Sailing Chair Report 2026

Racing

Saturday racing got off to a late start as there were a series of weather related cancellations in the month of June. Between thunderstorms, high winds and no wind, racing didn't begin in earnest until July.

Saturday Series Racing – The Sunfish sailed 24 races through the end of September with 6 skippers participating throughout the summer. Flying Scots/Open Fleet sailed 18 races with 4 Scot Skippers, one Hobie Wave and one Getaway participating.

Beer Can Racing – The Wednesday evening racing was also plagued by weather issues early in the season as heavy winds, thunderstorms and no wind resulted in the cancellation of the first few weeks of racing. Five skippers participated at some point during the summer. As this was billed as fun racing, we did not keep track of how many races were sailed or who finished where.

Cup Races – McConnel Cup, Independence Day Cup. Five Sunfish and 5 Open boats participated in 4 races on Saturday of the 4th of July weekend. The Commodores cup and Racine Cup races were scheduled for after the submission of this report.

Pursuit Races (Around the Bay) – All 3 pursuit races were sailed this year with 5 skippers participating. In the first one on August 2, the perfect wind direction coupled with winds at the higher end of safe combined. With the clock starting at noon, the first finisher crossed the finishing line at 1401.

The Hobie Fleet Fall Classic Regatta, scheduled for October 10&11, was moved to Rock Hall Yacht Club. The reason for this is the work on the south side of the marina which is currently scheduled through the regatta weekend.

The Women's Sailing Clinic was a major success this year. Nancy Jaywork led that effort and will provide a separate report.