



**HOUSATONIC MODEL YACHT CLUB
AMYA CLUB 117
REGION 1 – MIDDLEBURY, CONNECTICUT
MAY 2016**

Ahoy Skippers!

Exciting news, HMYC has acquired a new sailing venue for spring and fall racing and sailing. The sailing site is the Bethany Veterans Memorial Park (265 Beacon Rd, Bethany, CT 06524) on route 42 in Bethany. This is a beautiful sailing site that has all the features necessary for RC sailboat racing. It is fairly wide open and has a long grassy bank along which the race course can be set. It is centrally located (not far from Hop Brook) and is about 5 miles east of route 8 from the Beacon Falls exit. There is no launching dock so boots will be needed for launching. On Tuesday May 10 we will put in some marks and have some test sailing. The Thursday May 12th and 19th Soling regattas will take place at Veterans Park.

I want to thank Don Ouimette for his numerous visits and discussions with the Bethany Parks Department and the Town Selectman to obtain permission to obtain the approval for HMYC racing. Sailing at this site will extend our spring and fall sailing seasons after Hop Brook is closed. The only requirement is that being non-residents of Bethany each sailor must get an annual non-resident parking pass which cost \$50. This is actually quite common for most towns that have public parks. Despite discussion with the town council on this, their position is that the residents pay the taxes to support and maintain this facility. When they see numerous non-residents using the facility numerous time per week for 5-6 months it would be difficult to for the council to defend not collecting this fee. This if a very small price to pay for 5-6 months of sailing and racing. The pass is good for the entire year so you can still use the facility during the in-season also though there will be no racing marks present.

Sailing at Hop Brook will begin on Saturday May 21st (first day park is open). On the 21st starting at 10 am we will be putting our own club marks in. After the marks are in place we will hold an "Opening Season" pizza party for club members and their wives or significant others. This will replace our Commodore's Picnic at the end of the year. The club will supply pizza and beverages. **Let Mary know if you intend to attend. Informal racing (tune up) will follow the pizza party.** Sunday May 22nd will be the start of the season with Star 45s in the morning and Seawinds in the afternoon. I suggest bringing a Star and/or a Seawind on Saturday if you want to tune up your boat. However, any boat is welcome.

Fleet Captains for 2016 are:

Thursday Seawind	Fred Goebel
Thursday Soling	Don Ouimette
Sunday Soling	Don Ouimette
Sunday Star 45	Bob Shluger
Sunday US1Meter	?
Sunday Seawind	?

Anyone interested in being a Fleet Captain for the US1M and Sunday Seawind fleets please contact me

HMYC is starting the second year of our Corps of Engineers Lease Agreement. The Corps has asked us to keep track of our time spent cleaning up litter and trimming weeds. More about this later at the pond.

Remember Star 45 Regional will be held on Saturday July 23. The Star 45 RCR NOR and Entry form will be sent under separate email.

Get your batteries charged!

John