Dominican College Student is Sunfish World Champion

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If you should ever win a world championship, you'd probably want to spread the news as fast and far as possible. Well, so did Sebastian Mera. The 20-year old sailor from the Dominican Republic took the 2007 Sunfish World Championships on Thursday (August 23) in Long Beach Island for the first major win of his career.

Still in his boat, not yet on land, Mera spoke on a phone with his elated parents, who were back home, giving him congratulations. "I already talked to them in the water. They were pretty excited," Mera said. "My Sunfish president (Andres Santana) from my country was in the water. He greeted me and talked to my parents and gave me the phone."

A consistent performance out made the congratulatory call possible. Among a packed field of 100 sailors who began competing Monday, Mera took first place four times and runner-up another three. He combated miserable boating conditions that included complete cloud cover, cold temperatures and 15-20 mph winds for most of the tournament. Only before the start of the final race did the sun come out to greet the new champion.

"Finally, this was the weather that everyone was telling me about," Mera said. "I came here with a little shirt and my lifejacket. When I get here, it's like 18 degrees (Celsius, or 64 degrees Fahrenheit) and I'm freezing. I wasn't expecting this at all so I had to buy some (sailing apparel)."

Anne Edwards Wins 2007 Sunfish Women's North Americans at Wawasee

By Steve Gardt

The Wawasee Yacht Club of Syracuse, IN was happy to host the 2007 Sunfish Women's North American Championship on the weekend of September 7-9, 2007. Linda Tillman, veteran Sunfish racer and the 1998 champion of this event, was the very cordial and capable Regatta Chairperson. Twenty-six skippers from 10 states, coming from New England, the Pacific Northwest, Arizona, the Gulf Coast and the Great Lakes area, geographically personified a national championship. And the racing further represented Sunfish racing of the highest caliber.

There are so many memories to recall from this great weekend of racing: from the recognition that the host club had not hosted a regatta of this stature since the 1938 Snipe International Championship to the very moving plaque at the bottom of the permanent trophy a beautifully restored wooden daggerboard from the earlier days of Sunfish racing describing the saving of the trophy from the horrors of the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina; from the smile of Sally Gindling, a long-time Wawasee YC member, but a newcomer to the Women's NAs, who shocked herself and elated the WYC club volunteers and spectators out on the course by winning the first race of the series (and her first win in any racing!) to a magnificent tacking duel between Anne Edwards and Linda Tillman during the second race on Sunday; from the presence of six former champions of this event to the incomparable camaraderie of the participants what a special group of Sunfish women.

And then there was the racing! Saturday morning showed promise for good racing with steady 6-8 mph winds out of the east, and the 26 racers were ready to go. Jean Bergman (Holland, MI) led the way for most of the first race (showing no ill-effects from a hip replacement earlier this year) but was followed closely by Linda Tillman (Syracuse, IN), Anne Edwards (Baton Rouge, LA), and Sally Gindling (Morgantown, IN). With the lead group on the right side of the course most of the way on the final leg, Gindling was able to play the shifts a little better and emerged with the lead 200 yards from the
Letters to the Editor

Sunfish Sailor Wins Olympic Trials

Class member John Dane III, a member of Pass Christian YC in Pass Christian, MS (Gulf Coast Region), won the Star Class Olympic Trials. He is married to Leslie Weatherly, a four time Sunfish Woman's World Champion. Some may remember John at Midwinters at Fort Walton YC in Florida, where he raced the first day with his board in backwards. His son loudly pointed out the error on a downwind leg.

Former class member Johnny Lovell of Southern Yacht in New Orleans, LA won the (Gulf Coast Region), won the Olympic Class member John Dane III, a member of his board in backwards. His son loudly pointed out the error on a downwind leg. and the rest of the Olympic Team!

Also this year, former Olympian Paul Foerster competed in the Pan Am Games and finished third (Bronze).

Let's support and cheer on these sailors and the rest of the Olympic Team!

- Clinton Edwards

Brandt Beach Worlds Perspective

The greatest concern for any warm water sailor when faced with a regatta in daunting conditions “up north” is preventing psychosomatic hypothermia. This usually involves asking the northern natives many questions before departure, usually along the lines of: “how bad is it really?” To the warm water sailor, it can be 90 degree out, with 75 degree water, and still be spray suit weather because 75 degree water is just too cold. That said, the Southern ex pat can eventually acclimate to Yankee summers, as your correspondent has over the past decade. This acclimation can lead to a false sense of confidence, even braggadocio, when speaking with the folks back home about conditions up this way. So when Miami resident and future World's housemate Danny Escobar called me to ask what he should bring, I simply responded as per recent custom: “August in [New Jersey] is warm. Really warm.”

“Temperatures will be at least in the 80s, and the water will be warm enough for swimming.” “You don't really need anything more than a spray top...well, and maybe a shorty wetsuit. Seriously. It's not a problem at all.”

The high on Tuesday, August 21, 2007 in Central Park was 59 degrees. It tied the lowest high temperature ever in August in NYC. This regatta was cold. And wet.

The 2007 Sunfish Worlds at Brant Beach YC will be remembered as a wet and windy regatta by all participants and organizers. The remnants of Tropical Storm Erin had migrated up from the Gulf Coast only to run into a strong cold front coming down from Canada. The two systems merged over the Jersey Shore, upending conventional wisdom about sailing on Little Egg Harbor. A northerly frontal system displaced the southerly sea breeze. Going left up the beats paid more than going right. And rain replaced sun at least for the first three days of the event. The gear distributors who set up in the boatyard were well-rewarded for their effort, selling all sorts of wetsuits, hiking pants, gloves, tops and other gear.

Monday's racing featured wet conditions and big breeze (up to and over twenty knots), and some of the class's best heavy-air sailors dominated the first day. Paul-Jon Patin (USA) who eventually finished 3rd, led the fleet after the first day, with eventual runner-up Malcolm Smith (BER) already in position at the end of the day as well.

Tuesday's racing was cancelled, as PRO Paul Coward chose to err on the side of prudence, with morning winds consistently in the mid-20s, with gusts well over 30 knots, not expected to abate for the day. And it was raining. Again. (or STILL)

On Wednesday, the wind was more manageable and the rain began to subside. By the end of the day, regatta participants could confirm that reports of the sun's demise were premature. Eventual winner Sebastian Mera (DOM) took control of the regatta over the course of the day, and recent Pan-Am Games Silver Medalist Alexander Zimmerman (PER) made a strong showing on Wednesday as well.

Thursday was the light air day some of the early leaders had feared and other participants needed. The northerly slowly faded all day, conking out just after the finish of the final race. Consistency was difficult to come by, and about the only person who managed anything close to it was David Mendelblatt (USA), though Mera had by that point established an all-but insurmountable lead, and his 8th in the last race was more than good enough to crown him 2007 World Champion.

The team at Brant Beach YC handled the extraordinary job of hosting the Worlds with aplomb, and their hospitality was inspiring. Clubs that run primarily on volunteer efforts, especially ones that would take on a World Championship of this magnitude, are becoming fewer and farther between, but the BBYC proved that not only can such a club run a big event, they can do so smoothly. BBYC Commodore, Regatta Chairman and PRO Coward (and his committee) did a great job getting 10 races in and avoiding the black flag, despite an eager fleet and current pushing the fleet over the starting line. The food and entertainment were excellent. Everyone involved with launching, rescue and repair kept all the sailors moving. Any volunteer-run clubs that have considered, and then hesitated, to stage an event of this magnitude should look to BBYC and realize that not only can it be done, but it can be done very well. Weather conditions, “be damned.”

- Jamie Ewing
Mera Wind World Championship (continued from page 1)

What he should expect now is a hero's welcome this weekend when he gets back home to Las Americas airport in Santo Domingo. "Our country is on a small island, so this is really a big deal for us," Santana said. "Everyone now is cheering for him. They are preparing a whole reception for him (at) the airport. The whole press, other family, friends, everybody is going to see him."

Studying industrial design at Intech University in the Dominican, Mera competes in about five big races a year. In 2007, he's been to Curacao, Brazil, and the Eastern seaboard of the United States twice. But his real hope is to be in London in 2012. That's when he believes he has a good shot to represent his country in the Olympics. "I'm trying to start in Laser. That's another boat," Mera said. "Sunfish is my strongest point. But since Laser is an Olympic class, I'm going to shine in that."

For now, he's the sparring partner for Raul Aguayo, who hopes to represent Mera's homeland in the Laser at Beijing next summer.

Sebastian Mera takes his honorary World Championship swim, with a little help from his friends.

My First Worlds, by Brazil’s Bernardo Low-Beer

Oi pessoal, (Hi Everyone!)

It never came into my mind that I would be one day sailing a Sunfish Worlds. But I certainly don't regret it. It was for sure one of the best championships I raced ever.

I have a really short history in the Sunfish class. Unfortunately we don’t have Sunfish in Brazil nowadays. I entered this class because I thought I had the biotype for it, and it was the boat in which I had a major chance to race the Pan American games, which was held in my city, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

But coming into the Sunfish class was way more than racing the Pan American games. I was bitten by the Sunfish and couldn’t let go. This boat is amazing for its simplicity. You can sail almost as fast as a Laser, without half the work, and by spending a lot less money. Also everybody I met from the Sunfish class are really nice people. The regattas were really good, since the boat doesn’t ask as much as other boats from the physical condition of the athlete. It's a boat that girls can race alone and do really well!! It can’t go any better than this! Imagine - a championship with the same number of girls and boys competing. That was a dream for me before I entered the Sunfish regattas.

I was also stunned in this championship in New Jersey for all the social events we had there. Everyday we had something to do. It doesn’t matter whether you did good or bad on the races, you can always have fun afterwards! It's impossible to get bored in a championship like this. Not to mention that all the boats are exactly the same with equal sails and material. New Jersey was more of a quiet place and the weather didn't help a lot, but if an event like this happened in Buzios (a beach town in Brazil located about 100 miles south of Rio de Janeiro) for example, near a beach, it would be an absolute success for the spectators!

Lately, I’ve moved a bit away from the Sunfish again, since I’m trying to campaign in the 470 class for the Beijing Olympics, but I have no doubt I will come back. Hopefully, I’ll be there for the next worlds in Canada! I want to leave here my special thanks to Lisa and all the Abraham family, who hosted me during this championship in New Jersey and were always really kind to me! Also all the other enthusiasts of the Sunfish class, and to Paul, Eduardo, Willow, Zimmermann, Andres, and so on (this is a really big list) hee-hee-hee.

Obrigado e Abraços (Thank you and best wishes), Bernardo Low-Beer

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My Impressions from the 2007 Pan-Am Games
By Eduardo Cordero

The 2007 edition of the Pan American games proved to be a landmark event for several reasons:

First, it was the first time a major Sunfish event was held in Brazil, a country with a large sailing tradition and home to several World and Olympic champions like Torben Grael and Robert Scheidt.

Second, the games provided the opportunity to share experiences with sailors from other nations and athletes from one's own country competing in other events.

Third, sharing of the starting line with 11 of the most talented Sunfish sailors from the Americas is a challenge you don't experience everyday.

Thanks to the efforts of ISCA president Andres Santana and Vanguard Sailboats, it was possible to ship 12 brand new Sunfish to Rio de Janeiro for the games, ensuring fair and equal sailing equipment at the event.

The Pan Am adventure started for me in November 2006 when the Venezuelan Sailing Federation appointed me as the country's representative to the games. I knew it was going to be a long road to successfully defend the title won at the Dominican Republic 2003 edition. For reasons beyond my control, the year didn't start as I had wished. I had to spend the first two months out of the water recovering from eye surgery performed during the Christmas holidays. Thankfully, everything went well and by the time spring arrived, I was ready to go. The company I work for moved part of its operations to southern Alabama and this allowed me to sail a couple of times at Fairhope YC, AL the host of the 2007 Sunfish Gulf Coast Regionals and the 2007 Sunfish NAs. These regattas became part of my training for the Pan Ams. I also sailed the Westin Trophy and the NY Sunfish downstate regionals on Long Island, NY before heading down to Rio.

Unfortunately, I fractured one of my toes during the last race of the Regionals and that didn't provide a great start for the Pan Am endeavor. Once I arrived in Rio, the Venezuelan team doctors gave me the "$2 cure," surgical tape to keep my toe from moving as I maneuvered around the cockpit. The toe made life miserable for a couple of days, but by the time the regatta started, and the adrenaline began flowing I forgot about the toe.

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The stage was now set for the practice race, which was won by Paul Foerster (USA) from start to finish in perfect conditions, with a southerly breeze of 8-12 knots. The jury raised a few yellow flags as a warning to all competitors, indicating that Rule 42 was going to be strongly enforced. Ten races with one throw-out were scheduled. The top five boats would advance to a medal race which would count double points and could not be discarded.

July 22: The first official day of racing saw NW winds of 4-5 knots. All the races were postponed until the next day and the fleet was sent ashore. The Sunfish class was the only class that got under way but the first boat failed to make the windward mark within the specified time limit.

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July 23: The forecast was a little more promising with southerly winds of 20-24 knots. The race committee decided to move the race area closer toward Botafogo Bay, on the southern side of the harbor, probably to get some shelter from nuclear gusts coming down from the mountains. The wind dropped to 8-12 knots by the time the first race got under way. Right after the start I decided to bang the right hand side corner of the course and followed local ace Bernardo Low-Beer but the breeze didn't work for us and we were both trapped in a couple of holes that sent us deep in fleet. Paul Foerster rounded the weather mark in first place followed closely by 16-year-old Alex "Tigre" Zimmerman from Peru. They switched positions after the third leg and luckily I was able to recover from the depths to third place after playing some good wind shifts.

The second race started in winds under 8 knots and it was a rematch of the previous race, with both Paul and Alex taking the lead right after the start. The wind started to die on the second beat and the fleet spread all over the course. Alex and Paul sailed their own race but ran out of wind on the left side, while Peter Stanton (US Virgin Islands) and Malcolm Smith (Bermuda) played the right side and rounded first and second at the weather mark. I stayed in the middle and rounded behind them. Just before the last leeward mark I made a risky maneuver, a quick jibe blanketing Peter, allowing me inside at the mark with the position to win the race.

After the first day, I was in first place with four points, followed by Alex, Paul, and Peter Stanton, all tied with seven points.

July 24: The start was postponed until the sea-breeze filled in. The lesson learned from the previous day was that I had to sail close enough to the rest of the competition at all cost. Playing a determined side of the course and splitting from the crowd could have catastrophic results when running out of wind and sailing against the current. The postponement gave me time to make some adjustments on my rig. I decided to move the gooseneck forward to 14 inches, something I

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Eduardo’s Reflections on the Pan Am Games (continued from page 5)

hadn’t done in years but it worked effectively as it improved my pointing ability and consequently allowed me to keep up with Paul and Alex in the light winds. The AP flag was finally taken down around 3pm and the race started in 6-8 knots of wind. I rounded the first mark in second place followed closely by Alex and Paul. Alex proved to be very fast off the wind and took the lead half way toward the leeward mark. I focused on keeping Paul behind me for the remainder of the race by putting a loose cover on him and the rest of the fleet. Alex won the race, I placed second with Paul in third. After three races, the scored board still had me in first place with six points, Alex with eight points, and Paul in third with 10 points.

July 25: The forecast looked very much like a repeat of the previous days, more southerly winds 8-12 knots. Luckily there was enough to start the race at the scheduled time. Right after the start the fleet split into two groups trying to find the way to the weather mark. Lots of shifts and lead changes during the first half of the leg, but I managed to put a loose cover on top of Paul and Alex. There were two boats that banged the left corner, one of them was Peter Stanton St. Croix), who rounded the weather mark probably three or four minutes ahead of the pack. I rounded in second place and tried to catch Peter throughout the race, but fell short by maybe 10 boat lengths at the finish. Nevertheless, it was a good finish for me as I started to put more points between me, Alex, and Paul who scored fourth and eighth, respectively. The second race had similar conditions as the first race and it was Peter again who led at the weather mark followed by Juan Delgado (Guatemala), me and Alex. The wind started to die right before Peter, who still was in first place, rounded the leeward mark. He chose to sail the left side again and that cost him the race as he fell into a big pocket of “no viento”. I followed Peter for a while and sailed into a big hole as well. At this point the wind had already shifted 50-degrees to the left and the beat became a one-tack leg. I was convinced the RC would abandon this race but it didn’t. Alex, who still was in fourth, took advantage of the light wind and passed Juan to take the lead and never looked back. I finished third place, just a few inches ahead of Paul. After five races the throw-out came into effect and Alex was leading me with the tie-breaker at eight points while Paul had 14 and Peter 16.

July 26: Finally! The wind was more consistent than previous days (and stronger) and it looked like a good time to make a move. The wind was coming from the south again, but the average speed was 12-14 knots with some strong puffs dropping from the mountains. I was actually able to use the hiking strap for the second time since arriving at Rio. Before the start of the first race, I had a couple of close encounters with Alex, who was also trying to cover me. However, the wind seemed to be too much for him and I easily broke cover and positioned myself on top of him and the rest of the pack sailing on the right side. This time it was going to be local ace Bernardo Low-Beer coming from the left side and taking the top spot at the weather mark. “Bernie” redeemed himself from not making the time limit on the previous race and got his first bullet. I trailed Bernardo at the finish while Peter, Paul and Alex finished fifth, seventh, and 10th, respectively. For the first time in the series I was putting more than three points between myself and second place. The steady winds allowed the Race Committee to run two more races as I took advantage of the conditions by winning both races and scoring nearly a perfect day with four points in three races. Paul had two second-place finishes while Alex scored a sixth and a third. There was a big change on the scoreboard at the end of the day. I retook the lead with 12 points while Alex, still in second, had 23 and Paul had 25 after eight races.

July 27: No wind and the start was postponed ashore for a couple of hours. I took the time to relax and have lunch with my mother and my friend Pedro, from Venezuela. The RC sent us out by 3pm so there would be time to run only one race and my chances for winning the Gold had just doubled. The wind never materialized and by 4pm the fleet was sent back to the dock. I had just successfully defended the 2003 Pan Am Gold medal, regardless of what could happen on the medal race. My goal, since the beginning of the games was winning the event before the medal race, and thankfully all the pieces came together for me right at the end. I guess that making the right choices on the water, taking one race at a time, and sailing as hard as I could without taking any chances were the key for me to win the top spot.

July 28: The medal race couldn’t be started because the time limit expired and the score board didn’t change, so Alex was going to take the silver and Paul the bronze. It was an honor for me sharing the podium with both these talented and great sailors. Alex is a rising star in this sport and Paul is a living legend who has won one Gold and two Silver medals at the Olympics.

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**My First Pan Am Games – RIO 2007**

*By Alexander Zimmermann, aged 16 years, PERU*

RIO 2007 was by far the most important event I’ve ever sailed. It was simply amazing how everything was organized. I couldn’t believe how big the village was: 20 buildings of 10 floors each lodged more than 40 teams comprised of 5,500 athletes, and a 24-hour restaurant. I had a great feeling being there surrounded by my 93-member Peruvian team.

I arrived in Rio 12 days before the first official race because I wanted to experience the Opening Ceremony and train as much as I could. At home, I used to train alone with my dad, paying importance of the fact that I am only 132 pounds and have to perform in strong breezes. I struggled to find the tides table, and information I could for the sailing venue. I went to the Peruvian Navy and got a nautical chart. I struggled to find the tides table, and had archived two years of forecasts. At first I was really scared because all the great Sunfish sailors, but I started to relax more and more. Psychologically, I was well-prepared, even though I knew that Rio was going to be a very tough event for me. I had not really qualified for the event as I’d had liked, and some people thought I wasn’t ready yet to handle such a big event.

I was especially anxious before the practice race. I had never seen Eduardo Cordero, but a lot of Peruvians had told me how good he was, so when I met him it was very nice to see that he was friendly. It was a great honor as well to meet Paul Foerster. I’d watched him in my Olympic films and I knew he was a great sailor.

It was blowing about 15 knots on the first day of racing – not my best wind conditions, so I Jens-rigged my sail, set my gooseneck to 18½, and tried to hike as much as I could. Fortunately I caught all the wind shifts in the first upwind and the wind decreased a lot. I rounded just behind Paul, crossed him during the second beat, and won the first race! I was really happy. I always expect to do good during the first race and it was a special feeling to open up the series with a one!

During the second race the six-knot wind was very nice for me. I rounded behind Paul and we sailed away from the rest of the fleet in every reach. In the last beat I crossed ahead of him again, but when 100m separated us from the mark, the wind suddenly died and shifted to left. The other boats took advantage and I rounded fifth at that mark. Downwind, Paul sailed across me and I finished sixth. I knew that it had still been a great first day.

Day 2 was the coldest day so far in Rio, very foggy and cloudy, just like I sail in Peru. I was very happy at having such an ugly day as it really encouraged me. At first the wind was really unsteady so I knew I had to be careful and stay close with the fleet, even if I was not winning. I had a good start, tried to tack on every possible wind shift, and had good boat speed. This was a good race for me and Eduardo, who placed second. I just sailed smart, always paying attention to the mark due to the strong current.

Conditions were the same into the fourth day, but it was a little bit trickier. I collided with Malcolm Smith and had to spin a penalty. I managed to pass some boats and finished fifth. During race number 5, I saw the leaders were separating from each other, especially Eduardo, who was performing very consistently. I tried to sail as good as I could and won the race in very light winds.

On day 5, it seemed that we’d have a light wind day, so I went out with my light wind gear, no cleats, and short hiking pants. The wind increased to 15+ knots. I didn’t expect those conditions. I rigged my Jensen, changed my mainsheet, set the gooseneck at 19, and sailed with flat sail and full outhaul and cunningham because my sail wasn’t new. Eduardo started ahead of me. I also remember making mistakes in the downwind, which I couldn’t afford to make. I couldn’t handle the boat as I expected to and finished tenth. Things changed a bit in the second race of the day: I hiked hard and stayed with the fleet. We had three boats on that race. I was really exhausted but finished sixth ahead of Sebastian Mera and Malcolm Smith.

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Alex Zimmermann's Pan Am Games (continued from page 8)

I knew I could not have a bad race on the last day, even though it was blowing over 15knots. I didn't like the way I had been starting so I focused a lot on the start. After a great start, I saw the individual recall flag and had that little feeling of being over. I decided to sail back and restart, and the flag went down. By then I saw my boat heeling, the fleet far ahead with boats flat and fast, and I nearly thought my regatta was over. I sailed as hard as I could and split from the fleet close to shore where I got a very nice lift. I rounded the windward mark in eighth. Eduardo and Paul were ahead of me so I focused on passing boats one by one: two boats upwind, one on downwind, maintain myself during the second beat, two again on downwind and one last boat on the little reach to the finish line. I was still one of the leaders on the leader board!

This day gave me a good example of how I must sail in strong breeze, always trying to round close to the fleet after the beats and on the reach and downwind make a double effort to pass the boats that could pass me on the beats. I especially tried not to do silly mistakes like tacking too much.

Eduardo sailed consistently for the whole event, dropping a third as the worst race and secured the gold medal just by sailing this last race. So the only one that mattered for me in the final Medal Race was Paul. I was two points ahead of him. The one that sailed better would win the silver medal.

The wind was light until two hours before the time limit. Then it picked up to 20 knots. It was terrible for me. It was very cold, like 15 degrees Celsius and raining a lot. One at a time the different classes were starting to race. Our class was the last one in the line. Due to weather and the time limit, the Sunfish didn't race. I had won the silver medal.

It was a huge emotion for me, my dad, my team and all the Peruvians. They said I was the youngest Peruvian in the history of the Pan Am Games to win a medal and the first Peruvian Pan Am Games sailing medal ever. In this Pan Am Games, Peru did not win any gold medal and only four silvers.

I believe that the Sunfish is a very important class. As Eduardo said, we had three different generations on the podium and that means anyone can perform well. There is no special physical biotype for Sunfish sailing. I'm very happy because I think that in Rio we had all types of wind and weather conditions. At the end of the regatta, Eduardo had shown he was the most complete sailor being excellent at every wind condition. Paul, who is a three-time Olympian, showed he really can sail any boat at its highest level.

Our ISCA President, Andres Santana, is really helpful to the class and a great friend. The Sunfish Class could only take part in the Pan Am Games because of his incredible work. I saw him working very hard in the container arranging all the things for us. I think everyone should think on the work our president is doing.
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ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
August 19, 2007
Brant Beach Yacht Club

Advisory Council Members Present: Chris Williams (Chairman, USA), Ned Jones (Builder Representative), Sebastian Mera for Raul Aguayo (Dominican Republic), Paul-Jon Patin for Eduardo Cordero (Venezuela), Paul-Jon Patin for David Loring (World Champion), Lee Parks for Gilbert Thomas (Curacao), Guillermo Cappelletti (Peru), Guillermo Cappelletti for Guy de Chavigny (Martinique), Todd Edwards (Chief Measurer), Lee Parks for Hans van der Gulik (Curacao).

Roll Call: Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting as published in the Windward Leg were approved.

Proposed Changes to the Rules: Rule change to allow through-bolting of the centerboard stops to prevent failures. A proposal to add the following words to the end of 3.2.5 was made: "The centerboard stopper may be secured together by glue, screws, bolts, nuts and washers providing the original shape and dimensions are not reduced.". This wording was taken directly from the Laser Class rules. The proposal was discussed and approved.

New Rudder Shapes. Tom Whitehurst presented the New Sunfish Rudder Design Project report. See attached report. A long discussion ensued about the pros and cons of the new rudder and the state of the project. A motion was made to "Present the new rudder design to the World Council for approval". Some additional discussion took place concerning the lack of involvement of Vanguard and the lack of pricing information. A vote was taken and the motion failed.

Tom Whitehurst was requested to work more closely with Vanguard and to take a new survey back to the Advisory Council.

Rule 3.7.3. The following addition to Rule 3.7.3 was discussed: "The extra piece of line shall form a continuous loop. It may not be tied off at the mast cap or may not be run down one side of the mast only.". This item was discussed because of the chronic mast cap pullouts at the 2007 NAS. It was decided that it is the sailor's responsibility to rig the boat safely. No action was taken.

Old Business:
Status of the "LONG" daggerboard. Some limited discussion took place concerning the 100 or so daggerboards that were made slightly longer than the approved daggerboard. Current production daggerboards are being made to specification. No decision was reached on how to handle the "LONG" daggerboards. Further discussion is necessary.

Discussion of the mast bending problem. Some limited discussion took place but nothing was decided.

The test data from Curacao was inconclusive. It was concluded that the problem seems to be isolated to a few situations. Further discussion and monitoring may be necessary.

New Business: There was no new business.

Summary of Advisory Council Reports: Chairman Williams will prepare the Summary of the Advisory Council Report for the World Council meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

WORLD COUNCIL MEETING
August 21, 2007
Brant Beach Yacht Club

World Council Members Present: Andrea Santana (President), Richard L. Tillman (Past President), Paul-Jon Patin (Vice President), Terry Beside (Secretary), Patricia Manning (Treasurer), Richard L. Tillman (ISAF Representative), Chris Williams (Advisory Council Representative), Paul-Jon Patin for Eduardo Cordero (Advisory Council Representative), Ned Jones (Builder Representative), Joel Furman (Membership Chairman), Peter Stanton (US VI), Tom Whitehurst for Clinton Edwards (USA), Malcolm Smith (Bermuda), Lee Parks for Alex Rose (Curacao), Malcolm Smith for Gretha Dekker-Bruning (Holland), Guillermo Cappelletti for Raul Rachitoff (Peru), Sebastian Mera for Raúl Agüayo (Dominican Republic), Guy De Chavigny for Dr. Henry Pied (Martinique), Donnie Martinborough (Bahamas), Carlos Abisambra for Monica de Escallon (Colombia), Paul-Jon Patin for Eduardo Cordero (Venezuela), Bernardo Low-Beer (Brazil), Luis Horacio Cattani (Argentina), Luigi De Luca for Mario Maggioni (Italy), Patricia Manning for Carlos Saavedra (Puerto Rico).

Roll Call: President Santana called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m. Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present. Each recognized NSCA was entitled to one vote. The USA with 1430 members was entitled to two additional votes, making their total three votes.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the Windward Leg.

Presidents Report: President Santana gave a detailed presentation (see Presidents report). His key points were the Sunfish Worlds/South Americans Venue Planning, the Strategic Planning Implementation Status, the South Americans Championship in Curacao and the Pan American Games in Rio.

Vice Presidents Report: He mentioned that it has been a great opportunity to work with President Santana. He said that the Pan Ams would not have happened without the help of President Santana. He also discussed the Worlds attendance and that it should be limited to 72 or 75 for the 2008 Worlds due to the difficulties in getting sailors to compete in the Worlds. He also mentioned that it should contain 14 to 15 Juniors. He also made a motion "to allow the Worlds host club to have 5 discretionary entries for the 2008 Worlds". The motion was discussed and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Manning distributed and reviewed the Treasurer's report (see attached Treasurer's report). The 2007 report contained finances through the end of July. A motion was passed to have the Treasurer's report accepted.

Advisory Council Report: Chairman Williams presented the items discussed in the Advisory Council meeting.

A proposal to add the following words to the end of 3.2.5 was made: "The components of the "builder supplied" centerboard stopper may be secured together by glue, screws, bolts, nuts and washers providing the original shape and dimensions are not reduced.". This wording was taken directly from the Laser Class rules. A motion was made to accept the change as worded. The motion was discussed and passed.

The following addition to Rule 3.7.3 was discussed: "The extra piece of line shall form a continuous loop. It may not be tied off at the mast cap or may not be run down one side of the mast only.". This item was discussed because of the chronic mast cap pullouts at the 2007 NAS. It was decided that it is the sailor's responsibility to rig the boat safely. No action was taken.

Chairman Williams mentioned the report given by Tom Whitehurst on the New Sunfish Rudder Design Project. He also mentioned that Tom was requested to work more closely with Vanguard and to take a new survey back to the Advisory Council.

Membership Committee Report: Chairperson Furman provided the following membership report. The International Sunfish Class is presently composed of nineteen (19) Recognized National Class Associations for which dues have been received for 2007, to wit: Argentina (20 Members), Bahamas (21), Bermuda (20), Bonaire (20), Brazil (5), Canada (20), Colombia (39), Curacao (25), Dominican Republic (20), Guatemala (21), Holland (21), Italy (20), Martinique (20), Peru (21), Puerto Rico (20), US (1430), US Virgin Islands (20) and Venezuela (20) totaling 1804 Recognized Members. Non-Recognized NSCA's include Antigua (5)(2004), British Virgin Islands (5)(1994), Central America (15)(1993), Chile (20)(2002), Ecuador (20)(2005), Ireland (20)(2000), Mexico (5)(2001) New Zealand (5)(2006), St. Maarten (20)(2003) and Uruguay (5)(2006) totaling 120 Non-recognized Members.

ISAF Committee Report: Chairperson Tillman had no submissions to present to the ISAF this year. He made a motion to budget $2,500 for the ISAF Representative. The motion was discussed and passed.

After some discussion concerning the duties of the ISAF Representative Chairperson and the importance of the Sunfish ISAF representative being at the annual meetings, Tillman recommended that

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President Santana appointed himself ISAF Representative as he will be attending other ISAF meetings representing the Class.


Old Business:
Annual Dues. The financial condition of ISCA was discussed and no action was taken on this item.

Requirement for all NSCA's to have an email address: The requirement for all NSCA's to have a current email address was stressed again. This is becoming increasingly important as we grow. Please email the Class Office of any changes in your email addresses and/or your mailing addresses.

Rudder Prototypes. Current status - Tom Whitehurst was requested to work more closely with Vanguard and to take a new Class survey before bringing this item back to the Advisory Council.

Strategic Planning Status Report: President Santana gave a presentation on this topic (see attached Presidents report).

Approval of the Proposed Mission & Vision Statements: A motion was made to have the Mission Statement approved. Some discussion took place. The motion passed. The Mission Statement reads: "To promote and develop Sunfish Class one design racing worldwide under uniform rules, enhance the enjoyment of the boat and to provide an efficient medium of exchange of information and friendship among Sunfish sailors."

A motion was also made to have the Vision Statement approved. Some discussion ensued. It was decided it should end after the word "genders" and the word "flexible" should be changed to "versatile". The changes were approved and the motion passed. The Vision Statement reads: "To be recognized worldwide as a highly competitive and versatile sailing alternative for all ages and genders."

Marketing & Publicity Strategy Project: President Santana gave a presentation on this topic (see attached Marketing Strategies report).

ISCA Website Project: Derek Jackson presented what is happening with the Class website (see Internet Communication Strategies report). It will be more global, flexible and will include software applications to be used by the members. The funding will come from the savings of not publishing the members Directory in the Class Handbook. Some limited advertising will be included. The first software application is scheduled for January 1, 2008, consisting of the Online ISCA Membership Registration & Renewal.

The Future of the Pan Am Class Status: President Santana spoke to this in his Presidents report. He mentioned that the Sunfish Class will continue to be a part of the Pan American games.

New Business:
Venues for the 2008 and 2009 World Championships: President Santana discussed the Worlds hosts. The tentative venues are as follows: 2008 Buffalo Canoe Club, Canada. 2009 Bahamas or Europe (possibly Italy).

Registration: Return of Fees for Cancelled Participants: Secretary Beadle asked the council how to handle the return of fees to cancelled Worlds participants. A discussion took place. A motion was passed to return the boat charter/entry fee less a 10% service fee to the three competitors that notified the Class Office early enough so that it was able to find a replacement competitor.

Appoint NSCA Area Representatives: Secretary Beadle asked the group to consider appointing Area Representatives for the various portions of the country in order to better communications with the various NSCA's. Limited discussion took place, but no action was taken.

Clarity of Meaning of Constitution Rule 7.5.1.1 May 1 Date: The May 1 date was misinterpreted at the 2007 World Masters Championship. It was stated that as long as a sailor had their dues paid by May 1 they qualified to race in the SA's. That is not true. Articles 10.1 and 10.5 clearly state that a sailor must be a current member to race in a sanctioned event. The May 1 date was added to the Constitution so the NSCA's would have their memberships paid well before the Worlds.

European and South American Representative Positions: President Santana mentioned that he would address this item in the coming year. He said that it is very important, specifically for the Windward Leg, to name regional representatives. He also said that he would contact several people to enroll them in the positions in the next month.

Redefined Sunfish Flag: The Sunfish flag looks like the "I" flag and need to be redefined. The Advisory Council was given the task to redefine the Sunfish flag. It was suggested that the background color be changed.

Sunfish Junior Worlds Championship: President Santana spoke to this topic with a detailed presentation (see attached "JUNIOR Development Strategies" report). He mentioned the need for all of us to be actively involved in developing Junior sailors because this is where our future is.

Sanctioned Events: A motion was made to add the International Masters Championship and the US Masters Championship to the list of sanctioned events listed in the ISCA Class Notice. Some discussion took place. The motion passed.

USSSA Redefined Age Categories: The US NSCA (USSSA) has redefined the age category for the Juniors. The Junior age category reads as follows: "To compete as a Junior sail, the individual shall not have attained his or her 14th birthday by the end of the calendar year in which the regatta occurs". A motion was made and passed to accept this definition. Along with this change, a motion was made to change the Midget definition as follows: "To compete as a Midget sail, the individual shall not have attained his or her 14th birthday by the end of the calendar year in which the regatta occurs". A motion was made and passed to accept this definition.

Upcoming South American & Caribbean Sunfish Championships: President Santana spoke to this issue in his opening remarks (see attached Presidents report).

Adding Value to the Sunfish Worlds Participation: A motion was made to reduce the maximum number of boats for the Sunfish Worlds to 75. It was also added that the World Council would review the limit annually. A discussion took place concerning this years Worlds and the need to accept any member who would compete in the 2007 Worlds. The motion passed.

Project to Review the ISCA Constitution for 2008: President Santana mentioned that there are items that need to be improved. He will have a list of these items for the next World Council meeting.

Additional Items from the floor: There were two additional items that were discussed. Item 1 It was mentioned that Rule 42 was imposed by the judges and may not have been deserved by the sail. A lengthy discussion ensued. There was mention of not having judges present at the Worlds. It was also mentioned that the judges have Sunfish sailing experience. Guidelines and a training class for judges were also mentioned. One of the judges present explained why he felt judges were needed to keep the racing fair for all competitors.

Item 2 The issue of having someone from the Class be involved with the race committee was brought up. There was concern that the decision to not race on Tuesday was not within the Class guidelines. The issue of who would have the final say in various matters was discussed. Would it be the Class Representative or the PRO or the race committee? This item was also referred to the Advisory Council.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry A. Beadle
ISCA Secretary
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**ISCA Annual Financial Statements**

Submitted by Patricia Manning, ISCA Treasurer

### Ordinary Income/Expense Income

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### Total Auto Expense 152.69 174.32 -21.63

### Total Income 15,769.43

### ISCA 2006-2007 Expense

### Income

- Advertising Revenues
- ISCA 2006-2007 Directory Ads
- Advertising Revenues - Other
- Total Advertising Revenues
- Class Supplies/Window Legs
- Dues/Memberships
- Royalties
- Total Income

### Total Auto Expense

- 152.69
- 174.32
- -21.63

### Total Income

- 15,769.43

### ISCA 2006-2007

- Expense
- Auto Expense
- Mileage reimbursement
- Total Auto Expense
- Bank Charges
- Credit Card Fees
- Dues & Subscriptions Expense
- Office Supplies
- Postage & Delivery
- Printing, publications, postage

### Windward Leg

- Commissions Paid on Advertising
- Editor's Fees-Windward Leg
- Printing-Windward Leg
- Total Windward Leg
- Printing-Sunfish Office
- Copies
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- Total Printing, publications, postage
- Seminars & Training w/Travel
- Sunfish Office Duties
- NSCA Member Fees
- USSCA Member Fees
- ISCA hours
- USSCA hours
- Labels-Windward Leg
- Total Sunfish Office Duties
- Trophies/Regatta Expense
- Website/Internet Expense
- Total Expense

### Net Ordinary Income

- 2,722.11
- 129.98
- 2,592.13

### Net Income

- 1,400.28
- -381.00
- 1,781.28

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets

- Checking / Savings
- Credit Card Fees
- Bank Charges
- Dues & Subscriptions Expense
- Office Supplies
- Postage & Delivery
- Printing, publications, postage

#### Total Current Assets

- 100,636.14
- 72,090.09
- 28,546.05

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- 100,636.14
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### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

#### Liabilities

- Advertising Revenues
- Royalties
- Total Income

#### Total Other Income

- 1,321.83
- -510.98
- 810.85

#### Net Income

- 1,400.28
- -381.00
- 1,781.28

### CLASS OFFICE SERVICES

For Class information or to receive a Class membership application form, please go to www.sunfishclass.org/indexold.htm (under “Join the Class”) or contact the Class Office.

Mailing Labels for distribution of regional newsletters or regatta notices, etc. may be ordered for $15USD plus $.06 per name. Allow two weeks for delivery.

New Sail Numbers may be ordered by sending a check for $12USD (current members) or $15USD (nonmembers) payable to USSCA. These are sticky back, official 10" black cloth numbers. Include your name, address and sail number.

Membership information can be obtained from the office or your regional rep.

Sailing videos are available for rental. Contact the office for titles.

Please send change of address notices to the Sunfish Class office before you move!

Call Peg Beadle at 248-673-2750 or email: sunfishoff@aol.com for information.

Sunfish Class Office - PO Box 300128 - Waterford, MI 48330-0128.
The Sunfish Worlds held in Brant Beach, NJ, were a great success with the participation of 100 competitors from 12 nations. The organizing team from BYC did an excellent job putting together very challenging races and providing attentions to all of us with such dedication, enthusiasm, and joy.

The new World Champion, Sebastian Mera, is from the Dominican Republic. It is good for the Class to have new countries in the top ten, as an incentive for new generations of Sunfish sailors. It was nice to see Brazil participating for the first time, as well as having Italy and Argentina again. It was also very promising to see the participation of 14 juniors in the event, and specially 16-year-old Alexander Zimmerman, silver Pan Am Games medalist, who reaffirmed his quality by becoming the Top Junior and finishing in 7th overall. Bobby Boger and Spencer Olsson won second and third in the junior category. The Sunfish Class awarded I-Pod Nanos to the top three juniors and as part of new strategies to generate a enthusiasm among all juniors. Chelsea Katz was the first to be honored with the Dave Thompson Memorial Trophy for sportsmanship spirit in the junior division.

Important issues were discussed during the Advisory and World Council meetings. A project to change the rudder shape was presented by Tom Whitehurst, but it still needs more work and research involving the manufacturer and a well-conducted survey to get the opinion from the majority of ISCA members. I personally believe that, with or without a new rudder, in order to generate the results we are looking for, we have to work together in the implementation of several strategies at all levels of the Class.

The WC decided to limit the number of competitors for the Sunfish Worlds to a maximum of 75, and this number will be reviewed every year. This decision is very important because in the last five years we have had too many wildcards, affecting the competition level of our most important event and weakening the value of participating in the qualifying regattas.

The Junior age category was redefined as proposed by USSCA: “To compete as a Junior sailor, the individual shall not have attained his or her 19th birthday by the end of the calendar year in which the regatta occurs”. For the Midgets will be the same, but at the 14th birthday. All countries shall implement this new definition.

My trip to the ISAF meeting in Portugal last November was very positive. I have a better understanding of the opportunities that we can take thru current ISAF organization and programs. I made a lot of contacts which are very important for our strategies. The next meeting will be in Barcelona, Spain.

Performance Sailcraft Europe (PSE), owners of Laser Sailboats Ltd from the UK, acquired Vanguard Sailboats, becoming the world’s largest manufacturer of small sailboats. PSE just announced that they will rename the new company “LaserPerformance.” I have every confidence that the Sunfish will receive LaserPerformance’s full attention moving forward.

I personally met Dave Graham, President and CEO of the company, during the ISAF meeting in Portugal, where we discussed a lot of important issues about the Sunfish. He recognized the fact that we have a lot of interests in common, so we shall join efforts and coordinate strategies. He invited ISCA officers to a meeting to be held at the beginning of the year 2008 in Portsmouth, RI. The company decided to market the Sunfish in Europe exactly at the same retail price as in the US. Also the Sunfish is being presented in the Paris & London boat shows in December 2007 and January 2008, and they are very interested in supporting a Sunfish World Championship in Europe, especially in Italy, where they have a very active dealer.

In 2008, ISCA members will see the start of implementation of all the strategies we have been working on. I would like to thank all ISCA officers for their valuable support during the year 2007. We will soon see the results.

God bless you all with a new year 2008 full of Peace, Health & Prosperity.

- Andres Santana

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**ISOCA President’s Corner**

by Andres Santana

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Organizing Authority: The organizing authority is the Pensacola Yacht Club and the United States Sunfish Class Association (USSCA).

Rules: The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, the rules of the International Sunfish class (except as any of these are altered by the sailing instructions) and by the sailing instructions.

Advertising: This event shall be a Category A event in accordance with Appendix 1, Regulation 20 ISAF Advertising Code.

Eligibility and Entry: This event is open to all current members over 40 year of age of the International Sunfish Class. Membership cards & age will be checked at Registration. Anyone can join the Sunfish Class by completing a membership application at check-in. Eligible yachts must complete a registration form with the registration committee. The top finisher qualifies for the 2009 ISCA Worlds.

Schedule of Events
Saturday, March 8th
0800-1030  Continental Breakfast
1100  Skipper’s meeting (Watson Sailing Center)
1300  Start of first race, Three races scheduled back to back
1800  Dinner Buffet (Free to Skippers)
Sunday, March 9th
0800-0930  Continental Breakfast
1100  Start of first race, Five races scheduled back to back
1800  Cookout & keg of beer (Watson Sailing Center) Free to skippers
        Lunches provided on water (Sunday only)
Monday, March 10th
0800-0930  Continental Breakfast
1100  Start of first race, Two races scheduled back to back
1400  Deadline for start of last race
        Awards as soon as possible after racing.

Registration Fee: Member of US Sailing $90.00; Non-member $95.00. Registration forms are available at www.sunfishclass.org

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

Regatta Site: The regatta host will be the Pensacola Yacht Club, 1897 Cypress Street Pensacola, FL 32501, Phone (850) 433-8804 or (850) 433-7006, FAX: 850-438-3105 E-Mail: pyc@pyc.gccoxmail.com Website: http://www.pensacolayachtclub.org/

Racing Area: Pensacola Bay

Courses will be windward/leeward, triangle or any combination thereof.

Scoring will be the low-Point Scoring System of Appendix A of the racing rules, with ten races scheduled, of which one shall be completed to constitute a series. If six or fewer races are sailed, each yacht’s total score will be the sum of her scores for all races.

Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 overall and in each age group: 40  49 Apprentice; 50  59 Master; 60  69 Grand Master; 70  79 Great Grand Master; 80 + Senior Master

Overnight Camping is permitted on the club premises. Please contact the club manager, (850) 433-8804 or (850) 433-7006 if you have any questions.

Housing & Hotels: http://pensacola.hotelguide.net/ Limited housing will be available on a first come basis: Contact Tom Whitehurst Email: dtw8689@cox.net, 850- 477-3564h, 850-595-4995w

Further information: John Mathews 850-492-4802 Email: johnmatthews@cox.net
Organizing Authority: The Regatta is organized under the St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club and the United States Sunfish Class Association (USSCA) and will be sailed under the authority of the Race Committee.

Rules: The races will be governed by the current version of The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and its amendments, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, the rules of the International Sunfish Class (except as any of these are altered by the sailing instructions) and by the sailing instructions.

Advertising: This is a category A event in accordance with Appendix 1, Regulations 20-ISAF Advertising code.

Eligibility and Entry: This event is open to all current members of the International Sunfish Class. Membership cards will be checked at registration. Any non-members can join the Sunfish Class by completing a membership application and payment of required dues at check in. The top four finishers qualify for the 2009 Sunfish Worlds.

Schedule of Events:

Wednesday March 12, 2008
- 0900-1400 Registration STABYC Lounge
- 1200 Start of First Race
- 1800 Buffet (Ballroom) Skippers Free

Thursday March 13, 2008
- 0800-1000 Continental Breakfast
- 0900-1100 Registration STABYC Lounge
- 1130 Skippers Meeting (Ballroom)
- 1300 Start of Race 1. Additional Races back to back (three races scheduled)
- 1800 Hamburgers and Hotdogs on the Lawn Skippers Free

Friday March 14, 2008
- 0800-1000 Continental Breakfast
- 1030 Start of First Race, Five races scheduled back to back
- On water lunch following second race of the day
- 1800 Pig Roast on the Lawn (Free to Skippers)

Saturday March 15, 2008
- 0800-1000 Continental Breakfast
- 1030 Start of first race. Two races scheduled back to back
- NO RACE WILL BE STARTED AFTER 1600

Entries & Fees: Entries received prior to February 28, 2008: US Sailing Member $85.00, Non-Member $95.00. Entries received after February 28: US Sailing Members $100.00, Non-Member $110.00

Trophies: Trophies will be awarded to the top ten finishers. In addition, trophies will be awarded to the top female, top master over 50, and the top junior under age 18.

Sailing Instructions: Sailing instructions will be available at registration and they will contain diagrams of courses that may be used and a copy of a chart showing the racing area.

Scoring: The "Low Point Scoring System" reflected in Appendix A will apply with ten races scheduled, of which one shall be completed to constitute a series. If six or fewer races are completed each boat's total score will be the sum of her score for all races.

Safety: It is each competitor's exclusive and individual responsibility to decide whether or not to race or continue racing, to wear a life jacket when conditions warrant, and to otherwise provide for his or her own personal safety. Competitors are reminded that all Federal and State safety regulations should be observed.

Camping: Camping is available on Club grounds on a first come first served basis.

Charter Boats: Charter Boats will not be available through the local dealer.

Lodging: Holiday Inn Select 2001 North Cove Blvd (HWY 77) 850-769-0000; Best Western Suites 1035 East 23rd Street 850-784-7700; Howard Johnson's 301 East 23rd Street 850-782-8585; Days Inn 301 West 23rd Street 850-785-0001; LaQuinta Inn 1030 East 23rd Street 850-914-0022; Comfort Inn 1013 East 23rd Street 850-769-6969; Days Inn Bayside 711 West Beach Drive 850-763-4622

Further Information: Regatta Headquarters Principal Race Officer, St. Andrews Bay YC John B. Morrow, 218 Bunkers Cove Road P.O. Box 1446, Panama City, Florida 32401, 850-769-2453 850-872-1242, www.STABYC.com, E-Mail Manager@STABYC.com or RushJ29@Bellsouth.net
ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: International Sunfish Class Association

RULES: The regatta will be governed by: the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

ADVERTISING: Advertising will be restricted to Category A.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:
1. Entrants will be limited to sailors qualified per 2007/2008 ISCA and USSCA Notices found in the 2008 Regatta Schedule. Entries will be limited to 72 competitors with 5 entries to initially be made available to the BCC (See 2007 World Council Minutes).

2. Eligible entrants will receive an invitation by mail which must be responded to by the date specified in the invitation. Invited entrants who wish to accept the invitation must fill out the Entry Form in Addendum 2 and send it to the Class Office along with a non-refundable US$250 charter fee plus the US$285 registration fee by the date specified in the invitation for a total of $535. Every eligible entrant may use a check or credit card to pay their non-refundable boat charter fee and registration fee. Checks should be made payable to “ISCA” and must be drawn on a US bank.

3. Fully paid entries will be accepted in the order they are received. If 72 entries have not been received by June 15, 2008 (60 day cutoff date for World deposits) any unfilled boat spots shall be filled by a fair choice from a pool of international wildcard sailors who have applied through their NSCA.

4. If there are any available Worlds boats at the event site, the boats may be filled by the host country from their NSCA members who have paid their dues by the cutoff date for Worlds deposits.

5. A refundable deposit of US$150 will be charged at check in.

6. Mail entry to: International Sunfish Class Association, P. O. Box 300128, Waterford MI 48330-0128, USA. Phone/Fax: 248-673-2750, Email: SunFishOff@aol.com

SCHEDULE:
Saturday, August 23
1200 - 1700 hrs. Check in & boat set-up

Monday, August 25 through August 28th racing

Friday, August 29
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Edwards Wins Women’s North Americans (continued from page 1)

finish line and held on for a major moment of revelry after crossing first. She was closely followed to the line by Tillman, Edwards, Bergman, and Anne Patin (Forest Hills, NY) to the line.

As everyone regrouped for race two, and Sally focused on breathing again, the winds lightened a bit more and set the stage for a four-leg windward-leeward race with a downwind finish. Bergman once again led the first leg by correctly playing the shifts in the middle of the course but Connie Miller (Lewes, DE), who had gone way left and got the shift at the right moment, came around second with Lee Parks (Newport, RI) and Tillman close behind. The downwind legs seemed to favor Tillman and she steadily pulled away to win the second race followed by Parks, Edwards, Bergman, and Libbie Fitzgerald (daughter of Dick and Linda Tillman).

After a brief lunch break, the fleet headed back out to race only to be greeted by a complete lack of wind. While the fleet bobbed in the middle of the lake, the wind shifted to southeast and finally rebuilt to racing conditions after an hour delay. Edwards led the way around the gybe mark (the race committee having switched to an Olympic course for this race), followed by Patin, Parks, and Tillman. Melissa Chapaton made a big move on the fourth leg to get into contention, but once again Tillman was able to play the shifts upwind and show great speed downwind in the light air to gain her second victory of the day. Linda Leader (Granger, IN) also played the shifts well on the final leg and came from well behind to nose out Patin for second place. Patin was followed by Chapaton and Edwards.

The fourth race brought ever-more-tightly-contested racing and some big surprises. The race committee switched again to a four-leg race with a downwind finish to allow the competitors a shorter sail back to the club as rain was falling. Linda and Dick Tillman’s daughter Susan Berg got a strong start and held on for the victory, followed by Gail Hauser (Tampa, FL), Edwards, Debbie Probst (an Olympic 470 sailor and WYC member entering her first regatta in the Sunfish class) and Parks. With Tillman finishing seventh, her series lead over Edwards was down to three points after the first day of racing.

The evening’s activities included a buffet dinner prepared by WYC volunteers (with a special tip of the hat to John and Jeannie Thomas and all the others who outdid themselves again!). Ken and Sally Gindling brought out their “Flamingo” game (which has become a staple of Sunfish regattas at the WYC) and everyone enjoyed an hour of great silliness. “Flamingo” racing cannot be described, just experienced. (Your writer was not able to outlast the later revelry and cannot report on those events, but hearsay has it that Anne Edwards said she would do a double flip off her boat if she won a race on Sunday).

Sunday morning showed a promise for higher winds (8-10mph) with a shift of nearly 180-degrees and with the wind now out of the north. Although all of Saturday’s races had been won by skippers with a Lake Wawasee connection, Sunday’s races would show the other side of the coin. Chapaton showed her mastery of the stronger winds and won the first race on Sunday, followed by Hauser, Edwards, Tillman, and Bergman.

With Tillman’s lead now down to two points, what ensued in the second race of the day, the sixth race of the series, was pure drama. Hauser, Edwards, and Tillman were able to show some separation from the fleet through the first three legs of the Olympic-style six-leg course. As they started back to windward for the fourth leg, Tillman and Edwards engaged in a tacking duel worthy of the America’s Cup back and forth they went with close covering for most of the entire leg, with Edwards establishing a small lead as they headed downwind. Hauser extended her lead as her closest competitors battled each other. After the downwind fifth leg, Hauser easily closed out the victory on the final upwind leg. Edwards chose to go far to the left on the final leg and Tillman stayed closer to the center. Edwards’ decision turned out to be the correct one and, when she finished second to Tillman’s third, she closed to within one point for the regatta lead. Karyn Hendon (Wilmette, IL) finished fourth, and Patin came in fifth.

With a seventh race for the series ready to go (allowing now for the throw-out after six races) Tillman’s lead was, in effect, back to three points over Edwards so it all came down to the last race. Edwards got the great start she needed while Tillman was buried on the line and took a long time to find the clear air she needed. Before the first leg of the last race was completed it seemed that Edward’s consistency would pay off with a championship. It was icing on the cake when Edwards won her first race of the regatta. She was followed by Patin, Rita Steele (Sarasota, FL) in her best finish of the regatta, Hauser and Hendon. Tillman was able to get back to eighth place, but not the third place she needed to win the regatta. And, as it seems to go in major events, the six former champions took the top six places in this year’s regatta.

After the final race the fleet returned to the club for the awards luncheon. Dick Tillman presided over the presentation of door prizes, donated by Sophisticated Shirts, Connie Miller and SailFast Apparel, for all the contestants and gave thanks to the many Wawasee Yacht Club members who volunteered their time and who hosted the racers in their homes. All of the participants also received gifts from regatta sponsors, Vera Bradley and Annie Oakley Perfumery. The top five racers received a framed print of a water-color painting of Sunfish racing on Lake Wawasee by local artist Susie Brandes. Anne Edwards was a very gracious winner (although no double flip was seen).

Congratulations to all the participants, thanks to all the sponsors and to all the volunteers who did so much to make this event work so well. And a special thanks to Linda Tillman who brought this event to the Wawasee Yacht Club and worked so hard to make this the special event it was. Good luck to everyone next year!

Did I mention that WYC’s Sally Gindling won the first race?

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Women's North American Championship
Wauwasee YC Wauwasee, IN
September 7-9, 2007

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My View of the Women’s North Americans

By Anne Weber

Yes, I am one of the three Annes who competed in the 2007 Sunfish Women’s North American Championship at Wawasee YC in Syracuse, IN at the beginning of September. But no, I am not Anne Edwards, this year’s Champion, rising like a phoenix to return the wooden daggerboard with plaques listing every woman Champion Sunfish sailor since 1974 back to Bay Waveland YC in Baton Rouge, LA. And no, I am not Anne Patin, the 2001 Women’s champion from Forest Hills, NY, either. I am Anne Weber from Waterford, MI.

The Women’s NAs daggerboard trophy carries with it the story of the dramatic rescue made by Anne’s brother-in-law, USSCA president Clinton Edwards. A few days after Hurricane Katrina, Clinton was walking along the road near his completely destroyed home where the award had been sent for safekeeping from the storm. Edwards was amazed to spy the not-very-gleaming polished wooden daggerboard lying right in the path of an oncoming bulldozer clearing away debris strewn roadways. He snatched the trophy out of the way of the truck just in time. The story of rescuing the damsel's trophy in distress will never be forgotten as it is now included in a plaque of its own on the trophy.

Anne's win at this year's North Americans distinguishes her as the youngest woman currently in the elite group of two-time women Sunfish champions. Until she won the last race at Wawasee, Anne was tied overall with Linda Tillman, a grandmother, former champion, the host of the event on her own lake and the mother of two adult daughters who learned early they would never be able to catch their mother once she got on a Sunfish. (Undeterred, both Susan Berg and Libbie Fitzgerald flew in from Washington to compete against their mom and the rest of us. Susan, who was once on the Olympic windsurfing training team, triumphed with a first place race on Sunday.)

Sarah Levinson brought her own mother along from Massachusetts to cheer her on. Jean Bergman, now over seventy, is a legend in the Midwest- not just for winning four Women’s North American Championships. At the end of two days of racing Jean, wearing wet clothes, a smile, and without a word about the hip replacement from which she is still recovering, helped stragglers such as me take my boat out of the water.

Winds on Saturday were light and fluky and shifty, which provided surprising race results. Some at the back of the fleet like to think luck played a hand in wind shifts that the winners kept getting, but the winners clearly showed a more skillful aptitude for finding air. Sunday was a stronger wind, but I got headed no matter which tack I chose. We had the added challenge of being caught in the kind of chop you might see in your washing machine if you were to lift the lid while a full load was cycling. Sunday also had a markedly more competitive feel, perhaps due to my being caught on the outside of a giant pinwheel at what seemed like every mark. I absolutely loved our black gift bags, which were much larger than the kind given out at children's birthday parties and each labeled with our names. The regatta T-shirts are great also as they are made for women and have scooped necks and run in small sizes. The Tillmans ran a wonderful regatta with a crew of outstanding volunteers doing the races, giving out water, putting up with us over two nights in their homes, preparing outstanding meals, sharing photos taken during the races and being extraordinarily warm and friendly. We even were treated to a game of Pink Flamingo racing on Saturday night.

Want to learn more about Pink Flamingo racing? Plan to do a regatta at Wawasee Yacht Club next summer.
As the seasons change, so does sailing... The new class website is up and running. The possibilities to make it better are here and all you have to do is learn how! We all need to make the time to learn how to update our own areas. Including me! I want to thank Brian McGinnis for leading this project. Also, please check the website for the latest updates concerning the racing schedule. International Masters and Midwinters have been scheduled for you take one week off and participate in both regattas. Throw in Team Racing in between and you have a full week of sailing on your schedule. Masters will be Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Team Racing will be Wednesday. Midwinters will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Travel time between the two clubs is approximately two hours or 100 miles down scenic US Hwy 98.

North Americans will be in Erie, PA and I look forward to visiting a nearby area where my grandparents grew up. Please schedule your time now.

You’ve likely heard that Performance Sailcraft purchased Vanguard Sailboats last year and that the company has a new name: LaserPerformance. As the manufacturer of Sunfish changes, I am looking forward to being a part of the team to strengthen the Class’s relationship with the manufacturer and to help the Class grow.

2007 Active Sunfish Fleets across the United States

Congratulations to the listed United States Sunfish Fleets that achieved Active Fleet status in 2007. To establish a new or renew a Fleet Charter, an association presently composed of five or more registered owners of Sunfish sailboats whose registration numbers are issued by the United States Sunfish Class Association may make application to the United States Sunfish Class Association for a Fleet Charter to be granted to it under the organization name. Thanks to US Fleet Chair Terry Beadle for tracking the information for this report.

Sunfish is the host boat for US SAILING Single-hand Championship (O’Day Trophy). We need to make a big impression by participating in mass in your quarter and semi final ladder events. Also US SAILING Champion of Champions will be in Sunfish. So any of you 2007 champions of any class, please submit your resume to participate in this event. I’m going out on a limb, but two current members of the Sunfish class will be submitting their names. Anne Edwards (Women’s Sunfish North American Champion) and Peter Sladovich (Rhodes 19 North American Champion). Eduardo Cordero?? Bobby Boger?? Paul Foerster??

I will always state this: Bring a junior. Share your boat. Travel with a junior. Show them what Sunfish is all about.

See ya’ll this year!
Clinton Edwards

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Florida Region
Fleet 651 Davis Island
Fleet 669 Melbourne Yacht Club
Fleet 154 Sarasota Sailing Squadron

Gulf Coast Region
Fleet 511 Mississippi Gulf Coast

Mid-Atlantic Region
Fleet 648 Avalon Yacht Club
Fleet 158 Cooper River
Fleet 209 Green Pond Yacht Club
Fleet 23 Highland Lakes
Fleet 156 Hunterdon Sailing Club
Fleet 702 Lake of the Woods Sailing Association
Fleet 538 Lavallette Yacht Club
Fleet 644 Lewes Yacht Club
Fleet 611 Marsh Creek
Fleet 148 Metedeconk River
Fleet 17 Mountain Lakes
Fleet 200 Rehoboth Bay
Fleet 565 Smokerise Sailing Club
Fleet 185 Spray Beach Yacht Club
Fleet 190 Stone Harbor
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Fleet 254 Portage Yacht Club
Fleet 680 Wawasee Yacht Club

Fleet 522 Wolf Lake Yacht Club

New England Region
Fleet 155 Barrington Yacht Club
Fleet 84 Bolton Lake
Fleet 74 Wequaquak Lake

New York Region
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Fleet 579 Galway Lake
Fleet 260 Mattituck Yacht Club
Fleet 442 Moriches Bay
Fleet 512 Narrasketuck
Fleet 55 Point O’Woods
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Fleet 632 Mission Bay

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Gail Turluck
Whitehurst Wins Gulf Coast Regional Championship #2 at BWYC

The fleet was small, but strong with competitors including the current Women's North American Champion, the International Masters Champion, and the top-ranked US Sunfish sailor. Eleven boats completed five races on Saturday, November 3, 2007 in almost perfect conditions. Even with the small fleet, sailors from Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida (both panhandle and peninsula), New York, and South Carolina participated.

The breeze unexpectedly built during the day. Both the current and shifty conditions kept the fleet close with many "beat you by a nose" finishes. After five races the competitors headed to shore for gumbo and étouffée and to watch the LSU-Alabama game. Sunday's races were cancelled and trophies were awarded.

Results were Tom Whitehurst (Pensacola, FL), Zane Yoder, Karl Klienschrodt, Brian McGinnis (Remsenburg, NY), Peter Wterscher (Metairie, LA), Rick Whitehurst (Top Master - Charleston, SC), Chris Friend (New Orleans, LA), Todd Edwards (Rondinella Champion - Baton Rouge, LA), Judy Reeves (Top Female), Nick Doty (Top Junior - Pass Christian, MS), and last but not least, Anne Edwards (first time Todd has finished ahead of his wife [Anne] in a long time!).

Thanks to Larry Keith, Kathleen Jenkins, Sue Magee, Steve Benvenuti, Chalise Brodtmann, James Edwards, Rae Edwards, Chad Edwards for their help with the regatta.

- Clinton Edwards (PRO)
Gust Shines at Arlington Yacht Club Oktoberfish Regatta

Saturday September 29, 2007 dawned to a glassy Lake Arlington nestled between Arlington and Fort Worth, TX. As our weather tends to move across from the west to east there was hope that by 11:00am we would have some wind on which to start on time. And we did.

Saturday proved to be an interesting day with winds 5-10 mostly out of the south southeast but with occasional puffs to 12-14 and shifts that would sometimes go almost due south and sometimes go east southeast, providing some wild 60 degree shifts. But we had wind!

The race format was not the usual for Sunfish circuit regattas but proved to be very successful, with lots of enthusiasm from the competitors. C.P. Burks and his race crew ran "collegiate" starts and very short courses, allowing us to get in 13 races. For those not familiar, the starting sequence is three minutes long and uses only audible signals.

Four of our usual "fastfolk", plus one new player, dominated the top five positions, but only Greg Gust (Rockwall, TX) was not subject to occasional "learning experiences" of sufficient magnitude to produce a noticeable drop in position.

Jamie Rabbit (Irving, TX) pulled off second overall. Jamie did also drop to an alarming fourth place in one race when an unnamed Clydesdale Division competitor got a good lane and passed him to windward. Logically, being 80 pounds lighter than the Clydesdale in winds that were in the 8mph range at the time, it is suspected that Jamie had been fishing on that leg and was being slowed by a 40 pound channel cat on his line, or something like that.

Texas Sunfish Diva Ellen Burks' (Ft. Worth, TX) results show how tight the sailing really was. Ellen finished third, though she had only three finishes better than a fourth and nothing worse than a seventh. At sundown Saturday she was in fourth behind David McCary (Shreveport, LA) and despairing that he had become some sort of light air wizard. When we checked the NOAA broadcast at 9am Sunday and she heard that it was blowing 21 out of the southeast in Abilene, her spirits soared and David developed a nervous tick. While it only picked up to 15-17 Sunday while we were racing, that was enough to rattle David's cage and let Ellen beat up on him, showing him back to a still respectable fourth place. With Greg, Jamie, Ellen, and David accounted for, and Paul Foerster and Warren Fitzpatrick not racing this regatta, the really active fast guys on the Texas Circuit were accounted for. Then here came this guy from Houston, pickin' on the rest of us and pestering Greg and the "Frontrunners Gang". Pete Meeh (Lake Shores, TX) came in as a dark horse and got everyone's attention with a fifth place.

Which brings us to Vic Manning (Austin, TX), finishing sixth overall and first Grand Master. Vic sailed well in light air then sailed like a man possessed on Sunday as the breezes picked up. Not bad for a certifiable gray bearded geezer!

The only disappointment of the regatta was the complete absence of any junior representation (we gotta fix that, Texas circuitfolk!)

\[By Don Bynum #79138\]
**Southeast Regional**
Charleston YC - Charleston, SC  
July 21-22, 2007

1 Rick Whitehurst 5-2-1-5-2 15  
2 Rob Eberle 9-1-2-7-1 20  
3 Matthew Swan 3-4-4-1-8 20  
4 Meta Frasch 2-5-5-13-5 30  
5 Will Cabell 6-3-3-8-10 30  
6 Michael Poulnot 1-14-13-9-6 43  
7 Dayton Colie 7-12-6-12-7 44  
8 Foster Marshall 11-6-14-3-11 44  
9 Reid Cabiness 13-7-11-1-4 46  
10 Peter Rupp 14-19-7-4-3 47  
11 Chris Gates 15-8-8-10-9 50  
12 Drew Liscki 10-16-12-6-14 58  
13 Philip Bryan, Sr 12-9-10-15-12 58  
14 Charlie Frasch 8-10-17-14-16 65  
15 Wiley Marshall 17-17-15-3-15 67  
16 Jessica Bates 21-15-18-16-13 83  
17 Keene Nettles 19-13-9-DF-DC 93  
18 Chris Pagliaro 22-20-19-17-17 95  
19 Flip Bryan 18-11-16-DC-DC 97  
20 Lauren Hamm 4-18-DF-DC-DC 100  
21 Jack Cabell 16-DF-DC-DC-DC 120  
22 David Mahre 20-DF-DC-DC-DC 124  
23 Will Black 36-DF-DC-DC-DC 127  
24 Rose Rowland DC-DC-DC-DC-DC 130  
25 Billy Lesemann DS-DC-DC-DC-DC 130

**Western Regional**
Santa Barbara, CA  
October 27-28, 2007

1 Bob Cronin 1-1-DC-DC-DC 12  
2 Jennie McCarthy 2-2-2-DC-DC-DC 15

**Florida Regional**
Clearwater YC - Clearwater, FL  
October 27-28, 2007

1 Dave Mendelblatt (1)-1-1-1-1-1-1 6  
2 Joe Blouin 4-3-2-(7)-3-3-3 18  
3 Paul Strauley (6)-2-6-2-4-4-5 23  
4 James Liebl 2-(11)-4-5-5-7-2 25  
5 Tony Elliott 7-8-3-6-8-(12)-8 40  
6 David Hartman (12)-7-8-4-7-11-4 41  
7 Chris Gates 5-9-10-3-9-8-(11) 44  
8 Mindy Strauley 8-4-5-11-5-(12) 44  
9 Steve honour 3-10-(RF)-DC-2-2-7 45  
10 Colin Park 10-6-7-(12)-10-6-6 45  
11 Fred Hutchinson 9-5-9-(10)-6-10-9 48  
12 Dave Kaighin 13-12-11-(14)-13-9-10 68  
13 David Billing 11-14-15-9-(16)-15-16 80  
14 Paul Odegard (17)-13-12-13-14-14-14 80  
16 Judy Widge 15-16-14-8-15-(18)-15 85  
17 Loretta Gauthier 14-17-14-18-(16)-18 95  
18 Bev Dolezel (18)-18-17-17-17-17-17 103  
19 Kathleen Forde 16-19-18-19-(DF)-19-20 111  
20 Theresa Kresge (20)-20-19-18-19-20-19 115

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**Gust Glides to Grand Prize in Southwest #2**

Gust Gust (Rockwall, TX) dominated the Southwest Regional Championship South on July 28-29, 2007, winning by six points over Jamey Rabbit (Irving, TX) followed by Hank Saurage (Baton Rouge, LA) another ten points behind. Light and extremely shifty winds dominated the weekend. It rained all around us but stayed dry for the entire weekend. Canyon Lake's level was 10 feet above full and continued to rise, causing a lot of floating debris and trash to be on the water. The positive item was that the walk up the ramp was only half as far and you could get to the top without too much wheezing.

Bubba Horner and his crew did a fantastic job with the races and were fairly successful staying up with the constantly changing wind direction. We got most of race one in before the wind went completely away. After an hour or so ashore, the “stucker wind” took everyone back out for a second try only to turn race two into a reachfest. Race three was the best race of the weekend with the wind storming through at about 5mph and only about a 10-degree shift.

Sunday morning was about the same with variable and constantly shifting winds. Race 4 saw Greg, Jamey, Ellen, and Fred Lindsey run away from the rest of the fleet and Warren OCS. This put Warren and Ellen tied for fourth going into the last race. During Race 5, Bill Jackson and Ash Beatty finally found the gas pedal and finished toward the top with Jamey between them.

El beat out Warren after he found the “Hole from Hell” and everyone sailed around him.

Special THANKS to Dave McCary for making the long trip from Shreveport, La. and finishing in seventh place. Thank you, Bubba and LCYC, for a great event held under trying conditions.

- By C.P. Burks, SWR Traveling Reporter

**Southwest Regional South**
LCYC - Canyon Lake, TX  
July 28-29, 2007

1 Greg Gust 1-3-1-1-1 7  
2 Jamey Rabbit 5-1-2-2-3 13  
3 Hank Saurage 2-2-9-5-5 23  
4 Ellen Burks 6-9-3-3-7 28  
5 Warren Fitzpatrick 1-3-4-6-8-11 32  
6 Ash Beatty 12-11-4-7-2 36  
7 David McCary 7-5-13-6-6 37  
8 Fred Lindsey 7-4-DF-5-4-12 40  
9 Dave Sanford 8-8-6-10-9-10 43  
10 Chris Besch 9-8-8-14-8 47  
11 Gary Bourgeois 4-11-7-10-13 48  
12 Bill Jackson 13-10-14-11-4 52  
13 Tony Collins 10-12-11-9-5 54  
14 Harold Simmons 14-13-12-14 66

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Windward Leg - Issue 3, 2007
Wild and Wiley Warren Wins Wonderful Wichita Whitecap Wegatta

For some reason the boredom of being home for five weeks without a regatta had set in so we loaded up the 'Fish and headed out Friday morning to go sailing. Warren Fitzpatrick had invited us to his old home lake to sail and we had decided to tag along. An email to everyone else found no other Texas idiots to jump off the bridge with us so we headed off alone to meet Warren plus the Tulsa gang who had said they would be there.

We arrived late-afternoon at beautiful Cheney State Park - the club is in the park. There was lots of activity due to this also being the Area F Bemis Cup qualifier regatta for the <18 gang. We set up our campsite and got both the boats unloaded and assembled before dark. We were serenaded to sleep by Warren and the Hobie guys across the inlet.

Saturday morning everyone else started rolling in and we found that there were seven Fish from Tulsa plus the three of us from Texas and five Kansas Sunfish. There were also Lasers, Sweet Sixteen’s, the Bemis bunch in 420s and a handicap fleet made up of Hobies and Keelboats. We had the largest fleet at the regatta.

The wind was light, in the 3-6 mph range for the first two races and then the air came up to about 10 for the last one. What a weird wave/chop pattern this lake has; it just seemed impossible to make it to the windward mark.

Whichever way you went was the wrong direction. We had three races Saturday with Ellen Burks blasting off and winning the first two and then Skeeter Chilton winning the third with Warren second and Ellen third. After sailing we had one of our soon to be famous “Sunfish Mixers” hosted by Tom Weatherholt (he brought the cooler full of beer) and C.P.’s usual munchies. By now most of us had a little buzz and were ready to eat.

Dinner was an incredible Progressive Gastronomic Orgy; each group from the club sponsored a course starting with appetizers, then salads, then a roast pig (wearing a Regatta Hat) with all the trimmings followed by endless deserts. There was more food there than I have seen since my last Burks Family Reunion.

Sunday morning came way too soon and without the 15-20 I had dreamed of; back to the 3-6 of yesterday and still not being able to get to the windward mark. Warren used his local knowledge and took the bullet in Race 4 and Steve Elliot of WSC took it for race five.

Since the Sunfish were the largest fleet this also made us the Perpetual Trophy winner and now Warren has his name on it for the second time. Three of our fleet had won the trophy previously.

– By C.P. Burks

Whitecap Regatta
Ninnescah SA Wichita, KS
July 21-22, 2007

1 Warren Fitzpatrick NSA 11
2 Steve Elliot WSC 13
3 Skeeter Chilton WSC 15
4 Ellen Burks AYC 16
5 Gill Greenwood WSC 29
6 Lisa Weatherholt WSC 34
7 Matt Fuller JCSS 37
8 Mike Fuller JCSS 41
9 Gail Ayres WSC 42
10 Alan Crane NSA 44
11 Steve Snider WSC 58
12 C.P. Burks AYC 60
13 JoAnn Chandler WS 62

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Condon Wins His Third World's Longest Sunfish Race

John Condon (Mattituck, NY) joined an elite group of people on July 8, 2007 when he won the 37th Annual World's Longest Sunfish Race Around Shelter Island, NY. Condon became the fourth three-time winner of this event.

Twenty-six sailors started and 25 completed the counterclockwise rounding of Shelter Island in west-northwest breezes of 8-10 knots at the start and west-southwest winds of 15-20 knots for the last five miles from the entrance to Greenport harbor back to the finish in Southold Bay off the host Southold YC.

The fleet was bunched together as it fought the current while passing Paradise Point but began to spread out with Geoff Loffredo (Old Westbury, NY), Rebecca Rothman (Peconic, NY), and Bart Hale (New York, NY) leading the way past the South Ferry. Around Mashomack Point, Condon moved to the top six with Ryan Messina and Andre Lekich (West Chester, PA). Ivo Lekich (West Chester, PA), Sean Sullivan, and Joe Sullivan (New York, NY) rounded out the top 10 with Rothman still setting the pace. As the fleet entered Greenport harbor, the wind continued to increase and the sail and power boat traffic was enormous with waves and chop hitting three-four feet in height. The conditions proved too much for the very slight, 16-year-old Rothman, and after sailing brilliantly for 17 miles, she began to fade. Conversely, Condon, who is built like an NFL linebacker, was all smiles. He flattened his boat and accelerated, finishing the course in the second fastest time ever recorded, 3:27:07.

Loffredo finished second in 3:29 but not without some excitement. Just as he approached the finish line, his mast broke, and with the mainsail attached, tumbled over the side of the boat. His momentum enabled him to cross the finish line, and the first words of the stunned sailor to Commodore & Race Committee Chairman Peter Moore, who was recording the order of finish, was “Did I finish?” To Loffredo’s great relief, “Yes,” came the reply. Awards were presented to the top five finishers. Hale placed third, ten seconds ahead of Sean Sullivan. Messina trailed Sullivan by two seconds and edged out Andre Lekich by one second for the fifth place trophy.

At age 70, Joe Sullivan, who placed seventh, was the first Master-Over-50 to finish and his name will go on the Heinl-Lyman Octogenarian Plaque, an award established two years ago to honor Dick Heinl, 82, who placed tenth and Keith Lyman, 83, the oldest winner of The Race at age 79, who this year placed thirteenth. This was Heinl’s 30th consecutive race tying him with Fred Pati from Wantagh, NY, who competed in every race from its inauguration in 1971 to 2000, when he retired from competition at age 75.

Sullivan, who competed in his 35th race said that the five-mile jaunt from Greenport to Southold was the most physically demanding of any of the 35 races in which he has sailed.

The Peggy Wagner Memorial Plaque, which is presented to the first female finisher, was awarded to Anne Kochendorfer, who finished ahead of Mary Loffredo by a mere 51 seconds.

-Sue Johnson

World's Largest Sunfish Race
Southold YC - Shelter Island, NY
July 8, 2007

1 John Condon Mattituck YC 3:27:07
2 Geoff Loffredo Southold YC 3:29:46
3 Bart Hale SYC 3:32:07
4 Sean Sullivan SYC 3:32:17
5 Ryan Messina UNK 3:32:19
6 Andre Lekich SYC 3:32:20
7 Joe Sullivan SYC 3:34:43
8 Jeff Anderson SYC 3:36:52
9 Ivo Lekich SYC 3:37:25
10 Dick Heinl Seawanhaka YS 3:41:14
11 Anne Kochendorfer Hempstead YC 3:46:06
12 Mary Loffredo SYC 3:46:57
13 Keith Lyman East Marion, NY 3:47:36
14 Scott Stuart Moriches YC 3:47:37
15 John Cato Mattituck YC 3:48:48
16 Jim Corncushia SYC 3:51:54
17 Walter Preston SYC 3:54:44
18 Jeff Oak SYC 3:57:18
19 Rebecca Rothman SYC 4:02:00
20 Peter Young SYC 4:02:41
21 Robert Stuart Moriches YC 4:09:52
22 Rich Cato Mattituck YC 4:10:54
23 Scott Hein Seawanhaka YS 4:17:30
24 Kathryn & Matt Campbell SYC 4:18:19
25 Eric Jensen SYC 4:27:00
26 Navid Ahmadzadeh SYC DNF

Huberman Wins Sayville, NY Junior Olympics

On August 11-12, 2007 Sayville YC hosted the Junior Olympics. In addition to the Olympic class boats, Sunfish and Optimists were included in the regatta, with Sunfish outnumbering Lasers. The first day, shifty light air from the NE challenged the sailors. The second day, the usual SW came in, providing the 13 sailors with very different conditions throughout the weekend. In all, eight races were completed.

Joey Huberman of Wet Pants SA had a strong regatta and finished first with 12 points. Westhampton YS’s Hansen Johnson (18 points) had a strong second day to overtake second place from Kia Olsson (25 points). Conrad Voller of Wet Pants SA, who did a horizon job in the last race, finished in a close 4th with 28 points.

It was great to see young Sunfish racers Nick Valente and Nick Klinger trying to hike their boats flat in the 8-10 mph winds. The racing was close between Bryan Johnson, Mac Fluer, Chelsea Cook, Luke Hiekling, Sarah Tanzer, Scott Fogel and John Zino who all finished within boat lengths of each other all weekend.

-Lee Montes #2
Regional News

Upstate NY Regional Won by Sailor Actually From Upstate NY!

Nineteen competitors raced in the Sunfish Regionals held at Canandaigua YC on August 11-12, 2007. It was good to see new and familiar faces, although we were somewhat relieved not to see Team New England show up and steal away all our trophies. Winds were very light, so hats off to everyone for grunting and sweating it out in very trying conditions. Best conditions were very early on Sunday morning as we sailed in the anti-sea breeze, or drainage, when racing started very promptly at 9:00am. The strict adherence to the SI schedule caught some off-guard. Mark May, for example, first sailed the anti-sea breeze, or drainage, when racing past the stern of the committee boat with 22 seconds to spare in the sequence!

Doug Kaukeinen, Rochester CC, concluded his away-from-the-Sunfish-class sabbatical with a very impressive string of first places. CYC’s own Jim Gindling did the club proud with his series. We also welcomed two new sailors to Sunfish racing and it is our hope they will return for more.

As always, special thanks to those who made the effort to go the distance to attend. Hope to see you next time!

— Stephen Smeluder

Cordero Makes Clean Sweep in Downstate NY Regional

Upstate NY Regionals: (L-R) Brian McGinnis, 3rd; Jim Gindling, 5th; Mark Weider, 6th; Mary Schmidt, 11th; Aby Giles, 19th; Doug Kaukeinen, 1st; Mark May, 2nd.

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New York Downstate Regional
Sayville YC Blue Point, NY
July 14-15, 2007

1 Eduardo Cordero 1-1-1-1-1-1-(DF) 6
2 Derek Jackson 5-(9)-3-6-2-1 20
3 Paul-Jon Patin 2-(8)-4-4-4-3 20
4 Kenny Mockridge 4-(16)-6-6-5-4 31
5 Michael Collins 10-2-10-3-(11)-5 32
6 Larry Suter (9)-6-8-2-2-8-7 33
7 Mark May 8-5-(9)-5-4-2 33
8 Bobby Boger 6-3-7-7-7-5-(18) 45
9 Simon Stampe 12-7-13-9-11-8 56
10 Brian McGinnis (16)-4-7-8-13-12-12 57
11 Lee Montes 7-(12)-10-12-10-9 60
12 Ken Charles 11-13-11-15-14-(21)-6 70
13 Kathleen Remmer 17-(23)-5-8-18-14-17 79
14 John Condon (27)-18-12-19-17-17-10 93
15 Joel Furman 18-11-15-(13)-(DS)-20-20 97
16 Todd Klinger 19-20-19-21-(DS)-15-14 108
17 Bill McAulughlin (31)-17-29-26-15-7-16 110
18 Todd Pearce 22-22-20-17-18-(DS) 117
19 Peter Fraker (33)-15-14-11-27-29-22 118
20 Anne Patin 3-25-25-(32)-23-28-25 129
21 Spencer Olsson 34-28-25-(39)-10-12-11 130
22 Ted Cremer 32-(35)-28-25-19-16-13 133
23 Hansen Johnson 13-26-22-27-(28)-23-23 134
24 George Jackson 23-(37)-26-35-16-30-15 145
25 David Davies 29-29-24-16-(DS)-26-21 145
26 Oliver Evans (35)-34-31-28-22-19-19 153

27 Korey Charles 25-(41)-30-30-24-22-24 155
28 Marguerite Koehler 20-33-18-23-21-(DS)-DS 168
29 Per Stampe 30-30-36-22-25-27-(DS) 170
30 John White 38-10-21-31-26-(DS) 179
31 Peter Wells 15-19-16-24-(DS) 180
32 Dan Glashausser (36)-24-34-33-30-29 181
33 Michael Spicer 21-21-23-14-(DS) 185
34 Tim Shiebler 37-39-40-(DF)-29-24-27 196
35 Bart Hale 14-27-33-20-(DS) 200
36 Daniel Desmond 46-43-37-29-(DS)-25-26 206
37 Bill Betts 42-32-27-37-(DS) 211
39 Chris Harris 28-38-(DS)-31-33-31 214
40 Kurt Charles 39-40-41-(DF)-33-34-30 217
41 James Koehler 24-14-(DS) 250
42 Conrad Voi le 26-(DF)-(DS)-32-35 252
43 Mary Charles 40-31-39-(DS)-38-38 254
44 Jeff Rose 43-36-38-34-(DS) 257
45 Garrison Conwin 44-46-42-(DS) 291
46 Bryan Johnson 50-44-43-(DF)-33-35 296
47 Nick Valente 49-49-44-(DF) 301
48 James Fink 45-45-(DS) 302
49 Douglas Vole 47-47-(DS) 306
50 Andrew Cremer 48-50-(DS) 310
51 Michael Pupura 51-48-(DS) 311
52 Megan Keating (DS)-DS-DS-DS-DS-DS 318

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Chapman Wins 2007 Midwest Series

This is the fourth year for the Midwest Regatta Series. We had 95 participants spread over six regattas in three states in 2007. Hueston Woods in Ohio; Douglas Lake and Devils Lake in Michigan; and Lake Bluff YC, North Shore YC, and the Johnson Slough YC in Illinois were host clubs this year. All the yacht clubs provided the sailors with delicious meals and outstanding hospitality.

This year's winner was Rich Chapman, who has now won the series three out of the four years. Second was Fritz Hanselman, completing four years as the runner-up. Third was Leland Brode, which meant that the top three places in 2007 were taken by Lake Bluff YC sailors. Fourth was Tom Katterheinrich from Ohio and the Midwest's regional representative. Rounding out the top five was Bill Nelson from the Arlington Heights Club in Illinois.

Thanks again to everyone involved for making this another fun filled summer series.

- Fritz Hanselman
Regional News

Norton wins in Perrysburg

June 9, 2007 was a beautiful day for sailing in Perrysburg, OH. The racing was close in most races. We ate well, it doesn’t get any better. I met Josh Kerst, a fast J-24 sailor who recently was persuaded by his neighbor, Matt Heywood, to try Sunfish racing. Josh was energetic about his first Sunfish Regatta and was near the lead in a lot of races. The river winds do act very strange at times and ruined some good positions for him. It is always neat to see a new face enjoying Sunfish racing. We should see Josh more in the future. The Perrysburg Regatta has been getting larger attendance each year. It sure is a nice trend.

- Tom Katterheinrich

PBC Invitational
Perrysburg BC - Perrysburg, OH
June 9, 2007

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The Great Pumpkin Returns with New Royalty!

Not only has the Pumpkin returned, it boasts a new King and a new Queen!

Whazzat, you say? Well, for untold reasons, the 2006 Great Pumpkin Regatta at Johnson Slough, in Hinsdale, IL was cancelled. With great fanfare, the faithful were contacted, the event confirmed, and on Saturday, October 13, 2007, sixteen hearty Sunfish sailors gathered on the shores of the 34 acre dog-legged lake to celebrate the reinstitution of the traditional season-ending regatta. Rumors abounded where they had left off, two years before.

Oddly, the weather was not frightful. A rather mild day, with temperatures in the 50s, made for comfortable sailing. The Johnson Slough YC ran three races, in gradually building breezes (from very little time, coffee and donuts appeared in the park, sailors pulled in, unloaded and rigged their Sunfish, and racers picked up right where they had left off, two years before.

The fourth race had light, but steady winds, rather mild day, with temperatures in the weather was not frightful. A rather mild day, with temperatures in the 50s, made for comfortable sailing. The sailors had enough that the RC got inspired and broke out all their course indicators and sent the anyw ay? Race 5 was cut down to a single triangle in the main body of the Slough. It took nearly an hour to complete with few zephyrs to be found. Some had enough fun and went in, but a sixth race was contested. After that race, quite surprisingly, there was a three-way tie for first place. The rule book was dug out, Class officers consulted, and when the situation was properly evaluated, Scott Schappe came out on top and was named winner and new Slough King. Among the female contingent, the highest finisher was Sandi Youngman, and she became the new Slough Queen.

There are rumors of a 2008 Icebreaker, possibly in May.

-Gail M. Turluck

Great Pumpkin Regatta Johnson Slough YC - Hinsdale, IL October 13, 2007

| 1 Scott Schappe | 1-1-2-5-(7)-5-7 | 14 |
| 2 Fritz Hanselman | 2-5-5-1-1-(6)-6 | 14 |
| 3 David Anderson | 3-(7)-3-2-5-1-7 | 14 |
| 4 Sandi Youngman | 6-(11)-6-8-2-2-11 | 24 |
| 5 Bill Nelson | (12)-2-4-7-9-3-12 | 25 |
| 6 Dave Haufe | (10)-(10)-1-6-3-10-10 | 30 |
| 7 David Michals | 7-9-(8)-4-8-4-9 | 31 |
| 8 Leland Brode | 4-4-10-3-(11)-DS-DS | 32 |
| 9 Dennis Parsons | 5-3-9-(9)-10-9-10 | 35 |
| 10 Charlie Rush | 9-6-12-DF-4-(DS)-DS | 39 |
| 11 Tom Katterheinrich | (15)-13-7-10-13-7-15 | 50 |
| 12 Gail Turluck | 13-12-11-11-6-(DS)-DS | 53 |
| 13 Jim Irwin | 8-8-13-DF-DF-(DS)-DS | 63 |
| 14 Eric Hoveke | 12-(15)-14-12-14-11-15 | 63 |
| 15 Steve King | 14-14-(15)-13-15-8-15 | 64 |
| 16 Bill Kovach | (16)-16-16-14-12-16-16 | 70 |

Heywood at Clark Lake

Tim Dowling Memorial Clark Lake YC - Clark Lake, MI September 22-23, 2007

| 1 Matt Heywood | 4-4-3-1-1 | 13 |
| 2 Tom Katterheinrich | 3-1-1-2-8 | 15 |
| 3 Rob Stephenson | 1-2-4-5-6 | 18 |
| 4 Gail Turluck | 2-3-7-6-4 | 22 |
| 5 Ryan Mabie | 7-5-5-3 | 23 |
| 6 Don Jones | 6-7-2-8-2 | 25 |
| 7 Rex Rogers | 5-6-6-4-5 | 26 |
| 8 John Fenton | 8-8-8-7-7 | 38 |

Norton Takes Portage

A fun regatta with MC Scows and Sunfish was held this past August 25-26 in Pinckney, MI. Some of the races had a pretty good measure of wind. The sailors enjoyed the beautiful facilities of the club and enjoyed the great picnic at the awards.

-Tom Katterheinrich

ScowFish Regatta

Portage YC - Pinckney, MI August 25-26, 2007

| 1 Dan Norton | 1-1-1-1-2-1-1 | 6.5 |
| 2 Stu Pettitt | 3-2-3-2-1-3-3 | 16.75 |
| 3 Ron McHenry | 2-3-2-3-3-2-2 | 17 |
| 4 Tom Katterheinrich | 4-4-5-4-5-5 | 36 |
| 5 Bob Reed | 8-9-4-5-4-7-6 | 43 |
| 6 Steve Kraft | 5-5-7-6-4-10 | 44 |
| 7 Carole Mood | 11-6-6-7-11-11 | 55 |
| 8 Ryan Mabie | 6-7-10-8-10-10-5 | 56 |
| 9 Jill Rogowski | 9-10-8-10-11-6-7 | 61 |
| 10 Bill O'Donnell | 10-11-9-8-9-4 | 62 |
| 11 Jerry Best | 7-8-11-9-8-DC | 64 |

Great Pumpkin Regatta (L-R) Bill Kovach, Pumpkin Award; Bill Nelson, 5th; Sandi Youngman, 4th; Dave Anderson, 3rd; Fritz Hanselman, 2nd; Scott Schappe, 1st.

(Photos: Gail Turluck)
Charles Gets the CT Governor’s Trophy

The Connecticut Governors Trophy Sunfish Regatta was held August 25, 2007 on Bantam Lake in light southerly breezes. Ken Charles dominated winning all but one of the five races. Bill McInnes last years winner placed 2nd, and Kurt Charles edged out Gordon Geick for 3rd by one point. Gerhart Menzel took 1st in the one race not won by Ken.

--Paul Borse

Governor’s Trophy
Bantam Lake, CT
August 25, 2007

1 Ken Charles 6
2 Bill McInnes 11
3 Kurt Charles 20
4 Gordon Geick 21
5 Bernie Spence 29
6 Gerhart Menzel 31.75
7 Paul Borse 35
8 Rick Schlosser 41
9 Terry Ryan 42
10 John Reddick 44
11 Mike Moulthrop 54

2007 Massapoag Champ is Skrzypiec

MYC 58th Annual Regatta
Massapoag YC - Sharon, MA
September 7, 2007

1 John Skrzypiec 1-1-2-1-3 8
2 Alan Beckwith 2-3-3-4-2 14
3 Bill Brangiforte 9-2-1-2-1 15
4 Ken Charles 4-5-6-9-4 28
5 Bill McInnes 6-4-5-8-6 29
6 Drew Staniar 8-12-4-3-5 32
7 Rapid Buttner 3-9-13-7-11 43
8 Eric Woodward 7-11-9-6-10 43
9 Korey Charles 12-8-10-5-9 44
10 Bill Harris 5-14-8-11-8 46
11 Paul Odegaard 11-7-11-10-12 51
12 Gordon Geick 10-10-12-18-7 57
13 Kurt Charles 13-12-7-12-13 57
14 Paul Borse 14-6-15-14-14 63
15 Rick Schlosser 15-15-14-13-18 75
16 Harvey Pentleton 18-18-18-18-15 87
17 Laura Hackell 16-18-18-18-18 88

Montes Takes Long Island!

The Long Island Sunfish Championships were held September 15 at Wet Pants Sailing Association in Sayville, Long Island, NY.

The wind was generally coming out of the North and switched to the NW. Sailor Bart Hale noted, "I think the range of wind was from 8mph to 40 in the first race." This might have not been too far off as a big wind shift, accompanied the huge increase in velocity, knocking three boats over instantly. Kings Point Alum Todd Kurkiewicz was in first, but was hurt when he stalled at the first leeward mark and had an OCS.

Brian McGinnis, new USSCA webmaster, dialed in his boat to overcome the heavy conditions and thrived in the heavy wind. Second place finisher in the Junior North Americans, Spencer Olssen, sailed his new Worlds boat to be the First Junior, while his 13 year old sister, Kia sailed well and finished as third Junior behind Luke Hickling of Westhampton Yacht Squadron. Overall, Lee Montes edged out Brian McGinnis in a tiebreaker to win the Long Island Sunfish Championship.

--Lee Montes #2

Charles Wins Spofford

Spofford Lake Sunfish Regatta
Spofford Lake, NH
August 11, 2007

1 Ken Charles 1-1-1-(11)-2-7-1-4 17
2 Bill McInnis 6-2-7-1-3-(10)-2-1 22
3 Paul Odegaard 3-3-9-3-1-(11)-5 28
4 Paul Henkel 2-6-2-5-6-6-5-(10) 32
5 Steve Lohmeier 8-10-13-2-(11)-3-3-7 44
6 Joe Rosen (13)-4-12-9-4-2-12-3 46
7 Curt Charles (14)-7-3-6-9-11-4-9 49
8 Bob Buttner 7-(13)-8-12-5-8-8-2 50
9 Gerhart Menzel 9-(14)-5-7-8-9-7-6 51
10 Steve Shriver 10-8-10-10-1-6-(13) 52
11 Ed Hnath 12-5-6-8-(14)-5-13-11 60
12 Gordon Geick 11-9-11-4-(12)-14-9-12 68
13 Janice Warren 5-11-4-13-13-12-(14)-14 72
14 Nelson Fegley 4-(DS)-DS-DS-10-13-10-8 79
15 Steve Langan DF-12-14-14-(DS)-DS-DS 108
16 P. Vanwageningen 15-15-15-DF-DF-(DS)-DS-DS 113
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**Windward Leg - Issue 3, 2007**
Krysta Rohde Wins ICSA Women's Single-Handed National Championship

By Todd Kutkiewicz

2005 Junior North America Sunfish Champion Krysta Rhode, (Beaufort YC in South Carolina) won the 2007-08 College Women's Single-Handed National Championship sailed November 2-4, 2007 in Seattle, WA. Krysta is a freshman at the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT.

For the last several years Krysta has been a top sailor and familiar face at many Sunfish National, Regional, and Women's events. She qualified for the 2004 and 2007 Sunfish World Championships and served as the Class Junior Representative for the last few years. Krysta has even attended clinics with eight-time Sunfish World Champion Eduardo Cordero. As a high school senior, she placed seventh at the 2007 Cressy High School Single-Handed Nationals and fourth at the 2006 Leiter Cup, US Sailing's Women's Junior Single-Handed Championship.

Krysta's parents have been instrumental in her success and are also well known throughout the Sunfish Class. Krysta's Dad, Dan Rohde, sailed Sunfish since his youth on the Great South Bay of Long Island. Dan grew up sailing at the Bellport YC, and was named All-American while sailing at the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY. Krysta's mom, Carrie, was a top sailor on the Kings Point Dinghy Team. Carrie started a sailing team at Krysta's High School in Richmond Hill, GA and has been the coach since its inception.

Krysta's win this fall is a tremendous testament to her hard work and determination, her parents' coaching, and the many opportunities the Sunfish Class has provided her. Congratulations!

Jeff Linton Wins Coveted US Sailing Rolex Award

Submitted by Lee Parks

Sunfish racer and 2007 Lightning World Champion Jeff Linton (Tampa, FL) is US Sailing's 2007 Rolex Yachtsman of the Year. Jeff took top honors in a field of ten outstanding sailors. 2007 Lightning World Champion Amy Linton was nominated for the Yachtswoman of the Year. A panel of noted sailing journalists determined the winners.

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