



**Housatonic Model Yacht Club
AMYA Club 117
Region 1 – Middlebury, Connecticut
April 20, 2013**

FIRST DAY OF RACING IS SUNDAY MAY 19, 2013.

WE HAVE BEEN SEQUESTERED

The US Army Corps of Engineers (COE) has been affected by the Sequester. Therefore as part of their budget reductions the COE will reduce the open season for Hop Brook Lake. Presently Hop Brook will open on Saturday May 18, 2013 and close Sunday September 8, 2013. Further, as discussed at the January annual meeting, HMYC will have to obtain an In Kind Service Lease Agreement (Lease Agreement) instead of the Special Use Permit we used in the past. The COE is working on processing the Lease Agreement at this time.

As a result our season will decrease from 26 weekends to 17 weekends. Attached is a revised schedule. The schedule will include:

- Eight races for each fleet for the season series
- A full day regatta four each of our four fleets on Saturdays later in the season.
- The Commodore's Race and Picnic on September 8th the last day of the season.
- Thursday sailing will still be divided into a short spring series and a short fall series.

This schedule may change depending on the terms of the Lease Agreement and other requirements of the COE.

Fleet Captains:

- Seawind - Mary Goebel
- Soling - Fred Goebel
- Thursdays - Dick Chandler
- Star 45 - Any volunteers?
- US1M - Any volunteers?

Please give me a call if you are interested (203-380-0126).

The first day the lake is open is Saturday May 18, 2013. We are hoping to put our marks in Saturday and have some open sailing. If the Lease Agreement is not finalized by the start of the season we may be required to use COE marks until the Lease Agreement is finalized. The COE marks may not be in our traditional configuration; however, we should have good racing sailing windward leeward courses in our usual location. We may also be using some temporary marks if necessary.

The start of this season will be challenging for HMYC. The COE is doing all they can to help us secure our Lease Agreement. Be patient and watch your email for changes.

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Take this extra time and have your boat in top shape for the season. Make every race count.

Keep running before the wind,
John