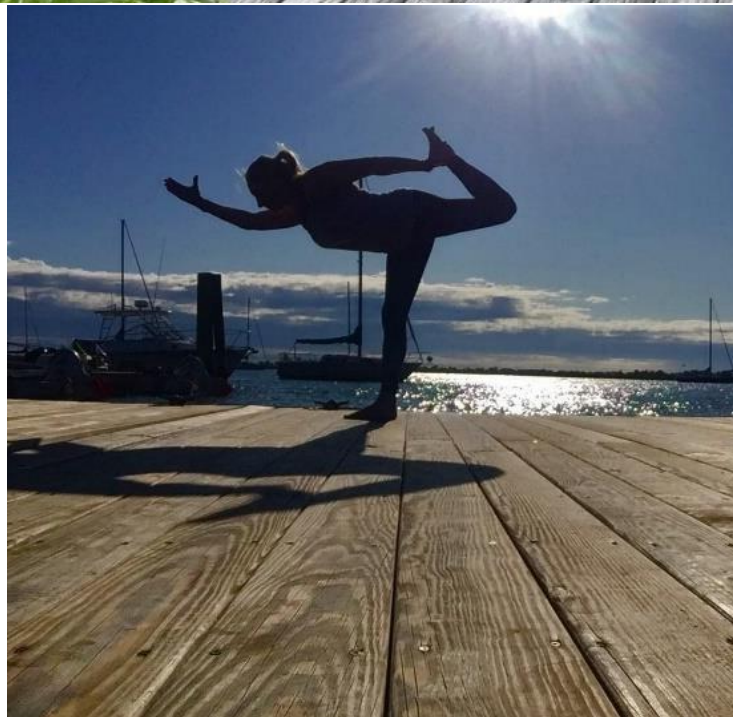


Women on the Water – The Women on the Water program really hit its stride this year using the keel Mercury and the Pearson Ensign provided by Scott Morris, including weekly sailing and a trip to the Black Rock Yacht Club to meet with the WOW teams from other area clubs. We thank all those that have continued to support this amazing group.



Yoga on the Dock:

Sally head has been leading Yoga on the dock sessions on Saturday mornings. What a way to start the day, with a beautiful view and a healthy yoga session. For upcoming dates, please check the calendar.



Upcoming Events:

Don't forget about our upcoming events and to be sure to assist those leading them. All events are run by club members.

Pirate Derby: *Saturday Aug 14 – 4PM DIY Pirate derby, 6PM Pirate Feast - \$10/person – Food and Drinks, 7:30PM Pirates of the Caribbean Movie Night*

Reggae Night: *Saturday Aug 21 – 6:00pm Caribbean food and music by Africarib reggae and steel drums. \$25 PP, BYOB*

September 11: *– September Fest/Pig Roast – 2:00pm*

Upcoming Races: *– August 28-HBC Invitational Regatta and after race party*

Boating Joke of The Month:

How many boaters does it take to change a lightbulb? – None, because the right size bulb isn't on board, the local marine-supply store doesn't carry that brand, and the mail-order house has them on back-order.

We look forward to everyone's participation in the above events and thank all members for their continues support and commitment to the club. This truly is everyone's club, and we will continue to communicate upcoming events with all. HBC welcomes any feedback regarding the HBC Current Newsletter, as this is yours as well. Anyone wanting to contribute to the newsletter or has suggestions for other sections that should be added, please reach out to HBC to learn more about being part of YOUR newsletter.

Tight Sails and Fair Winds.

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