Zane Reigns in Midwinters

Alabamian Zane Yoder Bests 67

by Clinton Edwards

Congratulations to Zane Yoder of Fairhope Yacht Club for winning the first Midwinters of the new millennium. Zane's one point lead over Tom Whitehurst of Pensacola Yacht Club at the end of Saturday and Sunday's cancellation of racing due to bad weather assured Zane the victory. It would have been nice to see Zane and Tom battle for the championship as the third place was 20 points out. Seven races were completed allowing for everyone to drop a race. Approximately seventy boats competed in the 2000 US National Midwinters hosted by Fort Walton Yacht Club.

Thursday's Team Racing Championship was also cancelled due to bad weather; however, boats did practice on Thursday afternoon after the front passed through.

Friday's weather started out sunny with a very light breeze from the north. The first race was started in breezes just above drifting conditions. The first race was abandoned as the sea breeze filled in from the opposite direction. Three races were completed on Friday even though sea breeze was light, puffy, and shifty, providing conditions to challenge and frustrate all the sailors. Anne Patin took the early lead with two bullets while Zane kept close with one of his own.

Saturday's racing offered more breeze as some of the sailors left the beach with a Jens. Once on the water the Jens were "shaken out" as the breeze was very deceptive from the beach. The leader board for each race was also mixed up, as John Dane, Tom Whitehurst, Paul Hassinger, and Todd Edwards all took bullets.

Tom Whitehurst was Top Master, Gail Heausler Top Female, and Top Junior was Paul Hassinger. Ryan Hamilton, a 10 year old from Pontchartrain Yacht Club, received the Sportsmanship Award.

Funny notes ... John Dane, a sailor who needs no introduction, joined the class this year. In Saturday's second race while going downwind, John's son pulled along side. At this point John was in the forties and finished the first race in the forties. He commented about his performance (which was not at all what he expected) to his son who replied, "Well, Dad, you have your board in backwards." John's scores improved tremendously the 2nd day with 1, 2, 4. Nominations for Most Improved, anyone?

Saturday's night adventures also included Go-Kart Racing with two groups at two different locations. We will leave the rest of story on the water...

Complete results are on page 2.

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Upcoming Regattas ...

NA's/Junior NA's, Fairhope YC,
Fairhope, AL, June 16-23, 2000
(See notice of race page 10.)

US Masters, Bay-Waveland YC,
Bay St. Louis MS, Oct. 7-8, 2000

Joe Blouin Cleans up at the International Masters
Midwinter CHAMPIONSHIP Results

Ft. Walton Yacht Club, Ft. Walton Beach, FL
March 17 - 19, 2000

2000 MIDWINTERS Champ
Zane Yoder
Fairhope

SECOND PLACE
Tom Whitehurst
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THIRD PLACE
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Articles of interest, features, photos, and all regatta results are welcomed. For results, include in finish order: name, hometown, race-by-race finishes, final score and a wrap up including weather conditions and social aspects. Please clearly identify the content of photos and to whom credit should be given. Send articles to:

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The International Sunfish Masters Championship, attended by 60 aged 40+ sailors from Canada and the US had five races on Sarasota Bay, March 10-12. Winds Friday were light and flukey and two races were sailed. Joe Blouin won two of his four bullets on day 1 and everyone was scratching their heads watching his speed. Saturday came in with blustery, southerly winds hovering around the 18 knot mark. 3 races were sailed with Joe winning 2 more and Peter Branning of Sarasota winning the third. The reaches were wild and fast with positions changing often due to either catching a wave or being submerged by one. Sunday's winds came in with a front, with northerly winds up to 30 knots, so PRO Allan Brodrick canceled races for the day, much to only a few sailors' dismay.

Joe won overall and was also first in the Masters bracket. Dick Tillman of Merritt Island, FL, finished second overall and first in Grand Master. Peter was third overall and second in the Master age bracket. Charlie Clifton, was fourth overall and third in the Master Class. Rick Pantall of Pt. Charlotte was first in the Apprentice Class, and fifth overall. Erik Erickson and Ed Carney of Sarasota were first and second respectively in the Great Grand Master Class.

Almost a third of the sailors were women, with Jean Bergman (9th overall) besting the group, followed by Lee Parks (10th overall). Rita Steele of Sarasota finished 4th in Masters and was 3rd woman. Gail Heausler of Tampa had three good races in the low teens, but was unable to sail the first day. The largest age bracket was the 60-70 year olds, with Don Bergman, MI finishing second to Tillman and 6th overall.


Charlie Clifton and partner Lois Blodgett round the mark in the 3-legged race just after David Graham and his partner.

INT'L Masters's Beachside . . . by Cindy Clifton

It was great to see sunfish sailors again, especially Don and Jean Bergman who camped at the Squadron for a week or more. 61 Masters showed up for the regatta and enjoyed the weather until Sunday when it blew in from the north and races were canceled.

Arriving from a wide variety of places, there were lots of "new" masters, in all age groups, including a few Canadians, lots of Midwesterners, Easterners and Southerners and even Professor Ottenheimer from Kansas. Everyone enjoyed the evening events which included a shrimp feed and BBQ dinner, all the beer one could drink provided by our local Bud Distributor, Gold Coast Eagle Distributing and games put on by Mariella Doyle and her crew of thousands. Sailors were arbitrarily assigned a team, with about ten people on each team. The Seniors participated in relay races, three legged races, bean spitting, darts, rope tossing, water balloon throwing, flinging flippers, and in the end it came down to a Tug of War. If Masters are tough on the water, they are even tougher in a show of strength. Although one side was favored with a tree root, everyone held their own as best they could. Rita's team won overall, and prizes donated by Masthead Enterprises, Windline, Ullman Sails, Tackle Shack, Armada Sailboats, Novabraid, Rigging and Canvas Co., Greer's Restaurant and The Sunfish Garage were given to each team member. Thanks to all of the sponsors and everyone that helped put on a fun regatta.
I would like to add a comment to the survey taken at the SSS Masters. As a 75 year old racer I would be a beneficiary of the handicaps but I still voted against them. In the unlikely event that I ever won a regatta I would like to do it by sailing faster than my competitors and not because a sailor who finished ahead of me had to give me points. That strikes me as charity and would diminish the value of the trophy in my eyes. The existing age brackets should be retained as that gives us the opportunity to compete against our peers on an equal basis.

In 2005 I intend to dominate the 80's division, at least until Don Bergman attains that age. That gives me a small window of opportunity.

Ed Carney, 52686

A Comment on the Masters' Scoring System

Are these legs "fit to be tied?"

Eric Erickson heads into the jibe mark followed by Vic Manning and Connie Miller

In scoring this regatta, 3 points were added to each race for Apprentices, 2 to each for Masters, 1 to each for Grand Masters and none to Great Grand Masters' races.

Courtney Young is in good position as he rounds the jibe mark.

All photos by Monika Wiercinski
USSCA Election 2000

BALLOT
FOR USSCA OFFICERS & REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Ballot must be in USSCA Secretary's hands by June 7, 2000.

Send to:
Betsy Schmidt
7070 Forward Ave. Apt. 1003
Pittsburgh, PA 15217-2556
or email: b.schmidt@pbs.pth.pa.us

The voting for these positions will also take place at the Sunfish North American Championship Class Meeting.

Your Sail Number as shown on your membership card ________
Your Sunfish Region _______________________

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!!Vote for only one representative!!
!!You must be from that Region to vote on the Representative!!

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New York
Joel Furman
Joe Sullivan
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Now is your opportunity to voice your opinion on how the Class is being run. I have implemented the provisions in our USSCA Bylaws to give you the opportunity to vote for your Class Officers and Regional Representatives by mail if you are not attending the North American's. Tom Katterheinrich has posted a slate of positions to be voted on at the USSCA Annual Meeting in June and a ballot is available elsewhere in this issue to mail in. As always, there is room for write-in candidates. If you do plan to vote by mail, you must include your Membership/Sail Number on your ballot and send it to Betsy Schmidt, our Class Secretary by June 7th (her address is in the list of the USSCA Board of Directors and on the ballot). If you do attend the North American's you can still vote in person, we will just pull your mail-in ballot. Your vote is important and this is your opportunity to select your Regional Representative and National Officers instead of just one region selecting for you.

I was pleased to see a large number of articles in the Windward Leg from so many regions, announcing and showing photos of the winners. Thank you, Regional Reps and event organizers and keep those articles and photos coming. It helps to see who is who in your regions. I was especially pleased to see three different articles by various class members talking about their experiences in the Class. Thank you, Daniel Dick for joining our Sunfish Family and your article on the value and support available to Class members. This is exactly what we want to relay to new members. I encourage each Class member to extend a hand and ask others to join.

Another article written by Dr. David Wilson caught my attention on "Saving the Class"; first, let me say to you, welcome back to Sunfish and One Design Racing. I was inspired to see how you organized a local area youth sailing program. Having talked with a number of people in the Corpus Christi area over the past five years it was nice to see your program take off. I agree it would be nice to see more juniors attending the Sunfish events across the country and if we can get a few parents to bring these junior sailors to events we certainly will welcome them. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and I look forward to seeing you and your juniors at Sunfish events in the future. Also, thank you to the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station for supporting the youth program and sailing. Another great article came from one of our new junior Sunfish sailors and I would like to thank Matt Chapman for sending his article in to the Windward Leg as well as congratulate him on his first place finish. We in the Class are glad to have you racing with us.

While I am recognizing people, let me say to Paul John Patin, you are absolutely right when you say, "The Sunfish is an entry-level boat all the way to a Pan Am contender." Thanks PJ and to your team of advisors for all the hard work you have done for the Class by working with the factory to resolve issues about the boat. Your articles have spurred a number of comments and questions that I welcome and have forwarded to the various committees to review. I would also like to thank Paul Odegaard, Larry Cochran and Will White who have provided the Class with a lot of input on the rudder, centerboard and history of changes over the past couple of years. Keep your comments and ideas coming.

I look forward to seeing you'll in Mobile, Alabama at this year's Sunfish North American's. In the mean time keep sailing, encourage others to join the Class and remember the chant . . . SUNFISH!! SUNFISH!! SUNFISH!!
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**The Racing Sail** is larger cut and all white and includes window.

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Notice of Regatta
2000 Sunfish North American Championship
Fairhope Yacht Club, Mobile, Alabama

Rules: The regatta will be governed by the 1997-2000 Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, the rules of the International Sunfish Class Association, except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions, and by the Sailing Instructions. The regatta is designated Category A.

Eligibility & Entry: Each competitor shall be a current year (2000) member of USSCA and shall display authorized class numbers on his/her sail in accordance with ISCA rules. A Junior is defined as a person who does not reach the age of 18 in calendar year 2000. A Midget is defined as a person who does not reach the age of 14 in calendar year 2000. The top five juniors/midgets sailors or 20% of the Junior/Midget fleet, whichever is greater, will sail in the Championship series and the rest will sail in the Founders Series. The top ten finishers in the Championship Series will qualify for the 2001 World Championship. Qualification series will be either System One or Two depending on the number of registrants. Pre-qualifiers who elect to compete in the qualifications series will have to qualify to compete in the Championship Series. Registration is $150.00, less $10.00 if a member of US Sailing or $180.00 after May 20, 2000. Juniors may deduct 15% from the above fees and additional family members may deduct 10% from their registration fee. A Junior/Midget refund may apply if not competing for the full week. You must show your current USSCA card at registration. Membership forms will be available at registration.

Schedule:
Saturday, June 17th
Registration and Measurement, fleet assignment
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Skipper's Meeting
Practice race on “A” and “B” courses
Welcome Party/Opening Ceremonies
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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1 p.m.
3 p.m.
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Monday, June 19th
Continental Breakfast
Warning Signal First Race, Qualification Series
& JR./Midget Series Championship
Additional races to follow
9 a.m.
12 p.m.

Tuesday, June 20th
Continental Breakfast
Warning Signal First race, Qualification Series
& Jr./Midget Series Championship
Additional races to follow
9 a.m.
12 p.m.

Wednesday, June 21st
Warning Signal First race
Championship/Founders Fleet
Additional races to follow
12 p.m.

Thursday, June 22nd
Warning signal first race
Championship/Founders Fleet
Additional races to follow
12 p.m.

Friday, June 23rd
Warning signal for first race
Championship/Flinders Fleet
Additional races to follow
12 p.m.

Sunfish NA Championship Awards Dinner
6 p.m.

Six (6) races are scheduled for the Junior/Midget Championship, with one (1) throw-out if all 6 races are completed. Two (2) races constitute the regatta. Eight (8) races are scheduled for the Championship/Founders Series, with one (1) throw-out if 6 races are completed. Two (2) races constitute the regatta.

Scoring: Scoring will be the Low Point Scoring Systems in accordance with Appendix A2 of the racing rules.

Prizes: Prizes will be awarded to the first ten finishers in the Championship and Founders Series. Prizes will be awarded to the top 20% of the Junior and Midget Championship Series.

Alternative Penalties: The 720 Degree turn Penalty, Rule 44.2 shall apply.

Regatta Site: The regatta will be held at Fairhope YC, 101 Volant Ave., Fairhope, AL 36532 and the waters adjacent to the club.

Sailing Instructions: Sailing Instructions will be available at the registration desk during registration.

Additional Information: Registration forms and additional information are available from the following:
Pat Colvin, Office Manager, FYC: 334-928-8888. Gary Garner email: gary.garner@alconlabs.com
Charter boats will be available while they last. There are many motels/hotels in the Fairhope area. Camping will be available on Club property.

USSCA Annual
General Membership Meeting
At the
Sunfish North American
Championship
Fairhope, Alabama
June 17-23, 2000

AGENDA
1. Discussion on comments from the World Council Meeting
2. Reports by Committee Members
3. Election of US Class Officers and Regional Representatives
4. New Business

Right this way!
Entry Form 2000 Sunfish North American Championship
June 17-June 23, 2000

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Date of Arrival: __________________________ Number in Party: __________________________ Shirt Size: __________________________

REGISTRATION PRIOR TO & INCLUDING MAY 20TH:
Registration Fee: $150.00 Seniors $127.50 Juniors/Midgets $100.00 Guest All Function

REGISTRATION AFTER MAY 20TH:
Registration Fee: $180.00 Seniors $150.00 Juniors/Midgets $115.00 Guest All Function

Send registration & Payment to: Fairhope Yacht Club, Sunfish NA’s
101 Volanta Ave., Fairhope, AL 36532
For information on housing, camping or boat charter contact, Regatta Chairman, Tony Chavers at: tchavers@sailfairhope.com, 334-928-3417 or Fairhope YC at www.siteone.com/yacht/fyc, Pat Colvin, Office Manager, FYC, 334-928-8888.

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Does anyone remember back in the olden days when, after a hard day of racing, you stood on the shore with a lost puppy’s look and hoped that someone who wasn’t as tired as you were would help you carry your boat out of the water. In my case, I always hoped for maybe four or five other sailors. Once a “team” was secured, the boat was lugged up the beach, often accompanied by sounds resembling the service “argggghh” of Monica Seles and usually with a definite lean toward the most tired sailor. The conversation was lashed with heavy breathing and an occasional “How’d you do?” Finally, after doing your share of carrying other boats, you are ready for an icy cold brewski when inevitably a straggler laments from the water, “Can anyone help me?” And then, the next day, you struggle putting in a Jens on the beach and all of a sudden you realize that you are the only one left, fifty yards from water’s edge. Dragging the boat down the sand, over the rocks, scratching that nice smooth finish on the bottom, you finally get in the water. I say, those were the days. But wasn’t it a time of great camaraderie? Was it not a good way to meet other sailors? Didn’t the flailing sail and boom slap you in the face? Didn’t anyone drain the heavy leftover seawater sloshing around in the cockpit? Ahhh, those were the days…or were they?

When I first saw a dolly, I thought, there’s a good idea. The first few for our youth program were soon ruined, left in the water, broken, lost. Not many people had a “personal” one. Usually everyone used a shared one, with one lucky person using it at the end of the day for an overnight rest. Little did I know that a revolution was about to begin.

Peter Seidenberg began making his first dollies in Toronto in 1989, starting with a model for the Laser. As a Laser sailor, he was very frustrated with the flimsy dolly offerings at that time and, as a naval engineer, decided to design one that would be strong, durable, and fit the boat properly. The Seitech Laser dolly was an early success at the Laser World Championships in the summer of 1990 in Newport, RI. Soon other models were made and by the time the business moved to Rhode Island in December of 1991, Seitech was making dollies for a variety of small boats. Right from the start, Peter’s aim was to make boating more pleasurable for everyone. His intent has always been to help boaters get their boats into and out of the water easily and thus have more fun. He also wanted to provide a dolly that would protect the boat and be perfect for storing it. These aims are also of primary importance today as Seitech produces dollies for virtually any small boat. Seitech is proud to be a part of many Sunfish World Championships and wishes all participants in the upcoming regattas and 2000 World's in Sarasota a wonderful season!

Written by Fran Seidenberg

Much appreciation to the Seidenberg's for a great product!

Dollies at the NA’s in Hyannis and below, Jim Kohler uses his dolly as a workbench at the 1999 Worlds! photos cc

Anyone watching a dinghy regatta today will marvel how easy it is to put the boats in the water, and not realize that it is only 10 years since the premier dinghy dolly maker began production. Most of us have only had a dolly for the last few years, but what a difference they have made for us! Long gone are the olden days of sailors struggling to get in the water. Most families have more than one. They stow in several pieces. They've saved the bottoms of most of our boats. You can trade the use of one for a beer. For true! They have made sailing so much easier for all of us that we kind of take it for granted. Ain’t life grand?

Cindy Clifton

Windward Leg - Spring 2000
IN MEMORIAM
Janice Mason: Mahhvelous, Just Mahhvelous

by Betsy Schmidt

I first met Janice when I was on crutches, having just had my second knee surgery in seven months. She encouraged me to use the new Lewes Yacht Club pool early in the morning (7 a.m.) before anyone else was there. She was there, of course watching over me. Before long, my leg was strong enough to walk on and I found myself in the adult sailing classes. What a hoot! We all had such a great time that summer. Janice taught hundreds - no thousands - of people, young and old alike, to sail. More important than that, JJ gave to all of her pupils the joy of sailing. Janice truly loved life and lived it to the fullest, right up to the very end. For the longest time, I thought you were supposed to yell “Wheeee” when you got up on a screaming plane. It certainly was the way that I was taught. We always did what we were told as that raspy voice barked out orders to us all over the Delaware Bay. What a sight we must have been: Mama Sunfish and all of her battle with the crossing ferries. Years ago, the residents of Lewes Beach could identify each sailor by their different multicolored sails. More recently, the all white sails made that identification more difficult; except for Janice. Everyone could always find her in that little yellow life vest and, of course, the infamous red arrow. Janice was always one of a kind.

We will all deeply miss her big smile and contagious laughter during daily water aerobics, that twinkle in her eye when planning her next project to improve the Lewes Yacht Club, the excitement in her step as she rushed out to save someone in distress on the water, or the peaceful end of the day as she sat on her little Yacht Club porch facing the bay with a tall glass of John Begg and water in her hand reflecting on the remarkable sailing of the day and repeating “mahhvelous, just mahhvelous”. No sailor will miss her more than her best sailing buddy, Connie Miller. They traveled everywhere together usually coming home with a medal or two, always coming home with a pocketful of stories of their adventures. Even when she was unable to sail, Janice went to the Worlds. She loved being in the middle of the action. Connie made sure she got to Ponce this fall. They both knew it would be their last big adventure together. When Connie phoned her a couple of weeks ago from the Masters, Janice’s daughter put the phone up to her ear so that Janice could hear about the sailing. As usual, Janice took a deep breath and replied (in a very faint voice) “mahhvelous”. It was the last word that any of us would hear from Janice but a fitting last word from such an incredibly kind and gifted person. Many people will refer to Janice in the future as a true “Old Salt” because of her love of sailing, but those of us who had the pleasure and distinct privilege of knowing her will think of her as “mahhvelous, just mahhvelous.”
Masters Report
by Gail Turluck,
USSCA Masters Chairman

Last summer at the USSCA North American Championship there was enthusiasm for experimenting with weighted scoring based on life experience (well, really, age). There were votes taken that supported using the age-based weighted scoring system announced in the Summer 1999 issue of the Leg for the 1999 US Masters and the 2000 International Masters. (Sailors in their 40's add 3 points per race, 50's add 2 points, 60's add 1 point, over 70 add no points.)

The 1999 US Masters was held at Lewes YC and in spite of a 15 point addition to his total score, (5 races, 3 per race) Rod Koch, a 40-something, won! I refigured the scoring with no throwout and no "handicap" (the regatta was a no-throwout regatta) and Rod still won!

An informal poll of the participants at the conclusion of the event as to the interest in using such a handicap again was 6 - 1 against weighted scoring. The prevailing opinion was the sailors didn’t like scoring adjustments, they want to settle the question on the water, and for those who seek recognition, consistent age groups (40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+) with awards down to 3rd place plus awards for the top 5 overall meets the needs of the group.

It has been determined that the US Masters is an USSCA event and that the International Masters is an ISCA event. It is ISCA's intention to establish a Masters Chairman. In the interim, Presidents Jean Bergman and Vic Manning have asked me to continue to work on guiding the development of Masters programs overall.

The 2000 International Masters was held at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron and the same scoring system was used as was used at the US Masters. A questionnaire was passed out to get feedback to determine what scoring system will be used for future regattas. I will prepare a report which will include consideration of all correspondence I've received on the issue as well as the conduct of Masters events as a whole. It is my intention to have this in time for presentation at the NA's in June and an article will be submitted to the Summer Leg.

It’s great to see the enthusiasm exhibited by our more experienced Sunfish sailors on both sides of the handicapped scoring system. If you have an opinion you'd like me to consider as I compile my report, please contact me:
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Cooper River YC
1999 Spring Regatta
May 15, 1999

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1. Joe Sullivan, Southold, NY 1-2-1-2-4-4-3 13
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11. Connie Meeks, CRYC,NJ10-11-10-12-9-12-7 59
12. Phil Knab, CRYC, NJ 14-9-12-11-1-8-5-8 59.5
13. Rosemary McMullen, CRYC, NJ 7-13-14-13-10-11 68
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The Great Hudson River Race by Jeff Anzevino

At 315 miles in length, the Hudson is but midget compared to the 3,000-4,000-mile long Nile, Mississippi, or Amazon Rivers. However, as good things do come in small packages, the Hudson River is arguably among the best known rivers in the world. Its place in American history and its breathtaking beauty are second to none. Inventions such as the steamboat and submarine were first tested here. Its link with the Erie Canal opened up the Midwest to commerce and development. America's first style of painting --The Hudson River School of Art --blossomed here in the 19th Century. And the Hudson Valley is the birthplace of the modern environmental movement. The Hudson River's contribution to America's greatness is unquestionable.

However, throughout most of our nation's history, the Hudson has been abused and polluted. Fortunately, though, over the past 30 years as efforts to restore clean its waters have succeeded, we are "rediscovering" the Hudson River's recreational potential. The Great Hudson River Sunfish Race is designed to show that the river is alive and well and beckons to sailors with a love of nature and history.

Bill Cash and I met while "sailing" the internet on the Sunfish Listserv (LISTSERV@LISTSERV.ALBANY.EDU). We decided that the time was right to establish a "family-fun" event on the Hudson in a style incorporating some of the elements of the successful Connecticut River Sunfish Race. The Hudson's strong tides and rocky shore precluded a long distance overnight race, as is held in Connecticut. However careful planning will provide two days of "out and back" races at the Kowawese Unique Area at Plum Point on August 26-27.

Kowawese is a recently opened park with a sandy beach, primitive group camping area, and striking views of Storm King Mountain, Mount Beacon and Breakneck Ridge. The park is owned by the NY State Department of Environmental Conservation and operated by the Orange County Parks Department. The area is rich in history. In 1685 Patrick MacGregorie built a log cabin at Kowawese and a trading post just to the south at Moodna Creek. During the American Revolution a "chevaux de frise" was stretched across the river from Kowawese in a failed attempt to prevent British ships from sailing up the Hudson.

The valley of the Moodna Creek allows the prevailing westerlies to blow across the broad waters of Cornwall Bay, providing excellent sailing off Kowawese's shore. This shallow bay at the mouth of Moodna Creek is a productive spawning ground for fish, such as striped bass, herring, perch and tomcod and attracts a variety of bird life, including the bald eagle and osprey. Across the river on Pollepel Island, Bannerman's Castle stands as a silent sentinel.

Two races are planned for Saturday and one for Sunday morning. The races are coordinated with the Hudson's tides. As an estuary, or arm of the sea, the Hudson River is tidal for 150 miles north to Troy. This means that twice a day during the flood tide, the current flows north briskly at a rate of up to 5 miles per hour. After slack water at high tide, the current's direction reverses for the ebb tide. The morning races will be northbound at high tide, starting when the water is slack. After a few hours of sailing, the ebbing tide will help the wind carry the boats back. Saturday afternoon's sail (at low tide) will be to the south. Skippers' Meetings before each race will determine the length of each race. A tide clinic will be conducted to teach sailors how to use the tide's current to their advantage.

Plans are underway to involve Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Orange County and Cadets from the United States Military Academy at West Point Sailing Program, but the details are not final at press time. Co-sponsors of the race are expected to include environmental groups and local businesses.

The Kowawese Unique Area is conveniently located just 15 min. from I-84 and the New York State Thruway, providing easy access from New England, Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey. Registration for the race is $40 (singles) $60 (doubles) and should be confirmed by August 1. Camping in the rough is available at Kowawese and T-shirts and trophies will be provided. Nearby motels can provide more creature comforts. Plans are in the works for a website dedicated to the race. For further information regarding the Great Hudson River Sunfish Race, please contact Hudson Valley Fleet (#694) Captain Jeff Anzevino at (914) 691-6784 or janzevino@scenichudson.org.

Storm King Sunfish Regatta

Preliminary Agenda
Saturday, August 26
7 a.m. Registration, Launch boats
9 a.m. Skipper's Meeting/Tide Clinic
10 a.m. High Tide (northbound) Race
3 p.m. Skipper's Meeting
4 p.m. Low Tide (southbound) Race
7 p.m. Dinner/Camping

Sunday, August 27
9 a.m. Skipper's Meeting
10 a.m. High Tide (northbound) Race
3 p.m. Race Awards
7 p.m. Windward Leg - Spring 2000
Sunfisher Malcolm Smith is Bermuda Athlete of the Year!

Pan Am Silver Medalist, Malcolm Smith was crowned Athlete of the Year at the Government Sports Awards Programme held at the Princess Hotel in February. Quoted by Bermudian writers as one who has been omnipresent at sailing's pinnacle the past two decades, Malcolm has also claimed the Sunfish International Masters, the North Americans, and the Worlds.

"It took me 19 years from competing in my first Sunfish Worlds to winning my first one," he confided as he cuddled his silver trophy. "And in the case of the Pan Am Games, it was 1987 when I competed in my first one (not Sunfish) and another 12 years before actually winning a medal. You make your goals, stick with it and eventually it comes around to you. I've come close to winning this award, being runner-up maybe two or three times, like last year after winning a World Championship and a North American Championship. But what the Government and Bermuda Olympic Association are really looking for, I think, is medals. They're looking to put Bermuda on the map."

He hinted he might be winding down his sailing career, but not walking out on it. "I couldn't retire from this sport, to walk away from it would be virtually impossible - I'm too addicted to it."

Malcolm has been an exciting sailor in our midst for years and congratulations are in order! It is hoped he will continue to set a benchmark and inspire us all to sail our best.

Credit must be given to Jimbo Stewart of Bermuda for alerting us to this award and to the writers I "borrowed" Malcolm's quotes from, Nigel Henderson and Dexter Smith. CC

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Sunfish Fleet Forms in FL

A new fleet is formed in Florida! Fun!
That's What It's All About by Mindy Strauley

For a year now Clearwater Florida sailors have been talking about building Sunfish interest and a fleet. Finally we have put our words into action. In August momentum built. We achieved the support of the Harbormaster of the City of Clearwater and started aggressively advertising a recreational Sunfish fleet to be based out of the Clearwater Community Sailing Center (a city-owned facility).

The objective of our fleet is to provide recreational racing for new adult sailors, Jr. sailors, and area Sunfish sailors. This fleet has been designed to provide an opportunity to learn the principles of racing with education provided by seasoned Sunfish sailors, certified instructors, and guest racers. We promote sportsmanship (yelling, screaming, etc. is considered grounds for disqualification), all levels of competition, competitive racing, and an introduction to the sport of sailboat racing for new sailors.

After many city meetings, information gathering from the Sunfish Office and Class President (Vic Manning), a lot of hard work by Sarah Beth Reeves (the "voice" of our fleet), and coordination and input from Paul Strauley (our Fleet Captain), the Sand Key Sunfish Fleet was created. We have scheduled 4 race days for our Fall Series. Each race day starts with a seminar (topics include flags, jens rigs, capsizing, racing rules, and rigging tips).

Our first fleet race took place on October 3. Seventeen sailors participated. One of our sailors, John Spray broke down during the first race. He was able to make it to shore without any boom blocks. But, when John got to shore he didn’t kick himself for not checking his equipment beforehand but instead he quickly got a ride back to the mark/crash boat so that he could help coach the less experienced sailors around the racecourse. Now, that’s what it’s all about---having fun and helping others!

Coaching (except in the Championship Division) is encouraged and well received.

Sand Key Sunfish Fleet (Fall Series #1)

Championship Division:
1. Jennifer Lindsay 1-1-2 1.33
2. Mindy Strauley 2-3-1 2.00
3. Stu Smith 3-2-4 3.00
4. Chris King 4-4-5 4.33
5. Paul Strauley 5-6-3 4.66
6. Mark Rother 6-5-D 6.66
7. Ed Fooks 7-8-6 7.00
8. John spray D-RC-RC

Challenger/Novice Division:
1. Fuller Moore 2-1-1 1.33
2. Andrea Fooks 1-2-3 2.00

Florida State Championship
Boca Ciega YC
Oct. 23-24, 2000
27 boats

Lake Arlington Regatta!
Who was that Masked Man?
by Larry Hammond

When a stranger named Jack Finefrock showed up at Fleet 692’s annual regatta, he said he hadn’t sailed a Sunfish since he was 12, but was interested in participating. So an old (and very heavy) Sunfish was procured from the storage rack, and Jack was entered to race. It didn’t take him long to get the hang of it, finishing seventh in the first race, (his throw out), fifth in the second and first in three of the last four races. Jack barely edged Dan Feldman for first overall in light and shifty conditions. Danny Whelan was third.

A fitting footnote to this strange story: Finefrock didn’t stick around for the awards presentation.

Arlington Regatta
Arlington Heights, IL
August 28

1. Jack Finefrock 7-5-1-3-1-1 11
2. Dan Feldman 1-1-5-2-3-4 11
3. Danny Whelan 2-9-2-1-8-3 16
4. Bill Nelson 5-4-3-5-4-2 18
5. Sandi Youngman 4-2-8-7-2-6 21
6. Lou Munro 8-3-4-6-5-5 21
7. Larry Hammond 3-6-10-10-10-8 37
8. Joe Creaney 9-7-9-6-6-d 37
9. Jim Irwin 6-10-7-12-9-9 41
10. Frank Youngman 11-12-6-9-7-10 43
11. Jim Sanski 12-8-12-8-11-7 46
12. John Huebner 10-11-11-12-11-54 115
13. Lisa Youngman 13-13-13-13-12-64 182
Regatta

Great South Bay Sunfish Junior Championship

Eight races were run with 10 top sailors competing for the first annual GSB Jr. Sunfish Championships. The first 3 races were held in a light southerly breeze of 2-5 knots. A lunch break was taken and the breezes filled in to 8-12 knots. Scores were scattered and it wasn't until the last race that the regatta was decided. Chris O'Brien won the last three and secured first place. There was one throw-out. The regatta was held at the South Bay Sailing Center, Home of the “International Dinghy Shop.” Debbie Cappozie was Race Committee Chairperson with Jim Koehler helping as mark set boat. Marguerite Koehler was top female sailor. Young Tricia Kutkiewicz, age 12, sailed and did a great job for a young sailor. In one race, she was first to the weather mark. Due to an equipment problem, Kate Abrhams had to sail with a recreational sail. In spite of this, she also was first to the weather mark in one race and sailed really well. Unfortunately she “just didn’t have the horsepower.” All the girls received a bouquet of flowers as prizes. The top 4 received beautifully embroidered bags supplied by the Dinghy Shop. The event is scheduled again for this year. The evening before the regatta, former Sunfish World Champion Paul Jon Patin presented a performance boat handling clinic. Many adults were in attendance as well. We appreciate him for volunteering. Everyone enjoyed it.

Southold YC Juniors Sail Sunfish In a Big Way!

If any group would like to see how a successful Sunfish program works, they have only to check out the sailing at Southold YC. I have received many “press releases” from them and don’t always have enough room in the WL summer issue for all the club racing. But they had 75 kids sailing sunfish last summer in the program, and provide an extensive schedule in which they can participate. An awards dinner in August honors the winners, most improved, best sport as voted by his/her peers and “future champion.” CC

SYC hosted the 24th running of the Peconic Bay Championship on July 24, 1999. 54 sailors participated, with 20 in the Midget class and the rest in a longer, more offshore Junior class. This large number of sailors represents tremendous participation and indicates the strength of the Sunfish class.

The favorable winds allowed each class to sail 5 races. Trophies were presented to the top 10 Juniors and top 3 Midgets. Award ribbons were presented to top 3 Midget crew and participation ribbons to all other Midget sailors. Danny Markham established a new record by winning the Junior division for the third year in a row.

Junior Results

1. Danny Markham, OCYC
2. Jay Zimmer, OCYC
3. Mike Spicer, SYC
4. Todd Kutkiewicz, MYC
5. James Cardo, SYC
6. Oren Friedman, SYC
7. Jack Hale, SYC
8. Chris Young, SYC
9. Adam Friedman, SYC
10. Donnie Anderson, SYC

Midget Results

1. Joey Flotteron, skipper, Chris Rumpler, crew, SYC
2. Caitlin Monaghan, skipper, Alan Marino, crew, OCYC
3. Chelsea Rothman, skipper, Tobin Haase, crew, SYC

Southold Juniors Capture Team Racing Crown!

The 2nd Annual Sunfish team racing championship, also known as the “Bill Rich Team Race” was held on July 30, 1999 at the SYC. Once again, the race focused on the spirited competition between the Old Cove YC and the group from Southold. In steady 10 knot winds, Southold prevailed with a team comprised of Bart Hale, Patrick Kenny and Andrew Gregg. Close behind them was the Old Cove Team of Danny Markham, Jay Zimmer and Joey Solomon. Danny was able to get a bit of revenge by winning the “free for all” with Bart Hale in second and Patrick Kenny in third.

Information provided by Larry Kenny, Vice Commodore, Southold YC. 631-741-0226
Todd Klinger Breaks Record
in World's Longest Sunfish Race

Todd Klinger of Narrasketuck YC, LI, and 13 others smashed the course record of 3 hours and 30 minutes set by Dick Heinl in 1989. The new record of the approximately 25 mile race around Shelter Island, NY in 3 hours, 23 minutes and 25 seconds. A forecast of possible thunderstorms reduced the registrants to 30 boats, one of the smallest fleets in years, but those who participated experienced a great race and had a great day sailing. 10-12 knots of wind, overcast skies protected the sailors from the sun as they circumnavigated Shelter Island in a clockwise direction.

From the start in Southold Bay, through Greenport Harbor to Gardiner’s Bay, Dick Abbene, Seawanaka Place, led most of the way. But rounding Hay Beach Point, Southold sailor Joe Sullivan, who capsized 60 seconds before the start, recovered nicely to take the lead. On the way to Ram’s Head, Bill Betts III from Smoke Rise YC moved into first, followed closely by Dave Daly from Southold and Klinger. Past Ram’s Head, Klinger made his move by sailing closer to the shore, as Betts and Daly stayed in the deeper water and began to buck the unfavorable current. Klinger was challenged by former winner, Paul Nannig, a Rhode Island native who was sailing for Old Cove YC, and Heinl, but he held his position to lead the fleet across the line. Anne Patin, who was first female finisher last year repeated this feat with a sixth place overall. Fred Pati, from Wantagh, who is now 75 years young, was the only competitor who has raced in every one of the 29 races sailed.

Around Shelter Island Race
July 10, 1999

1. Todd Klinger, Narrasketuck YC 3:23:25
2. Paul Nannig, Old Cove YC 3:24:17
4. Dick Heinl, Seawanaka Place YC 3:25:06
5. Dick Abbene, Seawanaka Place, YC 3:25:26
6. Anne Patin, Sayville YC, OCYC 3:25:30
7. Bart Hale, Southold YC 3:25:40
8. Joe Sullivan, Southold YC 3:26:10
10. Patrick Kenny, Southold YC 3:26:49
12. Andrew Gregg, Southold YC 3:27:43
14. Dave Daly, Southold YC 3:28:41
15. Greg Spicer, Southold YC 3:30:52
17. Ed deReeder, Cutchogue, LI 3:31:53
18. Tracy Brown, Southold YC 3:38:02
20. Richard Catro, Mattituck YC 3:42:09
22. Scott Heinl, Seawanaka Place YC 3:45:10
24. Bill Catro, Mattituck YC 3:49:27
26. Ivo Lekich, Southold YC 4:17:48
27. Pam Zmijewski, East Haddon CT 4:31:16
29. Darcey Weiner, Marlborough, CT 4:34:38

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Regatta Results

CT Governor’s Cup Race

Held at Bantam Lake YC, Aug. 28, 1999, 13 sailors battled it out for the Cup. Steve Langford won for the third time, followed by Gordon Geick and Lee Parks.

1. Steve Langford 8-1-4-1-1-1 16
2. Gordon Geick 2-2-2-7-7-3 23
3. Lee Parks 1-4-5-8-6-2 26
4. Larry Cochran 3-5-6-2-2-10 28
5. Bill Cash 7-8-1-6-3-5 30
6. Hank Grupe 4-6-3-4-5-9 31
7. Bernie Spence 9-3-9-5-4-6 38
8. Gerhardt Mensel 5-9-8-3-9-4 38
9. Paul Boise 10-7-7-9-8-12 53
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Cheryl Ann Bailey and Joel Murray Furman tied the knot on Dec. 18, 1999! Happy Sailing from all of us!
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