Paul Odegard Takes Sunfish North Americans

Though he had no first place finishes in the finals, Sunfish veteran Paul Odegard of Vernon, CT, sailed well enough to win first overall in the 1981 Sunfish North American Championship held in Charleston, South Carolina. He started the 8-race, one-throwout series with a 58th (his throwout), but put together an excellent string of finishes (2-16-2-4-8-18-2) for a total of 52 points over the three-day finals of the Championships Series.

Odegard was followed by another longtime Sunfish sailor from Connecticut, Bob Heckman from East Hampton with 55.5 points. Mark May of Yorktown Heights, NY placed third with 56 points. Rounding out the top five were Mike Kerman from Daytona Beach, FL with 66 points and Gary Ross from Houston, TX with 67 points. 155 competitors from approximately 20 states participated in the week-long regatta which includes a Junior North American Championship and a Founders' Cup Series in addition to the Championships Series. Competitors came from Hawaii and Bermuda to attend this year's event. The top 50 finishers in the senior (over 16) qualification series and the top 10 juniors from the Junior Championship sail in the finals. Those sailors not qualifying for the Championship Series sail in the runner-up series known as the Founders' Cup. The top nine finishers in the Championship Series qualify for the continued on page 2

Dave Schoene of Annapolis, MD out-sailed 57 other sailors to win the 1981 Force 5 North American Championship sailed on Roatan Sound off Manteo, NC. Schoene is a recent graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and is a sailing coach there now. His finishes were two firsts, two seconds and a third for a total of 8.5 points.

Fourteen states were represented with Force 5 sailors from Virginia having the best turnout followed closely by the Ohio contingent.

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Sunfish North American Championship

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1982 Sunfish World Championship to be sailed in San Mateo, CA next August.

There have traditionally been two courses in operation throughout the week of the North Americans, but only one course was used this year. This caused some large traffic jams at the leeward mark as the two fleets totaling as many as 145 sailors reached the mark at about the same time. Fifth place finisher Gary Ross, who was leading the series going into the final day, was involved in a particularly bad tie-up which some say cost him the series.

Winner in the 90-boat Founders' Cup fleet was local sailor Bill Swanson of Charleston with 19.5 points including two firsts, two seconds and two thirds. Second was Dan Wells from Seabrook, TX with 36.75 points and third was Nevis Barboza from Paget, Bermuda with 37 points.

Junior Champion was Shawn Lobree from Miami with 8.5 points. His twin brother Shaw placed second with 10.5 points followed by Willie Ross from W. Falmouth, MA with 12.5 points.

Weather for the week was excellent with winds ranging from 5 to 15 knots. Charleston harbor is well known for its combination tidal and river current and this week was no exception. There were numerous general recalls, especially when the current pushed sailors across the line. However, most sailors took the current in stride and allowed for it at starts and mark roundings.

The Championship was hosted by the James Island Yacht Club with race committee supplied by the College of Charleston and the Charleston Yacht Club. Regatta chairman was Walter Ehrhardt from the sponsoring local Sunfish dealership Timeout, Inc. of Mt. Pleasant, SC. Additional sponsorship was provided by Schlitz beer through its local distributor. The Carolina Yacht Club hosted an extravagant cocktail party with hors d'oeuvres such as broiled lamb chops, fried scallops and shrimp and a huge cheese platter.

One of the pleasures of Sunfish championships is family participation. The Bergman family from Hubbard Woods, IL had six boats racing. When champion Paul Odegard accepted his trophies, which included a handsome oil painting of Sunfish racing, he thanked his family for their support. "I've dragged you all over the world for Sunfish racing," he said to his family, "and it's finally paid off."

Clockwise from upper left: room at the leeward mark was often hard to find . . . Paul Odegard (27777) tries to untangle himself from a 6-boat knot . . . Paul Odegard (left) and second-place finisher, Bob Heckman out in front of the fleet - both used the new Fogh sail . . . the fleet sails past a Chiquita banana ship and the museum aircraft carrier, Yorktown . . . the championship fleet heads in toward downtown Charleston on the windward leg.

SUNFISH NORTH AMERICANS
James Island Yacht Club
Charleston, SC
August 1-7

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The much-travelled Odegard family (Paul, Kristin, Pamela and Polly) proudly displays the first place keeper trophy for the North Americans, a superb oil painting by John Carroll Doyle of Charleston.

DE-POWER AND SURVIVE by Paul Odegard

One of the many virtues of the Sunfish sailboat is its inherent stability in heavy winds. This has contributed to continued Sunfish popularity all over the world. Racing skippers now commonly use the lowered sailplan and the Jens Hookanson Rig to reduce heeling forces and thus minimize leeway in a blow. There is still another configuration that can be used separately or in conjunction with these rigs when the going really gets tough. The Sunfish sail can easily be de-powered on starboard tack by running the halyard down to the deck block on the port side of the sail rather than on the conventional starboard side. With this arrangement the sail camber will be flattened via the halyard interference similar to port tack when the sail is disturbed by the mast. With a flattened sail the aerodynamic heeling force will be greatly reduced. The advantage of this system is that it can be easily rigged or de-rigged on the water by simply moving the halyard forward around the gaff without the requirement to lower the sail or mast. What about boatspeed? Well, when it's "honking" the word is flat and this rig will help you keep her down. Also, offwind speed is not noticeably affected since in heavy air you're on a screaming plane anyway. With these Sunfish power options the younger, lighter, less agile skippers can now survive in a blow and even compete against the real "heavies".

JUNIOR DIVISION
Sunfish North American Championship 34 Boats
1. Shawn Lobree
   Miami, FL
   (5)-3-3-2-2-4-2 8.5
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   Miami, FL
   2-1-2-16-5-5 10.75
3. Wally Ross
   W. Falmouth, MA
   4-2-38-14-2-4 12.75
4. Bill Price
   Mountain Lakes, NJ
   8-8-5-4-4-37 29
5. Adam Barboza
   Paget, Bermuda
   4-11-4-5-19-11 31.75
6. Chris Ramsden
   W. Falmouth, MA
   6-7-7-31-15 36
7. R. Eric Odegan
   Savannah, GA
   13-15-3-2-1-3 37
8. Todd Moore
   Gulfport, MS
   16-9-9-7-7-10 41
   Charleston, SC
   3-2-11-15-12 41
10. John Lucas, IV
    Mt. Pleasant, SC
    10-8-13-10-3-14 42

FOUNDERS CUP DIVISION
Sunfish North American Championship 90 Boats
1. William Swanson
   Charleston, S.C.
   15-1-2-1-1-8-3-2-3 19.5
2. Dan Arthur Wells
   Seabrook, TX
   19-2-1-2-3-9-8-12 36.75
3. Nevis Barboza
   Bermuda
   38-8-4-4-2-13-4 37
4. Joe Kaukenen
   Rochester, NY
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5. Alan J. MacGovern
   Acton, MA
   26-7-3-34-7-4-10 20 10
6. Gerri Schulte
   Kenner, LA
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   St. George's, Bermuda
   91-5-10-6-10-11-24 56
8. Robert C. Kyle
   Winnetka, IL
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   Framingham, MA
   27-9-19-3-3-8-12 21 99
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    Wayland, MA
    31-12-18-19-15-6-5-28 104

MID-ATLANTIC SUNFISH REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association, Dewey Beach, DE
June 27-28, 1981 42 Sunfish
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5. Don Butler
   Cherry Hill, NJ
   4-4-1-5 16
6. Mike Kerman
   Durham, NC
   6-9-5-6 171.75
7. Dave Elliott
   Mt. Lakes, NJ
   7-10-3-4-2 191.75
8. Bill Price
   Mt. Lakes, NJ
   (18)-7-2-12-9 30
9. Steve Boyd
   Mt. Lakes, NJ
   9-10-8-6 31
10. Andy Carey
    Selbyville, DE
    2-11-6-17-11 40

Fleet Captain Update

If your fleet officers have changed in the past few months, please be sure that the new captain contacts the class office and is listed properly on the fleet rosters. This list is very important as it is distributed widely to new owners who wish to join a fleet in their area. Fleet captains also receive frequent regatta flyer mailings. The fleet captains are asked to contact their fleet members to advise them that additional copies of the flyers are available from the class office.

It has been proven that most people don't bother to attend regattas unless they receive the flyer. But with postage and printing costs, it is impossible to send all regatta flyers to all potential competitors. Therefore, if you are interested in attending a certain regatta, make the effort and write to the regatta contact listed in the regatta schedule or the Windward Leg dateline. Every regatta organizer would be delighted to send your flyer if you just request it. In many other sports, a flyer is mailed only if the interested party includes a self-addressed stamped envelope, but it has not come to this in sailing.
SUNFISH WEIGHT CLASS NATIONALS HELD IN BRANT BEACH, NEW JERSEY

It has often been said that lightweight sailors have a large advantage over heavier sailors in light air racing; conversely, when it blows, heavier sailors are said to have an advantage over lightweights. The Sunfish Class responded by co-sponsoring the First Experimental Sunfish Weight Class National Championship along with host Brant Beach Yacht Club on Long Beach Island on the New Jersey shore.

58 sailors from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York and Connecticut participated in three categories: flyweights, bantam weights and welterweights. To avoid embarrassment, all weighing was done in kilograms. Flyweights ranged from 39 to 61 kilos; bantamweights were between 61 and 74 kilos and welterweights were over 74 kilos. The heaviest sailor weighed in at 89 kilograms. (There are approximately 2.2 pounds per kilogram.)

Winner of the flyweight division was Tom Donahue from Brigantine, NJ with five straight firsts. Mike Stephan of Brant Beach was second with 13 points and Patrick Campbell of Sea Isle City, NJ was third with 14 points.

The welterweight division was won by Dave Coward of Brant Beach who had two firsts, two seconds and a third for a total of 9 points. Dick Saunders of Spray Beach, NJ was second with 25 points and Brant Beach Yacht Club Vice Commodore G. Foster Sanford was third with 27 points.

The weather added an interesting dimension to the racing as the wind was heavy on the first day and light on the second, causing some reversals in position, but with weight class divisions, this was not too much of a factor.

One interesting surprise was the fact that some of those in the welterweight division proved to be the best square dancers at the Saturday evening party at the club. The dance was preceded by a cocktail party and dinner for the competitors.

Sunfish Fleet Captain Ed Serrill did an excellent job as race committee chairman. Square lines and good courses resulted in very few general recalls and protests. The Brant Beach Yacht Club has tentatively agreed to host the 1982 Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship next June.

Clockwise from lower left: Tom Donahue stands up to a stretch as he crosses the line in first . . . a flyweight start in medium air . . . bantamweight winner Dave Elliott also had consistent firsts . . . competition was stiff in the welterweight division, but Dave Conrad (54667) was faster in the heavier air on day two . . . winners display their hardware — in each group, the top places in the bottom row.
Peter Van Aanholt Wins Sunfish Europeans

Dutchman Peter Van Aanholt won the Second European Sunfish Championship sailed August 6-11 in Medemblik, Holland, site of the 1979 Sunfish Worlds. Peter was second in last year's European Championship which was won by his brother Cor. Cor could not attend this year because of his studies.

Former European Sunfish Class Association President Henk Nauta of Holland was second, followed by Marcel Dennert who traveled from Curacao to participate. Rounding out the top five in the 6 race series were Dutchmen Auke Veenstra and Jaap Bark, who placed 6th and 10th respectively in last year's Europeans.

38 competitors from 7 countries participated in the championship sailed in light air on the inland seas known as the IJsselmeer, formerly the Zuider Zee. The top five finishers have now qualified for the 1982 Sunfish Worlds in addition to the quotas from their countries.
Forty-five hearty Sunfish and Force 5 sailors turned out for the Second Annual 'Round Cape Ann Race, sailed in the mighty North Atlantic to the north of Boston, September 26-27. Course charts and a T-shirt with the course on the back, were given to all participants at the skipper's meeting at Gloucester's Cresseys Beach. Saturday's sail was 11 miles in light-to-moderate air from Gloucester Harbor to Rockport's Front Beach. Participants closetacked from Gloucester's Ten Pound Island to the mouth of the harbor, then sailed downwind to a turning mark off Long Beach and continued inside Milk, Thachers and Straitsmouth Islands before finishing at Front Beach in Rockport.

The sailors then pulled their boats up onto Front Beach for the night and carried their gear to one of several guest houses within walking distance of the beach. After an afternoon of sightseeing in picturesque Rockport, participants gathered for a cocktail party at the Linden Tree Guest House, followed by a delicious seafood buffet at the Peg Leg Greenhouse.

Saturday's gentle warmth gave way to a cold and blustery Sunday with winds gusting to 25 knots. Following a full breakfast at the Oleana Scandinavian Restaurant, overlooking the starting area, the competitors gathered for a skipper's meeting on the beach where they were warned that weather conditions were much more ocean-like compared with the previous day. A few sailors decided against sailing the final 12 miles of the race, but the remaining boats shot across the downwind starting line at full speed, rounded Halibut Point and then close-reached in choppy seas to the mouth of the Essex River where conditions improved considerably.

In order to lessen the home waters advantage for the Conomo Point sailors, racers were required to honor all government marks as they sailed up the Essex River to the finish. As the first four boats approached the finish line, the race committee reminded them that they had all failed to honor the previous mark, a red nun. All four hurriedly turned back to go around it and the order of finish changed appreciably.

Winners in the three divisions were: Joel Furman of Bellport, NY in Sunfish singles; Jeff and Nancy Melin of Roxbury, CT in Sunfish doubles and Bill Warren of Reading, MA in the Force 5 class. Of the 38 boats competing, only 20 withstood the heavy weather Sunday to finish both races (a few were towed in) but all planned to return to participate in the assault on Cape Ann again next September.
Senior Olympics

The Fifth Inter-American Senior Sunfish Olympics will be held February 3-6 in Nassau, Bahamas. The Royal Nassau Sailing Club, which did an outstanding job with the Sunfish Worlds in 1977, will host the event on Montagu Bay, a superb Sunfish racing location.
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Early February is a very busy time in Nassau, so interested sailors should make travel and hotel arrangements immediately. Contact: Charles Farrington at Mundy Tours, P.O. Box N-1893, Nassau, Bahamas; or contact: Kay at The Travel Center, 2530 Old Kings Highway, Darien, CT 06820 phone (203) 655-3953. Entry forms and boat shipping information will be available shortly from the class office or from: MacGregor Robertson, P.O. Box N-3239, Nassau, Bahamas phone (800) 322-3101 or call Dr. Chris Orr at (809) 322-1357.

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MIDWINTERS TO BE HELD IN NEW ORLEANS

The Southern Yacht Club of New Orleans, one of the finest yacht clubs in the country, will host the 1982 National Sunfish Midwinter Championship on Easter weekend. Easter Sunday will be free for traveling or churchgoing, while the championship will be held on Thursday through Saturday, April 8-10.

The club is well known for its superb race management and outstanding facilities. Sailing will take place on Lake Ponchartrain which is about five miles from downtown New Orleans. For details, write to the class office.

Sunfish North Americans to be at Buffalo Canoe Club

The beautiful Buffalo Canoe Club, located 13 miles into Ontario from Buffalo, has agreed to host the 1982 Sunfish North American Championship. The club hosted this year's Canadian National Championship and did a superb job with the 62-boat fleet.

Dates for the North Americans are July 10-17, so mark your calendars now. The early date was necessitated by the timing of the Worlds, which will be in San Francisco in early August.

The Buffalo Canoe Club has promised to have two courses all week, so traffic jams like those at the 1981 Sunfish NA's will be avoided. The club has a beautiful beach; its clubhouse has an excellent restaurant, a snack bar, a cocktail lounge and locker rooms with showers. Motels and campgrounds are plentiful.

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John Lucas of Charleston poses with his Sunfish, WHITE LIGHTNIN', after it was cut in half by a speedboat while John was racing in Charleston Harbor. John, who was not badly hurt, learned that right-of-way is not always the most important factor.
Your Input Needed

A number of readers have requested that we include more articles which explain the go-fast techniques used by the class experts. In each issue of Windward Leg in the future, we'd like to publish articles, diagrams, photos, cartoons, etc. submitted by our readers that help newcomers to the various classes learn the rigging and sailing techniques which result in better boat speed. Short articles on racing rules and tactics are also welcome.

The submission judged by the editors to be the best for each issue in 1982 will earn the author a $40 gift certificate for AMF Alcort parts and accessories (taxes, shipping and handling are extra). So take out your pen and paper and reveal those closely-guarded racing tips!

GALLOWAY SUNFISH REGATTA
Gulfport Yacht Club, Gulfport, MS
August 15 & 16, 1981

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QUANNAPOWITT SUNFISH REGATTA
Lake Quannapowitt, Wakefield, MA
August 22, 1981 30 Sunfish

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SPOFFORD OPEN REGATTA
Sofford Yacht Club, Sofford, NH
September 13, 1981 18 Sunfish

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WOODRIDGE LAKE INVITATIONAL
West Hartford, CT
September 26, 1981 13 Sunfish

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Clarence Jones of Kettering, Ohio writes that one day when they arrived at their lake with their two Sunfish/Force 5 trailer, someone said, "Here comes the Jones' racing team!" So Jones had these signs made for his van.

Find the Sunfish Contest for Juniors

Any reader who will be under age 16 on December 31, 1981 is eligible to enter the "Find the Sunfish" Contest. To enter, just determine the total number of times that either the word Sunfish or the Sunfish symbol is used in this issue and send your entry to: Find the Sunfish Contest, AMF Alcort Sailboats, P.O. Box 1345, Waterbury, CT 06721. Include your name and address, your birth date and your answer.

When looking for the word Sunfish and the Sunfish symbols, be sure to include those used in the ads and photos; the symbols need not be complete, but must be recognizable either because of their shape or location on the sail. Here's a hint: on the drawing on the front cover of this issue, 6 symbols can be counted. Good luck! All entries must be postmarked by December 31, 1981 and received by January 15, 1982. Drawings will be held on January 15. The first correct entry drawn will receive a $25 gift certificate toward Alcort parts and accessories; the second correct answer will receive a $15 certificate and the third, a $10 certificate.
THE RACE
by Christina Knight

Slipping through iridescent water,
Quietly gliding under bright blue skies,
Vivid triangles of orange, blue, red,
Jockeying for position on the line.

Three two one! then the starting gun
blares.
Off on the windward leg, keeping her
flat,
Swiftly slicing through rainbows of
spray,
Covering, tacking, looking for the mark.

Round the first and running to the
next
Gybe mark coming up fast — snap it
over.
Reaching for the finish — almost there
Then over the line and the whistle
blows.

Back on shore, tired, wet, but feeling
great.
Sunshine, brisk breezes and cottonball
clouds
Dry clothes, a beer, and seat in the sun
End a dynamite race and perfect day.

11TH ANNUAL NEW ENGLAND SUNFISH REGATTA
Madison Yacht Club, Madison, Conn.
September 20, 1981  42 Sunfish

1. Alan Scharfe 1-1-(7)-3-1  51
   Newbury, MA
2. Alan Beckwith 5-(5)-3-1-2  1014
   Narragansett, RI
3. William Boll 3-4-4-(13)-3  14
   Bolton, CT
4. Mark May 18
   Mark May
   Yorktown Heights, NY
5. Scott Greenbaum 2-12-1-1-11  1814
   New York, NY
6. Bob Heckman 7-(8)-5-2-6  20
   Bolton, CT
7. Paul Odgaard 4-7-2-12-(DNF)
   Vernon, CT
8. John Magenheimer 8-3-(17)-10-5  26
   Westport, CT
9. Chris Ford 13
   Chris Friend
   Wayland, MA
10. Rich Rudert 9-9-(9)-6-7  31
    Fitchburg, NY
11. John Meyer 14-15-10-7-9  40
    Yonkers, NY
12. Gordon Geck 6-11-12-11-(12)  40
    Collinsville, CT

sunfish dateline

NOV
START:
1  BARRINGTON FROSTBITING SERIES 1981-1982 — 24 Sunday races from Nov. 1 1981-1982 Frostbitem Season — Sunfish, Barrington Yacht Club & Barrington Frostbiting Ass’t., Barrington Yacht Club, Barrington, RI; Marty Billet, 16 Greenwood Ave., Barrington, RI 02806, (401) 245-8963
15 9TH ANNUAL FROSTBITE SUNFISH CHAMPIONSHIP — Sunfish, Hempstead Bay Sailing Club, Middle Bay; Leonard Pearl, 1412 Noel Ave., Hewlett, NY 11557, (516) 374-3678 or (212) 696-1545
21  SNOW regatta at NY Maritime, Sunfish, Super Sunfish, Force 5; Contact: Steve Baker, P.O. Box 1345, Waterbury, CT 06721. (203) 567-9075 or (203) 756-7091
22  TURKEY TROT REGATTA — Sunfish, Sea Cliff Y.C., Sea Cliff, NY; Contact: John B. Dawson, Jr., High Farms Road, Glen Head, NY 11545; (516) 671-1455 (home); (516) 248-2131. Note: date was changed to avoid conflict with the SNOW regatta.
28-29 ESSEX FALL FROSTBITE REGATTA — Sunfish, Essex, CT Contact: Steve Baker AMF Alcort Sailboats, P.O. Box 1345, Waterbury, CT 06721 (203) 567-9075 (home); (203) 756-7091.
28 FOURTH ANNUAL STUFFED TURKEY REGATTA — Sunfish, Force 5 & All Class Monohull by Jupiter Sailing Club, 18425 S.E. Federal Highway #1, Jupiter, FL 33458, John Bartlett (305) 746-1052.
JAN
1982
1  THE TRASH BOWL REGATTA — Sunfish, Force 5, Mount Trashmore, Virginia Beach, VA; Jack Huenerberg, 1824 Cooper Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23454, (804) 481-4637 or (804) 428-1170
1  HANGOVER BOWL REGATTA — Sunfish, Barrington Yacht Club, Barrington, RI; Marty Billet, 16 Greenwood Ave., Barrington, RI 02806, (401) 245-8963
2  ICED CUBE REGATTA — Sunfish, Sea Cliff Yacht Club, Sea Cliff, NY; John B. Dawson, Jr., High Farms Rd., Glen Head, NY 11545, (516) 671-1455 or (516) 248-2131
30  FLORIDA SNOW BIRD REGATTA — Sunfish, Force 5 & All Class Monohull by Jupiter Sailing Club, 18425 S.E. Federal Highway #1, Jupiter FL 33458; John Bartlett, (305) 746-1052.
FEB
5 5TH INTER-AMERICAN SUNFISH SENIOR OLYMPICS — Nassau Bahamas, Contact: Steve Baker, AMF Alcort Sailboats, P.O. Box 1345, Waterbury, CT 06721, (203) 756-7091
MARCH
1981 27-28  SOUTHEAST SUNFISH REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP — (27th only — qualifies one sailor for the 1982 Worlds) and 7th Annual 'Round Key West Regatta (28th only) Contact: Jack Woehrle, Surf & Sail Sports Center, 2318 N. Roosevelt Blvd., Key West, FL 33040 (305) 294-1365
APRIL
1982 8-10  SUNFISH NATIONAL MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP — Southern Yacht Club, New Orleans, LA; Contact: Steve Baker, AMF Alcort Sailboats, Box 1345, Waterbury, CT 06721. (203) 567-9075 (home); (203) 756-7091.
AUG
1982 6-13  SUNFISH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP — (pre-qualification required), Coyote Point Yacht Club, San Mateo, CA; Contact: Steve Baker or Joanne Girard, AMF Alcort Sailboats, P.O. Box 1345, Waterbury, CT 06721 (203) 756-7091
The Fourth Apollo North American Championship was hosted by the Sherborn Yacht Club in Sherborn, MA on September 26. Shawn Sullivan of Naugatuck, CT and his crew Sue Paul of Woodbury, CT took top honors for their home club, the Waterbury Yacht Club.

Light, shifty winds provided a challenge both for racers and the race committee. Although they were forced to postpone the start for an hour, the able committee of Pat Cassell, Roger Demler and Don Peters did get in a full six races enabling competitors to discard their worst score.

Chris Demler and Sue McPherson, two competent young sailors from the Sherborn Yacht Club, placed second followed by Chris Arcoleo and his crew Sam Daul, also of Sherborn. Rounding out the top five finishers in the 14-boat fleet were Steve Falk and Trevor Lambert from Sherborn in fourth and the Greenwich, CT team of Don Lovelace and Peter Millard.

Members of the Sherborn Yacht Club began sailing the Bruce Kirby-designed Apollo sailboat two years ago upon choosing the 16-footer to replace their aging 470 fleet. Between the Apollo and the other Sherborn fleet, the Sunfish, over 100 boats sail regularly on Farm Pond.

The Sherborn Yacht Club plans to host the 1982 Northeast Championship; site for the 1982 North American Championship has not yet been chosen. Bids are welcome.

4TH ANNUAL APOLLO NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP
Sherborn Yacht Club
Sherborn, Massachusetts
September 26, 1981

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Clockwise from upper left: the winners lead the fleet on the upwind leg at the Apollo North Americans... still in the lead on the reaching leg... North American winners display their trophies.

**apollo dateline**

**NOV.**

11 GREAT TURKEY RACE — All Classes, Coconut Grove Sailing Club, Miami, FL
21 TURKEY DAY REGATTA — Open ... Minimum 3 boats per Class, Houston Yacht Club, Houston, TX
28 TURKEY DAY REGATTA — Open ... Minimum 5 boats per Class, Chandler's Landing Yacht Club, Dallas, TX
28 FOURTH ANNUAL STUFFED TURKEY REGATTA — Sunfish, Force 5 & All Class Monohull, By Jupiter Sailing Club, 18425 S.E. Federal Highway #1, Jupiter, FL 33458; John Bartlett (305) 746-1052

**DEC.**

12 C.R.Y.C. ANNUAL REGATTA — All Classes, Coral Reef Yacht Club, Miami, FL
13 FLORIDA SNOW BIRD REGATTA — Sunfish, Force 5 & All Class Monohull, By Jupiter Sailing Club, 18425 S.E. Federal Highway #1, Jupiter, FL 33458; John Bartlett (305) 746-1052
27 DEAD AIR REGATTA — Sunfish, Force 5 & All Class Monohull, By Jupiter Sailing Club, 18425 S.E. Federal Highway #1, Jupiter, FL 33458; John Bartlett (305) 746-1052
Jack Willy Wins Super Sunfish North Americans

Defending Fleet Champion Jack Willy outsailed 23 others to win the 1981 Super Sunfish North American Championship sailed in shifty winds on Lake Mohawk in Sparta, NJ, September 11–13. Willy was second at the North Americans two years ago and fourth at last year’s event in Watch Hill, RI, but his knowledge of his home lake winds and his extraordinary boat speed brought him out on top this year. His finishes were four firsts, a third, two sixths and an eleventh in the eight-race, one throwout regatta, which gave him a final score of 18 points.

Another former North American Champion Rich Rudert of Fishkill, NY, who was fifth last year in RI, took fourth place with 37 points, just ahead of Henry DeWolf of Barrington, RI with 38⅔ points. DeWolf was third last year and eighth the year before.

The regatta was ably hosted by Super Sunfish Fleet #1 and the Lake Mohawk Yacht Club. The race committee was chaired by Toni Kuolt with Ed Syracuse assisting. Wind at Lake Mohawk is occasionally non-existent, but the regatta organizers were favored by the wind gods who provided light-to-moderate, but shifty breezes throughout the weekend.

By winning the Super Sunfish North Americans, Willy has now qualified to represent the Super Sunfish Class at the 1982 Sunfish World Championship to be sailed in San Mateo, CA next August.

The Super Sunfish Class hopes to hold its North American Championship in Watch Hill, RI again next year.
MINUTES: SUPER SUNFISH BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING SEPTEMBER 11, 1981

BOARD  John Marx, Chairman
MEMBERS  John Black Lee, Ex Officio
PRESENT:  Bill Boll
          Jon Freeman
          Courtney Young, Jr.
          Steve Baker, Alcort Representative

The minutes of last year's meeting were reviewed with the following actions taken for the 1981-1982 season:

1. Mailing Lists: John Marx will work with Steve Baker to update the Alcort computer owners' list. Any input can be sent either to John Marx or to Steve Baker at Alcort. Mailing lists for Super regattas will be available at no charge to regatta organizers.

2. Super Daggerboard: It was agreed that supplying the Super board with the conversion rig package would probably reduce sales as the price would be too high. However, a copy of the Super Class Rules and a letter (explaining that a Super board is necessary to be competitive in Super racing will be included in the rig package.) John Black Lee will write the letter.

3. Grand Prix Series: For 1982, one must sail in three of the five days of racing in the following events in order to qualify: End of Winter Regatta in Greenwich, CT; Long Island Sound Championship in Darien, CT; Lake Mohawk Regatta in Sparta, NJ and the Super Sunfish North Americans, which the board hopes will be in Watch Hill, RI.

4. The North American Combined Sunfish/Super Sunfish Championship...for 1982, this will be sailed at the Light Corinthian Championship.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The board agreed to ask Bob Knapp and Donald Lovelace to come off the board of governors for the next year. Jack Willy and Jim Crink were nominated to replace them. John Marx was unanimously elected chairman for another year.

2. The board asked Alcort to try to advertise the Super Sunfish whenever a major Sunfish ad is produced. Comments were made that there was plenty of room in the two-page Sunfish ad circulated in 1981 for mention of the Super rig and Class. Court Young will revise a letter to be published in Windward Leg to encourage Sunfish owners to become involved in Super racing.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING September 12, 1981

The minutes were reviewed and all board of governors recommendations unanimously approved. The rule change was also approved.

super sunfish dateline

NOV  SNOW REGATTA AT NY MARITIME, Sunfish, Super Sunfish, Force 5; Contact: Steve Baker, P.O. Box 1345, Waterbury, CT 06721 (203) 567-9075 or (203) 756-7091
21  GREAT TURKEY RACE — All Classes, Coconut Grove Sailing Club, Miami, FL
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30  DEAD AIR REGATTA — Force 5 & All Class Monohull, By Jupiter Sailing Club, 18425 S.E. Federal Highway #1, Jupiter, FL 33458; John Bartless, (305) 746-1052
Force 5 North Americans

Clockwise from above: winner Dave Schoene (2539) takes full advantage of planning conditions at Force 5 North Americans. Randall Swan of Charleston has a good lead on the rest of the fleet. North American winners in the following order top row from left 8, 4, 2, 1, 3, 5. Bottom row from left 15, 13, 11, 9, 10, 12, 14.

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second with 24 points followed by Bob Cullen of Colchester, CT with 28 points. Charles "Sandy" Burke of Martinez, GA, who placed third in the Force 5 National Midwinter Championship last March, placed fourth with 31 points followed by former North American Champion Randall Swan from Charleston, SC who finished fifth with 31.25 points. Swan was clearly the fastest sailor on the course but suffered a breakdown which probably cost him the regatta.

The regatta was hosted by the Force 5's of Virginia Beach, VA, who imported the entire race committee from their home waters. Weather during the week was variable. The practice racing was cancelled because of high winds from tropical storm Dennis as it passed off the coast. Other races were postponed due to limited visibility in rain squalls. However, six good races were run giving each competitor a chance to discard his or her worst score.

The date for the 1982 Force 5 Midwinter Championship has not yet been set, but the next Force 5 World Championship will be May 20-23 in Shady Side, MD near Annapolis. Interested sailors should write to John Buchheister, 2906 Willow View Court, Hampstead, MD 21074.

FORCE 5 NORTH AMERICANS
Manteo, NC
August 20-23, 1981
58 Boats

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FORCE 5 SAILORS WANT TO RACE WITH SUNFISH

In an effort to increase the number of Force 5 regattas for next season, a group of northeast Force 5 sailors has requested that fleets and clubs that have successful Sunfish regattas consider adding a Force 5 start. A number of regattas already have both Sunfish and Force 5's and the combination seems to work well.

If you are concerned with the additional expense for trophies, wait until after the event to see how many Force 5 trophies you'll need. If you are interested, please contact Steve Baker at the class office.

ONTARIO FORCE 5 & SUNFISH CHAMPIONSHIP
Point Ideal Resort, Lake of Bays
Dwight, Ontario, Canada
August 8-9, 1981
18 Boats

Sunfish
1. David Richardson 1-(3)-1-2 3½
2. Jonathan Mayer 2-2 (3)-1 4½
3. Susan Richardson 3-1-2-3 5½

Force 5
1. Rob Scheffer 1-1-1-1 (1) 2½
2. Jack Huntley 2-2-4-5 8
3. Jim Wilcox 3-5-3-3 9
FORCE 5 WORLDS SITE IDEAL
The Third Force 5 World Championship will be held May 20-23, 1982 in Shady Side, MD which is 20 minutes south of Annapolis. The regatta is being run out of the West River Camp which has about a mile of waterfront on the river. Racing will be held near the mouth of the West River, a beautiful residential area adjacent to Chesapeake Bay.

We suggest that competitors and their guests stay at the camp which, although a bit rustic, is perfect for our needs. $50 per person includes 8 meals and a bunk in one of the cabins. The same price includes camping in your tent or camper (must be self-contained — no hookups). Every effort will be made to divide the cabins so that families will have private accommodations. Children under 6 are free and those under 12 have a reduced rate of $40. Facilities at the camp include a swimming pool (although it may still be a bit cool in late May), hot showers, plenty of parking and room for camping, and Byron Hicks has promised to bring his bocce ball set.

Eighteen charter boats will be available for a fee of $75 plus a $50 damage deposit. These are intended for sailors traveling from overseas to attend, but any left will go to U.S. sailors based on their distance from Shady Side. For charter information, contact Steve Baker at the class office.

For those wishing to do some sightseeing, the area has many attractions including Annapolis, the capitol of Maryland, home of the U.S. Naval Academy and one of the country's hottest sailing towns. Downtown Washington, D.C. is only one hour from the regatta site and offers hundreds of exciting museums and monuments. Baltimore, with its beautiful new inner harbor area and national aquarium, is also about an hour from Shady Side. Make your plans now!

ROUND CAPE ANN WINNER BILL WARREN BLASTS ACROSS THE FINISH LINE.

1981 INLAND LAKES REGIONAL CHAMPS
Lake Zumbra Yacht Club — Waconia, MN
September 12-13, 1981 — 36 Sunfish

1. Jamie Bennet
   Glencoe, IL
   2-2-1-1-3-4
   19.7

2. Don Bergman
   Hubbard Woods, IL
   1-2-3-6-2-1
   23.4

3. Louis Hunt
   Edina, MN
   3-6-9-1-6-5
   47.1

4. Marilyn Phelps
   Winnetka, IL
   1-5-6-2-8
   50.4

5. Steve Holdeman
   Lake Bluff, IL
   5-10-4-3-2
   50.7

6. Chris Lowrie
   Deerfield, IL
   3-7-5-5-1-7
   51.7

7. Charlie Berry
   Glencoe, IL
   4-4-8-7-7-3
   61.7

8. Wen Burris
   Chicago, IL
   8-5-2-8-5-6
   62.7

9. Charlie Requa
   Phippsburg, ME
   17-9-4-14-18-4
   99

10. Bob Duffler
    Winnetka, IL
    9-12-13-9-13-9
    101

Note: Worst score already discarded.
The new TRAC 18 catamaran steams along off Roton Point in Stamford, CT. The 18 is expected to do very well against other cats of similar size.

Trac 14 Wins Delivery Regatta

It looked like an armada of boats on the horizon. There were catamarans, singlehanders, cruising boats, sailboards and daysailers: almost 30 boats in all. It was actually the largest on-water delivery of Alcort sailboats ever made.

Following the Alcort National Dealer Conference held at Sandpiper Bay Resort in Port St. Lucie, FL, most of the new boats that were at the conference for the use of the dealers were to be purchased by the new area dealer, US-1 Yachts of Stuart. The dealership was 10 miles by land and only four by water, so a water delivery was planned.

When that decision was made, it occurred to everyone to make it a great race. An elaborate handicapping system based on Portsmouth numbers was devised so that the starts could be staggered and, in theory, every boat should have crossed the finish line at the same time. That, of course, did not happen.

First to finish was Peter Millard of Greenwich, CT on a TRAC 14 catamaran. He started last and was able to pass 10 Windflite sailboards, 4 Sunfish, a Puffer, a Minifish, an AMF 2100 cruising boat, an Apollo, a Sunbird and a pair of Force 5's. He also beat the other three TRAC 14's in the race.

The dealer conference is planned for the same location next year, so all participants are gearing up for a re-match.

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HOUSTON 2100 OWNER GIVES RACING TIPS

Mike Moran of Houston, owner of AMF 2100 #20, named ANGUISH, submitted his personal go-fast techniques in hopes that other owners will send in their ideas for publication. If you have racing tips or questions, please send them to WINDWARD LEG. Mike’s letter follows:

As far as the racing we do goes, Galveston Bay seems to have its own characteristics and consistency. Roughly 70% of the races we’ve had this year have been in above 15 mph wind, a third have been above 20 mph, and a couple have been 30 to 40 mph. Galveston Bay only averages about 9 feet deep and as a result, we have short, confused chop up to 5 feet which can build in ten minutes. Since the majority of our races have been in heavy air, the majority of our effort has been coping with over-powered sails and a 3-4 foot breaking chop.

I installed a 4-foot traveler, as slot control in light air is critical and depowering with the traveler in heavy air is useful. I approached this past racing season with a data matrix and filled out a data sheet with as much information as I could, and have been able to improve my performance. With the high freeboard and non-ballasted board, the angle of heel is critical. Between 10° and 13° is about right, over 15° is a killer, so the boat needs to be sailed flat. I always race with four on the boat and have the standing rigging as tight as I think it can handle, (jib luff sag being a definite problem), I carry a full main and 150 to about 15 mph and then put a single reef in the main up to about 17-18 mph. Then the 100 goes up with a full main and we start reefing again at 22-23 mph. (I’ve facilitated this reefing process by bringing all reef lines through turning blocks on deck at the mast so all pulling is fore to aft and nobody has to stand.)

In the last race of the Fourth of July Regatta at Houston Yacht Club, we went through two squalls in which the wind instruments on bigger boats were going crazy at 30-40 knots. We were going to weather with a reefed 100 and a double reefed main and cracked off to about 45°-46° apparent and we were making 5 knots. We followed this with a six mile spinnaker run in 20 mph, with the reefed 100 up inside the chute and clocked a surfing 7 to 8 knots with only two wild broaches. I’ve found that with most any sail combination up, once you become over-powered, cracking off the jib and footing off 5° will keep the boat under the sails and pick up enough speed to compensate for the extra distance. This seems to be a better way to control heel than pinching up to stay flat. The boat sails much better in light air and in HYC’s Labor Day Regatta, with rare 5-10 mph and flat water, we corrected out 4th behind a custom Kiwi 22, a Ranger 22 and a Catalina 22. I realize all the techniques I mentioned are not new, but just a matter of finding what works.

One of the biggest problems I have racing PHRF is with out of town PHRF committees and trying to get a slower rating here. (I’m presently rated 231). The problem being the boat just looks fast. I’ve even had one PHRF committee bump me 200 with their explanation being “it just looked faster”. There’s too much tendency to associate it with the Harmony 22, Lindberg 22, Kiwi 22 and other high performance board boats. I expect my rating to be changed to 245.

I’ve managed, in the last two years, to work up to where I’m finishing just out of the top three or four places, so I’m looking for any edge I can get. I’d appreciate any information or criticism in boat setup, trim, or tactics which might. I’d also like to find out how to get in touch with some other AMF skippers who are also currently racing, especially PHRF.

Essentially, I’m very pleased with the boat. I’ve trailered it all over Texas and Arkansas, spent a week with my wife cruising the Florida Keys, and actively raced it for two seasons. It’s easy to sail and maintain, tough enough to take 40 mph wind, and a pleasure to the eye in a host of boxy cabin-top cruisers.

Sail Magazine Article

The AMF 2100 is included in an excellent article on trailerable sailboats in the October issue of SAIL. The article has a beautiful half-page photo of the 2100 under spinnaker in a medium breeze. The caption reads: “Grand prix winners and 12-meters are part of the performance pedigree for the AMF 2100 designed by Ted Hood.” The article is part of a section entitled: “The Right Boat For You.”
PAT WOODCOCK BECOMES FIRST ONTARIO WINDFLITE CHAMPION


Second place finisher in the triangle racing was Peri Camisso of Toronto who was just ¾ point out of first. Jim Robinson of Toronto placed third in the five-race, one throwout series.

In addition to the triangle racing, one slalom race was sailed. Steve Rawn of Toronto was first, followed by Bob Lorriman of Magnetewan, Ontario. Lorriman also placed fourth in the triangle racing. Rounding out the top five was Jenny Jackson of Minett, Ontario.

ONTARIO WINDFLITE CHAMPIONSHIP
Port Sandfield, Muskoka, Ontario
August 22-23, 1981
15 Windflites

1. Pat Woodcock London, Ontario (10)-2-2-2-3 9
2. Peri Camisso Toronto, Ontario 3-4-1-(5)-2 9¼
3. Jim Robinson Toronto, Ontario 4-3-4-(6)-5 16
4. Bob Lorriman Magnetewan, Ontario (DNF)-9-7-14 21
5. Jenny Jackson Minett, Ontario (DNF)-15-3-3-1 22

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David Rhodes Wins USBSA Standing Room Only Regatta

David Rhodes of East Hampton, CT took top Division I honors in the First Standing Room Only Open Boardsailing Regatta sponsored by the Crystal Lake Yacht Club and the U.S. Board Sailing Association. He was sailing a Windsurfer sailboard.

The turnout was light (a dozen boats), but the enthusiasm level was strong; everyone planned to return next year with one or two friends. Six short, round-the-buoys races were held in very shifty, light-to-moderate winds on 280-acre Crystal Lake located about 1/2 hour east of Hartford.

Wally Romanson of Ashburnham, MA won most of the races, but was moved into Division II after the racing because he was sailing on a Magnum 390 board, which does not fit the Division I limitations. He was named winner of Division II although there were no other Division II entrants.

Second place finisher in Division I was Hugh Dietz from Syracuse, NY who sailed on a Dufour Wing, followed by Steve Baker of Litchfield, CT who sailed an AMF Windflite sailboard. Rounding out the top five were Phil Brewer of Andover, CT on a Dufour Wing and Bob Daly of Hartford on a Windsurfer board.

Variations in wind direction and strength contributed to the variety in results. The majority of competitors were not prepared for the full range of conditions in the offshore race, but the racing was well attended and immortalized in the photo on this page.

1981 CANADIAN OPEN CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS
Raced on Cultus Lake, British Columbia

Division II (both weight classes combined)

1. Derek Wolfe Ont. Alpha Phantom
2. Marnee Doverspike Florida Magnum Plus
3. Mike Gadd Ont. Ken Winner
4. Harry Hall Ont. Windflite Div. II
5. Peter Juran Ont. Alpha Pro
6. Jim Wharin B.C. Sailin Pro
7. Quentin Pelczk Ont. Ken Winner
8. Steve Reen Ont. Windflite Div. II
9. Neyron Robert Que. Tornado
10. Jeff Engholm Ont. Tornado

Steve Andrews captures the light air action and serious competition in this photo and that to the lower left, both taken at the Standing Room Only regatta at Crystal Lake in September.
Does this look like a high school yearbook photo? Well it is — and there aren’t many high schools we know of with their own Sunfish Sailing Clubs. This group is from Kaiser Hi in Hawaii Kai, Hawaii. Stafford Morse, bottom left, is the skipper and Scott Morse, bottom left center, is club president.

Int’l Race Week, Yes; Pan Am Games, No

First, the bad news: because the Sunfish is not an IYRU-recognized International Class, it will not be included in the Pan-American Games to be held in Venezuela in 1983. Club Puerto Azul, which has hosted two outstanding Sunfish Worlds in the past, will run the Pan-Am Games and wanted the Sunfish to participate. The IYRU requested that the Pan American Games Organizing Committee limit competition to IYRU classes.

The good news is that the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club has invited the Sunfish Class to participate in its annual International Race Week. A maximum of 30 Sunfish sailors from around the world will be invited to race in this prestigious week-long event which will be held from May 2nd through May 8th, 1982. U.S. sailors will be invited based on their regatta success from the past few years; these invitations are being prepared now. Non-U.S. and non-Bermudian sailors who wish to compete should send a letter with pertinent Sunfish racing successes to: David Frith, Int’l Race Week Sunfish Coordinator, P.O. Box 31, St. Georges, Bermuda. The hosts will do their best to find reasonably-priced accommodations for all Sunfish participants.

SUNFISH TO BE USED IN SMYTHE FINALS

The USYRU has announced that the Sunfish will be used in the Smythe finals (the U.S. Junior Singlehanded Sailing Championship) in August of 1982. The Richmond Yacht Club on San Francisco Bay will host the event. For information on qualification procedures, contact the USYRU, P.O. Box 209, Newport, RI 02840.

MIDWEST SUNFISH REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AND SUPER SAIL IX

Winnetka Yacht Club, Winnetka, IL
July 25-26, 1981 59 Sunfish

1. Don Bergman
Winnetka, IL 1-4-1-3 8½
2. Jean Bergman
Winnetka, IL 2-1-12-1 15½
3. Todd Gay
Springfield, IL 3-5-9-4 21
4. Frank Flaherty
Wilmette, IL 12-8-7-2 29
5. Steve Chapin
Springfield, IL 13-3-11-5 32
6. Chris Lawrie
Lake Bluff, IL 21-7-5-7 40
7. Cricket Herndon
Springfield, IL 10-14-3-15 42
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