Joe Blouin wins record-setting Masters!

By Dick Tillman

The 2004 International Masters, organized by Fleet 669 and the Melbourne Yacht Club, was the largest ever held, having one entry more than last year's record turnout of 70 at the Upper Keys Sailing Club in Key Largo, Florida. Joe Blouin bested the competition, winning the championship.

Melbourne's Ballard Park offered protected and spacious rigging, parking, picnicking, and boat launching areas, with racing adjacent in the Indian River. The racing area was ample to handle the 71-boat fleet on one starting line. Over a three-day period, the race committee provided 11 races of 45-50 minute duration each.

Day 1 was clear, with temps in the 70s and east winds of 6-10 knots. Bill Haberland (Satellite Beach, FL) won the first race. After three races, Joe Blouin (Tampa, FL) was the leader with last year's winner, Chris Williams (Philadelphia, PA), in second place. As evening temperatures dropped, the sailors looked great in their complimentary regatta sweat shirts. Competitors, their guests, and MYC volunteers enjoyed Beck's beer and a BBQ dinner at the site. Entertainment was provided by Dave Noble, who MC-ed the drawing for many door prizes.

Southern Sailors Dominate at Midwinters

By Tom Whitehurst

This was the first Sunfish Midwinter Championship that I've been to in a long time where we enjoyed a variety of different conditions spread across three days of sailing. Conditions in Pensacola Bay, FL continually changed to give a well-rounded group of sailors a chance to shine over the series.

Overall winner of the annual March regatta was David Mendelblatt (St. Petersburg, FL), the only sailor to consistently finish in the top 10 throughout the series. Congratulations to David for a fine start in the Sunfish Class, as this was only his second regatta in a Sunfish.

Southern sailors dominated the awards at this...
Day 2 was clear, with temps in the 70s again, but the morning's light, squelingly northerly resulted in a shortened race won by David Olson (Sarasota, FL). As one racer commented, "lots of deep holes out there!" By the afternoon, the wind had shifted 90 degrees with an E-ESE 8-10 knot seabreeze, and three races were completed in relatively steady conditions. After three general recalls in the first two races, PRO Gary Smith resorted to the 'Black Flag'. Although a few competitors got black-flagged, the starts were clean.

Saturday evening, event chairman Chris Gates welcomed competitors and introduced the many helpers. Social activities included more Beck's beer, a Mexican dinner, and even more door prizes, such as a North sail, blade and rudder covers, gear bags, etc. Every competitor also drew a winning ticket and received a framed photograph of themself sailing.

Another highlight of the evening was the presentation of the US SAILING Leadership award to David Silverman, the MYC Fleet 669 Captain. This award by US SAILING is in recognition of individual initiative, enthusiasm, organizational ability, and leadership in creating the outstanding fleet building program of the year.

Day 3 brought oscillating 10-18 knot, E-ESE winds, and choppy water with sunny and warmer temperatures. The first race of the day went off like clockwork, with Williams as the winner. The second race had one general recall, but with the Black Flag flying, the race got underway and was won by Dick Tillman (Merritt Island, FL). The third race start was clean, and Ron McHenry (Cortland, OH) took his second bullet for the regatta. Blouin held on to his first place position, going on to win the Championship. After beer, soft drinks, grilled hot dogs, and more BBQ, awards for the top five overall and the top three in each of four age divisions were presented at the Ballard Park site. Melbourne Yacht Club members said repeatedly how much they enjoyed hosting the "super competitive, but extremely nice Sunfish people."

Thirty-nine sponsors helped make this event happen, with the six major ones being Beck's Beer, Florida Today Newspaper, North Sails, Performance Sail & Sport, Team Foxy, and Vanguard Sailboats.

Next year's International Masters will be held in the Netherlands, June 29-July 2, 2005. A 100-boat fleet is expected!

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**2004 International Masters**

Loretta Garber of Sarasota, FL prepares to round the windward mark.
2005 Int’l Masters to be held in the Netherlands

The Dutch Sunfish Class Association will host the 2005 Sunfish International Masters Championship in combination with the 2005 Sunfish European Championship.

The event will take place at Workum (IJsselmeer), The Netherlands, June 29-July 2, 2005. We promise you great sailing weather conditions, good accommodations, and many social events for sailors and their families. In short, it’s a great opportunity to combine your Sunfish passion with a Dutch-European vacation. Our website: www.sunfishklasse.nl.

New and used boats will be available for a maximum of 100 sailors. New boats will be allocated according to sailor preference and the registration order.

Your feedback is essential! We need a good estimate of the expected participants, as well as the number of new boats to be shipped from the USA. European sailors can consider using their own boats. We greatly appreciate if you could let us know now if you intend to participate in the 2005 International Masters and your boat preferences. The official registration will take place in 2005.

Preferences: Your name, e-mail address, telephone number, completed address, country. Indicate how likely it is you will compete in the 2005 International Masters and/or 2005 European Championship. Please indicate boat preference: a new boat, complete; a used boat, complete; a used boat, but I bring my sail, dagger board and tiller; OR I will use my own boat.

Please send your feedback to Greta Dekker-Bruning, Rietakker 14, 1541 TT Koog a/d Zaan, NETHERLANDS, or by email to: spsystems-greta@planet.nl as soon as possible.

- by Greta Dekker-Bruning
2004 Sunfish Midwinter Championships
Pensacola YC - Pensacola, FL
March 5-7, 2004

Team Race Champions:
Gulf Coast "Blue Crabs"
Todd Edwards, Clinton Edwards, Andrew Eagan and Peter Wuescher

Midwinters Results:
1 David Mendelblatt 7-5-2-5-1-1-2-(9)-7 30
2 Tom Whitehurst 2-2-1-(12)-10-3-10-2-11 41
3 Greg Gust (10)-4-4-6-6-4-3-9-6 42
4 Hank Saurage 5-3-7-(11)-4-10-8-6-1 44
5 Todd Edwards 4-1-6-(15)-2-7-12-8-5 45
6 Charles Clifton 9-7-9-2-3-2-11-(15)-13 46
7 Joseph Blouin 8-8-(20)-4-12-9-6-1-3 51
8 Bishop Stieffel 1-6-10-(22)-14-11-3-10 69
9 Andrew Eagan 6-13-16-(18)-15-11-4-14-2 81
10 Clinton Edwards 11-9-15-16-7-8-17-(21)-8 91
11 James Liebel (64)-12-12-1-27-5-7-13-15 92
12 Ryan Hamilton 14-10-3-7-5-12-(26)-22-19 92
13 Leslie Dane 17-15-5-9-8-6-18-18-(35) 96
14 Ash Beatty (64)-11-11-23-26-13-5-5-4 98
15 Derek Jackson 3-29-27-8-(32)-28-16-9 136
16 Ron McHenry 20-14-8-17-16-(30)-29-23-20 147
17 Dirk Resler 12-26-(18)-21-24-25-14-17-26 157
18 Peter Wuescher 15-16-17-30-25-(36)-24-7-33 167
20 Drew Stanier 25-21-31-3-18-29-28-26-(64) 181
22 Gilly Chamberlain 26-(37)-34-32-30-23-9-20-12 186
23 Micki Gramm 29-33-21-14-17-17-39-27-(64) 197
25 John Fletcher 18-34-28-25-44-37-(44)-4-14 204
26 Lee Parks 30-22-14-38-19-26-30-28-(64) 202
27 Peter Sladovich 22-24-(41)-36-23-22-34-31-16 208
28 Steven Evans 16-39-(49)-40-9-16-20-46-25 211
29 Martin Ottenheimer 35-32-(46)-28-28-41-13-12-23 212

Note: At the request of the Class Office, names and scores of non-paid USSCA members who competed in this regional event were not included in these results. Results were recalculated by the Class to reflect removing the scores of non-members.

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Across the lake
Around the world

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year's regatta. Greg Gust (Rockwall, TX) was the first master (over 50 at this event) and Leslie Dane (Christian, MS) was the top female sailor. Awards were also given to the top junior sailors: Andrew Eagan (New Orleans, LA) and Ryan Hamilton (Mandeville, LA).

Team Racing: The Gulf Coast Team “Blue Crabs” with Todd and Clinton Edwards, Andrew Eagan, and Peter Wuescher won the Team Racing for the third consecutive year. Teams were also represented by: Gulf Coast “Red Snappers” Bishop Stieffel, Paul Keith, Granston Boxx, Chris Rodgers; Northeast/Florida “Cape Cod Plus” with Lee Parks, Gail Heausler, Joe Blouin, and Drew Stanier; the Carolina team with Derek Jackson (NJ), Dirk Reisler, Dan Rohde, and Krysta Rohde; and the Florida team with John Fletcher, David Mendelblatt, Tony Elliot, and Erik Erickson.

Midwinter Championship: Friday’s forecast called for winds increasing through the day to 15-25 kts with temperatures in the low 70s. The first two races saw SE at 14-18 kts, with a large chop on Pensacola Bay. This seemed to favor the Gulf Coast sailors and local sailor Tom Whitehurst (Pensacola, FL), who finished second behind Bishop Stieffel (Bay St. Louis, MS) and Todd Edwards (Bay St. Louis, MS) in the first two races. Winds dropped under 15 kts for the last race, but didn’t slow Whitehurst, who won the last race for the day and took the early lead. Junior North American Champion Ryan Hamilton (Mandeville, LA) crossed Whitehurst on the final leg but did not hold the lead. David Mendelblatt (St. Petersburg, FL) passed Ryan just prior to the finish to take second. Edwards and newcomer Mendelblatt rounded out the top three.

Saturday’s prediction was for winds at 20-30 kts. At the 10:30 a.m. start, sailors drifted around on the bay. After a two-hour delay, a light 4 kt wind filled in from the South and the first race was underway. James Lieb (FL) won, followed by Chip Clifton (Sarasota, FL) and Drew Staniar (Sudbury, MA).

Conditions were about the same for the second race, won by Mendelblatt. Winds increased to 8-12 kts and shifted to the SW for the final race. Mendelblatt covered a narrow lead over Whitehurst and Clifton as they swapped positions thru the race, holding on to take the final race of the day. Florida sailors dominated the day of racing as Mendelblatt finished with a 5,1,1 followed closely by Clifton. Moving up and sailing consistently were Jason Hess and Gust.

Sailors enjoyed a buffet fish dinner in the clubhouse and 60-degree temperatures. Some sailors headed out to the go-carts where shouts of port and starboard did not apply, but I understand that DSQs were administered to prevent some racers from further participation.

2004 Midwinters (L-R): Top row Jason Hess; Chip Clifton, 5th; Bishop Stieffel, 8th; Andrew Eagan, 9th; Leslie Dane, top woman. Front Row: Greg Gust, 3rd; Todd Edwards, 6th; Tom Whitehurst, 2nd; David Mendelblatt, 1st.

The final day called for NW winds at 10-20 kts, which brought flat water and 30-degree oscillations with slightly cooler temperatures; this would make conditions very physically and mentally demanding. Clifton successfully held off Mendelblatt in the first race, and the top 10 remained close. Whitehurst and Joe Blouin (Tampa, FL) swapped the lead as both got well out in front of the fleet on the second race of the day. In the shifting conditions, Blouin went out to the right on the final beat and a big oscillation gave him his first win of the series.Going into the last race, the top position was already secured by Mendelblatt. Whitehurst was second, with only Gust and Clifton leaving outside chances to overtake. The race committee got the final race off just prior to the 1400 hour deadline. This race was dominated by Hank Saurage (Baton Rouge, LA) holding off Eagan to the finish.
2003 ISCA World Championship Results
St. Maarten Yacht Club, St. Maarten - October 10-19, 2003

Gold Results
1 Malcolm Smith, Bermuda 1-1-(9)-4-3-3-2-1-2 17
2 Hank Saurage, USA 1-5-2-5-2-5-7-3 31
3 Diego Zimmerman, Peru 2-3-4-1-(23)-10-1-3-8 32
4 Cor van Aanholt, Curacao 3-1-2-7-5-7-4-(13)-5 34
5 Erwin Veldman, Ned. 6-1-17-(30)-4-15-8-2-1 54
6 Jesus Salazar, Venezuela 3-7-3-(27)-17-1-9-8-10 58
7 Bill BrangiForte, USA 8-5-14-(14)-6-9-7-4-6 59
8 Todd Edwards, USA 7-3-4-8-14-(17)-6-4 60
9 Marx Chirinos, Venezuela 3-8-7-2-(25)-5-6-21-9 61
10 Guillermo Cappelletti, Peru 10-2-7-15-18-4-3-5-(26) 64
11 Mathieu Mores, Martinique 4-6-10-12-12-12-14-(25)-11 71
12 Pipet Stappers, Bonaire 2-4-19-(25)-10-8-15-14-7 79
13 John-Michael Skrzypiec, USA 7-6-11-11-(28)-20-16-10-13 94
14 Michael Collins, USA 12-10-8-3-16-16-18-29-19 102
15 Tim Fitzgerald, USA 10-11-8-5-8-22-20-(27)-20 104
16 Dick Tillman, USA 16-4-11-17-20-(31)-24-9-14 115
17 Rich Chapman, USA 6-10-6-13-(31)-23-21-15-22 116
18 Steven W. Evans, USA 18-12-8-(22)-15-18-10-18-17 116
19 Sebastian Mera, Dom. Rep. 4-9-8-18-(30)-28-27-17-15 126
20 Guy deChavigny, Martinique 5-16-15-16-21-17-26-16-(30) 132
21 Posy Seifert, USA 14-8-23-21-(31)-6-19-12-29 132
23 Leslie Dane, USA 20-13-17-29-11-19-13-11-(32) 133
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26 Fritz Hanselman, USA 4-16-14-23-(33)-25-11-23-31 147
27 Katja Risse, USA 20-21-5-19-7-29-(33)-28-18 147
28 Paul van Alphen, Ned. 15-1-9-24-29-(34)-23-20-12 147
29 Richard Van Rij, Ned. 13-19-16-26-12-(35)-12-24-33 155
30 Peter Wuescher, USA 9-23-13-10-22-31-30-34 159
32 John Forseca, USA 12-15-20-28-(34)-24-28-32-16 175
33 Jose Guillermo Puello, Dom. Rep. 17-13-12-32-26-33-(34)-31-23 187
34 Wim van der Gulik, Curacao 9-17-18-31-32-26-32-(34)-24 189

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1 Tony Elliott, USA 19-(20)-14-16-10-7-3-3 76
2 Dan Karsovsky, USA 19-(24)-16-5-19-2-1-5-11 78
3 Jean Bergman, USA 16-(25)-25-17-7-1-2-110 79
4 Alberto Abreu, Dom.Rep. 25-(27)-21-11-5-4-10-2-6 84
5 Jaap Hoen, Curacao 24-22-(34)-9-5-13-6-3-6 84
6 Sean Fidler, USA 18-13-(25)-2-1-16-14-16-5 85
7 Paul Ogdegaard, USA 23-(26)-26-16-2-8-9-4-4 92
8 Wayne Iurillo, USA 14-(24)-21-13-4-7-4-12-20 95
9 Stephen Smeulders, USA 15-17-18-11-3-3-5-25-(35) 97
10 Martin Ottenheimer, USA 23-(26)-23-14-9-8-15-9 104
11 Don Bergman, USA 24-18-(35)-8-11-12-15-18-1 107
12 Henry DeWolf, USA 27-26-(35)-6-8-14-6-9-12 108
13 Dolf van der Giesen, Curacao 22-21-12-7-12-20-16-13-7 108
14 Stefano Cappelletti, Peru 33-28-22-4-9-11-8-25 118
15 Vic Maning, USA 22-20-(25)-19-16-5-19-7-14 122
16 Abi Seifert, USA 14-20-17-18-17-(21)-1-17-10-13 126
17 Shapoori Guzder, USA 28-29-24-10-10-18-12-14-13 132
18 Jon Williams, USA 25-(27)-24-15-20-6-23-1-8 144
19 Alex Rose, Curacao 27-(10)-22-25-24-17-18-11-18 145
20 Fred Imhoff, Ned. 13-30-21-23-19-13-17-(35) 154
21 Pat Manning, USA 34-(35)-31-12-20-15-19-22-16-19 179
22 Wouter Werkema, Aruba 35-(28)-20-25-24-26-22-16 189
23 Fran Bonnie, Aruba 29-(31)-22-24-23-27-21-27-1-21 194
26 Ian Verwerda, Ned. 29-26-27-23-(30)-29-17-21 201
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30 Arne Edwards, USA 21-11-19-(35)-35-35-35-35-35 226
31 Jacob Donkersloot, USA 32-32-31-(35)-29-28-30-30-28 240
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2003 Sunfish World Championships
First Place, Gold Fleet
Malcolm Smith, Bermuda
First Place, Silver Fleet
Tony Elliott, USA

Top Junior
Michael Collins, USA
Top Woman
Posy Seifert, USA
Top Master
Malcolm Smith, Bermuda

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Top Junior Sailor Collins adds Worlds to his Resume
by Kathy Collins

Michael Collins, a senior at Bayport-Blue Point High in Bayport, NY, competed in the 33rd Sunfish World Championships in St. Maarten. Finishing as the top Junior, 14th overall, and 5th on the US Team, his debut in the World’s arena proved to be a success.

After many years of sailing his Optimist up and down the east coast, it was a sure thing that he would go on to greater things. One of his first big Sunfish victories was in 2002, when he placed third in the Junior North American Championships in Barrington, RI.

Michael has also been triumphant in his home waters, winning the Shinnecock Bowl, making him the single-handed champion of the Great South Bay. In July’s New York Sunfish Junior Regionals, Michael sailed hard in light and tricky conditions to place second. Collins also sails the Laser Radial, J15, and 420 with his sister, Erin, in local and national events.

When not competing, Collins gives back to the sailing community as an instructor at a local program showing young sailors how rewarding sailing can be. Michael is also an accomplished Varsity track and field runner, soccer player, and snowboarder. He hopes to attend Old Dominion University this fall.


2003 Worlds: (L-R) Juniors Tim Fitzgerald, 15th; Steve Evans, 18th; Michael Collins, 14th; and Katja Rüse, 27th hang out after a day of racing.

2003 Worlds: Team USA pauses for a photo opportunity.

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ISCA President's Corner

by Dick Tillman

Most of us Sunfish sailors are busy getting ready for summer sailing. We are cleaning our boats stored for the winter, checking racing schedules, or just planning the first sail of the new year.

Besides normal fleet racing, this is the year to compete in qualifying races for the 35th Worlds Championship, scheduled for Martinique in 2005. Martinique promises to be a very popular Caribbean venue. Equally popular will be Hyannis, Cape Cod, site for the 34th World Championship this coming September, for which the qualifiers were held in 2003. Note the corrected date of September 18-24 for this event. Hyannis is expected to fulfill the 100 boat limit.

Our European NSCA s are working hard to promote Sunfish racing. Recognizing this, the first International Masters Championship will be in the Netherlands, June 29-July 2, 2005. The Dutch NSCA is planning a large championship. You may track the progress of that event on the Sunfish web site.

Qualifying to compete in a Sunfish Worlds is a goal for many. To help achieve this, we are fortunate that most yacht clubs and community sailing centers offer beginning sailing instruction in Sunfish. This presents an opportunity for youth and adults to try their hand at an exciting, challenging, and life-long sport. For those who already have these skills, your help to the newcomer can also improve your own sailing and keep the pipeline of new sailors flowing into the Class. In this way, up and coming sailors will continue to be attracted to Sunfish events, resulting in better and better competition.

An example of what can be achieved at a local level is this year's winner of the One-Design Leadership Award. This award, presented annually by US SAILING, highlights role models of creative leadership in one-design sailing, specifically, "in recognition of individual initiative, enthusiasm, organizing ability and leadership in creating the one-design fleet building program of the year." David Silverman, Fleet Captain of Melbourne Yacht Club Sunfish Fleet 669, was presented this award for his part in building the MYC fleet from 5-6 members to over 30 in a two-year period. To cap it off, MYC hosted this year's International Masters with a record entry of 71 sailors. Sunfish sailing continues to grow at all levels. Congratulations to David and to his example of what can be achieved.

On a final note, I want to thank Cindy Clifton for editing the Windward Leg for the past six years, and to welcome Peggy Malecki as the new editor. Cindy brought a professional touch to the publication and is a contributor to the class's popularity. We are fortunate to have Peggy to carry on and we look forward to her publications.

Best wishes for smooth sailing throughout the year!
USSCA President's Corner
by Vic Manning

I would like to thank Cindy Clifton for having served as the Windward Leg editor for the past six years. Her dedication to the Class, her hard work at putting out the Windward Leg, and her efforts at hosting the many National and World events at her club has put her as one of the most outstanding members in the Sunfish Class. I wish to publicly thank her for all she has done over the past six years. Our new editor, Peggy Malecki, graciously accepted the position in December as Editor of the Windward Leg and has quickly turned out a fully-packed, first edition on her first go round. Thank You, Peggy.

As you can see, this is a large edition, with a lot of events from last year. As a reminder to all you regional representatives and event organizers, it’s important to get those results to the editor in a timely manner for publication in the next edition. It’s always nice to see your name in print shortly after an event instead of nine months later. Because the Windward Leg is the official publication for the Class, all results must be confirmed by the event organizer, regional rep, and the Class Office before publication, so it’s important to write those articles and get the results in on your regatta in a timely manner. The final posted results are used for considered in your selection to a berth at the Worlds.

It looks like this year’s activities are gearing up for larger turn outs at major events, as displayed by the record 71 participants at the International Masters held at the Melbourne YC in Florida. The organizers of the North Americans, scheduled at Canaigua Yacht Club in July, are anticipating a record number of sailors as compared to the past few years, and are planning to run the old racing format with 100+ boats. The Worlds organizers in Hyannis, MA are preparing for the full 100 boat allocation and participants. And the U.S. Masters in Rochester N.Y. will probably see an exceptionally large turn out of masters warming up for the NAAs.

It great to see so many of you Sunfish sailors coming out to enjoy Sunfish racing, and I encourage each of you to bring a friend and get them involved. This year a lot of major events are fairly centrally located in some of the most beautifully areas of the country, so pack up those boats, let’s go racing, and bring the Class membership up to 2000 members this year.

From the Editor

I’m writing to you as I put the finishing touches on the first 2004 issue of the Windward Leg. This issue marks a transition for our Sunfish Class newsletter as I attempt to follow in the footsteps of Cindy Clifton, our editor of the last six years.

We all owe Cindy a very large round of applause for her ongoing work to present the news and successes of Sunfish sailors in an attractive, concise newsletter. And I would like to personally thank Cindy for her assistance as I prepared this issue.

I truly believe it is important that this newsletter appeal to Sunfish sailors of all levels and backgrounds, not just the folks who attend the major regattas and are mentioned in these pages. I encourage - and even expect - your story ideas and contributions. To that end, please tell me about the types of articles that are important to you. Better yet, offer to write an article! Be it racing techniques, boat repair, boat tuning, or just sailing around the local pond, I depend on you - the members of the Sunfish class - to share your experiences and expertise.

I hope you enjoy this issue, and am anxious to hear your feedback, suggestions, and story ideas. Please contact me by email at peggymalecki11@comcast.net, or via the phone number on page 31 of this issue.

Wishing you a great start to the 2004 season!

Peggy Malecki, Editor

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Membership Chair Mindy Strauley reports that overall 2003 USSCA membership numbers were down slightly from 2002. This slight downturn is accounted for by both a larger number of non-renewing members and a decrease in new member recruitment. This trend is most evident in the New York and Southeast regions.

The Gulf Coast and Western regions had greater success in recruiting new members while retaining existing ones. Although it is difficult for our two smallest regions to have a substantial impact on overall class growth, we need to share and mirror their method of success throughout our regions. Please contact Mindy directly (mskatz@att.net) if you have questions about the report.

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October 13, 2003
St. Maarten Yacht Club, St. Maarten

Advisory Council members present: Todd Edwards for Paul-Jon Patin (Chairman, USA), Todd Edwards (Chief Measurer), T. J. Thornton for Chip Johns (Builder Representative), Malcolm Smith (Bermuda), Todd Edwards for Eduardo Cordero (Worlds Champion), Dick Tillman (Chairman), and Todd Edwards for Eduardo Cordero (Venezuela), Rich Chapman for Dan Feldman (USA), Alfredo Sambolin for David Fernandez (Puerto Rico), Gilbert Thomas for Alex Zimmerman (Peru), Raul Aguayo for Hector Duval (ISAF Representative), Raul Aguayo for Hector Duval (Dominican Republic), Peter van Alphen (Holland).

Roll Call: Acting Chairman Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present. The members introduced themselves.

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

Proposed Changes to the Rules: There were no proposals to change any rules.

Old Business
There was no old business.

New Business
Discussion of ideal number of Worlds competitors - Dick Tillman. President Dick Tillman asked the Council to determine the ideal number of sailors to compete in a Worlds Championship. A discussion took place. Based on container capacity for Worlds outside the USA, a motion was made to set the maximum at 100 competitors in the USA and 94 competitors in all other countries. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Reefing System - Todd Edwards. Todd Edwards described a reefing system that uses all standard Sunfish parts including the "S" hook. It uses the uphaul system and can be led to a cleat on the gaff or the normal Cunningham cleat. This system was used effectively at two women's regattas in the South. Half the fleet used it including all the little girls and Juniors that weighed under 100 pounds. They stayed out all day for seven races in 20+ kts and they came in and said it was great. In a single handed Sunfish championship at the local yachting association, Bishop Stieffel went out in 30-knot winds, put the reef in and beat Ash Beatty and Hank Saurage. A discussion followed. The issue is whether using the "S" hook as a reefing hold is allowed by the current rules. A motion was made and seconded that the reefing system described by Todd Edwards does not breach the current rules. The motion passed. The reefing system described by Todd will be written up along with diagrams and printed in a future Windward Leg.

High-Density Foam Rudder - The new high-density foam rudder was discussed. To date 25 have been manufactured. Two showed up at Barrington and neither of them passed inspection. They were too thick. A discussion followed. Vanguard agreed to look into the status of the retooling so that the rudder would meet the current specifications and to determine the factories position on production of future high-density foam rudders. Another discussion took place concerning what to do about the 25 that were already made. A motion was made and seconded to allow the same changes to the high-density foam rudder as are allowed for the wooden rudders. The motion passed.

Ranking Sailors - A discussion took place on how to rank sailors for a shared boat regatta. Several ideas/methods were discussed. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the ISAF Ranking System. The motion passed. The Class Office will be responsible for implementing the ISAF Ranking System.

NOR vs. Vanguard Equipment Requirements at the Worlds - A discussion ensued concerning what the NOR specified versus what Vanguard would allow on the Worlds boats. Line types and lengths were also discussed. Vanguard agreed to work closer with the Worlds host so that the NOR would specify the same equipment requirements as Vanguard required. Todd Edwards will also work with Vanguard to define a better racing package. All NSCA's are asked to get their requirements for the racing package to Todd. Todd will consolidate the NSCA requests and present them to Vanguard.

World Sails - A discussion took place concerning having additional Worlds sails available for purchase at the Worlds. This year there were several requests by Worlds competitors to purchase World sails. Vanguard is willing to provide additional sails provided the requirement is defined three months prior to the Worlds.

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**2004 USSCA Ballot**

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Mailed or emailed ballots must be received by the USSCA Secretary no later than Saturday, July 10, 2004, or submitted by the declared poll closing at the USSCA Annual Meeting at Canandaigua Yacht Club, Canandaigua, New York, on July 15, 2004.

You may photocopy this page or print a ballot from the Class web site at www.sunfishclass.org.

Send to: Gail M. Turluck, USSCA Secretary
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One ballot per USSCA member. To establish voter eligibility, please enter your Sail Number as shown on your USSCA membership card:

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### Annual USSCA Meetings to Occur during July NAs

**Notice of 2004 USSCA Board Annual Meeting**
The United States Sunfish Class Association Board of Directors will meet Thursday, July 15, 2004 at Canandaigua Yacht Club, Canandaigua, New York, in the evening, promptly after the conclusion of the Junior Championship Banquet.

**Notice of 2004 USSCA Annual Membership Meeting**
The United States Sunfish Class Association Annual Membership Meeting will be on Friday, July 16, 2004 at Canandaigua Yacht Club, Canandaigua, New York, at 7:30 p.m.

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Reefing a Sunfish Sail

by Todd Edwards,
International Measurer

After many years and sitting thru hours of discussion at three North American Executive Committee meetings, the subject of reefing a Sunfish sail has come to a conclusion.

Tom Whitehurst, Bishop Stieffel, and I expended much effort to find a reefing system that works, conforms to the present rules, and requires no modification to the sail with no reef points, no grommets, sail ties, etc.). We took Paul Odegaard’s idea and ran with it.

At the 2002 Women’s NAs, the three “Dolly Daddies” mentioned above rigged a reefing system that was used by several women who weighed approximately 100 pounds each. They stayed out on the racecourse all day in 20+ knots of wind. Their statements to us were in the nature of great enthusiasm; in other words, they loved it.

Later that year in a make up Gulf Coast Circuit regatta held in 25-30 knots, Bishop Stieffel whooped Hank Saurage and Ash Beatty. Bishop used this new reefing system while Hank and Ash used Jens rigs. Again at the 2003 Women’s NAs, several women used the new system and were very grateful for its ease of use. I heard recently that our International Class President, Dick Tillman, used the reef in heavy air and was quite pleased with its performance.

At the 2003 World Council meeting, I presented the above regatta experiments and my opinions about how the rules applied to the reef. It was agreed upon that the reefing system, as described below, is legal.

The rules state that two lines and two cleats may be used to control luff and foot tension. Now, theouthaul remains the same; but, returning to my childhood memories, an uphaul system was first used to control the luff. If you already have a cleat on your boom to control the cunningham, that is okay.

Run your uphaul from the head thru the plastic cap fairlead down thru the clips to the tack grommet and then to your cleat on the boom.

Now, the ingenious trick is to use the S-hook, supplied with the boat, as a horn, similar to the reef horn on a keelboat. Put the S hook on the eye bolts and have the open horn end on the starboard side. When it comes time to reef, release the uphaul, allowing the sail to slide down the gaff. Put the cunningham grommet over the S hook, and then pull the luff tight again. With theouthaul tight, no ties are needed to reef the sail. The window is still useful and safe although lower.

Tips on rigging and when to use the reef will be forthcoming, perhaps on the class website.

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International Sunfish Class Association (ISCA) World Council Minutes

ISCA WORLD COUNCIL MEETING
October 15, 2003
St. Maarten YC, St. Maarten

World Council members present: Richard L. Tillman (President); Jean Bergman (Past President), Andres Santana (Vice President), Terry Beadle (Secretary), Patricia Manning (Treasurer), Todd Edwards (Chief Measurer), Todd Edwards for Paul-Jon Patin (Advisory Council Representative), Rich Chapman for Dan Feldman (Advisory Council Representative), T. J. Thornton for Chip Johns (Builder Representative), Raul Aguayo for Hector Duval (ISAF Representative), Terry Beadle for Joel Furman (Membership Chairman), Vic Manning (USA), Andreas Santana for Andreas Flebbe (Venezuela), Alfredo Sambolin for Jaime E. Purcell (Puerto Rico), Malcolm Smith (Bermuda), Alex Rose (Curacao), Paul van Alphen for Greta Dekker-Bruning (Holland), Guillermo Cappelletti for Alberto Bedoya (Peru), Terry Beadle for Robin Clair-Pitts (US VI), Frank Bonset for Richard W. van der Wal (Aruba), Raul Aguayo for Hector Duval (Dominican Republic), Guy de Chavigny for Dr. Henry Pied (Martinique), Robbie Ferron (St. Maarten).

Roll Call: President Dick Tillman called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. Each recognized NSCA with at least 20 members was entitled to one vote. The USA, with 1552 members, was entitled to three additional votes for a total of four votes.

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

President’s Report - President Tillman welcomed all Council members to the meeting. He reported that the Class is strong but was disappointed in the turnout for the Worlds.

He noted the appointment of Lydia Scargiali of Italy as European International Sunfish Class Representative. Her duties are to promote and generate the activities of the Sunfish Class throughout Europe.

He noted that Alex Zimmerman of Peru requested we invite all countries to participate in the Worlds in order to generate more interest in the Sunfish Class. President Tillman agreed with that request.

President Tillman mentioned that the Council had approved a salary increase of approximately 20% for the Sunfish Office staff, in that there had been no increase for the past 14 years.

Hyannis Yacht Club in Hyannis, MA will be hosting next years Worlds in the USA on September 11-18, 2004.

Vice Presidents Report “I was very busy with the Pan Am this year. I had a very difficult battle with the support of the Puerto Rican committees. Finally the situation was resolved because all the classes were accepted except the Lightning. We ended up with a participation of 134 competitors. In the case of the Sunfish I am very happy because we were more than successful. Only one country could not make it and that was Chile. The Sunfish competition was at a very high level. Other people at the Pan Ams had the opportunity to see how competitive we are. People are getting the idea that the Sunfish is really a Pan Am Class and hopefully we will be in the next Pan Ams.

South America has been showing a growing interest in the Sunfish and our participation in the next Pan Ams in Brazil. It is very important for the Sunfish Class to be active in the Pan Ams because a lot of new countries look at the classes in the Pan Ams to determine what classes they will be involved with.

I am pleased with the appointment of Lydia in Europe because Europe has a lot of potential. We have to find a way to make things easier for the Europeans to become active in the Sunfish Class.

In the next year I will be working in our region for the next CAC and Pan Am games. I hope Vanguard will support us this time. The election of Advisory Council: The following Council members were approved: Andres Santana for Andreas Flebbe (Venezuela), Alfredo Sambolin for Jaime E. Purcell (Puerto Rico), Malcolm Smith (Bermuda), Alex Rose (Curacao), Paul Van Alphen for Greta Dekker-Bruning (Holland), Guillermo Cappelletti for Alberto Bedoya (Peru), Terry Beadle for Robin Clair-Pitts (US VI), Frank Bonset for Richard W. van der Wal (Aruba), Raul Aguayo for Hector Duval (Dominican Republic), Guy de Chavigny for Dr. Henry Pied (Martinique), Robbie Ferron (St. Maarten).

Treasurer’s Report - Treasurer Pat Manning distributed and read the Treasurer’s report (see Treasurer’s report). The 2003 report contained finances through the end of September. A motion was passed to have the Treasurer’s report accepted.

Advisory Council Report Acting Chairman Todd Edwards presented the items discussed in the Advisory Council meeting (see minutes of the Advisory Council).

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ISAF Committee Report - No report. Andreas Santana mentioned that Hector Duval will be attending the annual ISAF meeting in November, 2003. One of the main topics to be discussed will be the issues of the last Pan Am Games. Hector’s report after the meeting will be very important.

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Old Business
Annual Dues  No motion was made to change the annual dues.

Guidelines Manual for World Championships  Vic Manning (USA) created and described the Guidelines Manual for the World Championship. It is a rough draft and is not complete. Vic will email a copy to anyone who will review and comment on it within the next couple of weeks. He would like to get as much input as he can so that the manual is as complete as possible. All those that want a copy need to email Vic and request a copy. The final/completed version is scheduled for January 2004.

Requirement for all NSCAs to have an email address - The requirement of all NSCAs 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.

Establish a Credit Card Merchant Account  Treasurer Pat Manning described a credit card (VISA-MasterCard) account that she would like the Class to implement. This account would solve the problem of the non-US members/NSCAs sending money to the Class Office. A motion was made and seconded to implement this credit card account. Motion passed.

New Business
Venues for the 2004, 2005 and 2006 World Championships  President Tillman introduced each of the venue presenters. The Class has accepted the proposal of the Hyannis Yacht Club to host the World Championship in 2004. Tom Duggan presented their plan. He also handed out some materials describing the Hyannis Yacht Club and its facilities. The World will be held September 11-18, 2004. Tom answered several questions posed to him by the council members. The presentation was well received.

A proposal for the 2005 World Championship was presented by Guy De Chavigny of Martinique. Guy described the sailing area and facilities in Martinique. The date would be sometime in May, 2005. The Class and Vanguard will work with Martinique to ensure their capability to host the Worlds in 2005.

A proposal for the 2006 World Championship was presented by Ernie Kervel of Aruba. Ernie was ISCA's second president. Ernie described their past accomplishments as well as reminding everyone that they have hosted three Sunfish World Championships in Aruba. Ernie described their sailing area and facilities as well as providing many pictures and memorabilia from past Sunfish Worlds. He is looking for a major sponsor for the Worlds so that they can have as many as 120 competitors. He would like to keep all the boats and sponsor an annual major Sunfish event (Masters, etc.) the following two years. The date of the Worlds would be sometime in September 2006.

A comment was made that we need to market the Worlds much more aggressively throughout the world. The International Masters Championship for 2004 will be the second weekend of March 2004 in Melbourne, Florida.

Honorary Lifetime Memberships  Ernie Kervel and Don Bergman were nominated for lifetime memberships. Both were voted on and accepted.

Constitution corrections  Article 7.1.1  - Secretary Beadle explained the error in the first sentence of Article 7.1.1. A discussion followed. A motion was made and seconded to reword the first sentence of the article as follows: "Each member of the World Council and any member appointed by a NSCA meeting the requirements of 7.5.1.1 shall have one vote". The motion passed.

Article 7.4.11  - Secretary Beadle explained the error in the last sentence of Article 7.4.11. A motion was made and seconded to delete the end of the last sentence ("and any vacancy representing the Sailmaker(s) shall be filled by the Sailmaker(s)") referring to the Sailmaker. The motion passed.

2004 Sailors Directory  - Vic Manning explained that a new publisher has been found and its planned to be published in January, 2004. A motion was made and seconded to authorize up to $2,000 to have the directory published. Motion passed.

2005 International Masters Regatta  - Paul van Alphen of Holland made a proposal to host the 2005 International Masters in Holland. The event would take place in June 2005. A motion was made and seconded to have Holland host the 2005 International Masters. The motion passed.

Return of Deposit & Entry 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 made and seconded to only return their Entry Fee of $250. The motion passed. Treasurer Manning and Secretary

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2004 United States Sunfish Masters Championship
June 25-27, 2004
Notice of Race
Rochester Canoe Club, Rochester NY

Rules: The regatta will be governed by the 2001-2004 racing rules of sailing, the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, and the rules of the Sunfish Class, except as any of those altered by the Sailing Instructions. The regatta is designated category A.

Eligibility and Entry: All participants must be members of the United States Sunfish Class Association and over 40 years of age as of June 26, 2004. Sunfish Class Membership applications will be available at registration.

Schedule:
Friday, June 25th
9:00-12:00 Registration
1:00 Practice Races
5:00 Happy Hour & Dinner
Saturday, June 26th
7:30-9:15 Registration
9:15 Skippers Meeting
10:00 Start Race 1
-- Subsequent races back to back
12:00 (approx) Break for Lunch
1:00 Afternoon Races back to back
5:00 Happy Hour
6:00 Dinner
Sunday, June 27th
9:00 Skippers meeting (if needed)
9:30 Start Race
-- No race will begin after 2:00 on Sunday.

Sailing Instructions: Will be available at registration

Courses: Will be listed in the Sailing Instructions. The course will be south of the Bay Bridge on Irondequoit Bay.

Number of Races: The Race Committee will attempt to sail as many races as possible. One race may constitute the regatta.

Scoring: Scoring will be low point scoring system in accordance with RR Appendix A2.

Standard Sunfish age groups will apply: Apprentice Masters, age 40-49; Masters, age 50-59; Grand Masters, age 60-69; Supreme Grand Masters, age 70-79; and Exalted Grand Masters, age 80+ will be established if 4 or more in this group pre-register by June 1.

Awards: Awards will be given to the Top 3 in each age group and to the Top 5 finishers overall

Registration Fee: Registration fee will be $50.00. $5.00 discount will apply if received or postmarked before 6/1/2004. $5.00 discount will apply for US Sailing members. Registration fee will include Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on Saturday and Breakfast on Sunday. Beer and soda will also be provided. Additional dinners may be ordered with registration.

Housing: Camping will be available on the club grounds. Limited housing with notice is available with club members. There are a few hotels within a ten-minute drive to the club.

Super 8 Motel         Fairfield Inn         Holiday Inn Express
2450 Empire Blvd     915 Hard Rd         Irondequoit Mall Dr
Webster, NY 14580    Webster, NY 14580     Rochester, NY 14622
585-671-6990        585-671-1500         585-342-0430

Additional Information: Please Contact:
Mike Fortner
87 West Church St
Fairport, NY 14450
585-377-0271
585-288-2380 (RCC Clubhouse Phone on day of Regatta only)
Mike_fortner@frontiernet.net

Registration Form / Rochester Canoe Club - 2004 United States Sunfish Masters Championship - June 25-27, 2004

Name ___________________________ Sail # _____________
Address ___________________________ Club ___________________________
City ___________ ST _______ Zip ___________ Phone ___________________________
Age ________ US Sailing Member Number ___________

Registration $50.00
Less US Sailing Membership ($ 5.00)
Pre-Register before June 1st and save 5.00 ($ 5.00)

Additional dinners @ $9.00 ___________

Total ___________

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and by all other rules that govern this event. In consideration for its sponsorship of the event, I hereby release the event organizer, its officers, employees, agents and members from any and all claims for damages for death, and personal injuries or property damage in any manner related to this event or the operation of the event organizer. I hereby acknowledge that it is always the individual responsibility of each skipper to determine whether to start or to continue racing.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Make checks payable to the Rochester Canoe Club and mail to Mike Fortner, 87 W. Church St., Fairport, NY, 14450.
2004 Sunfish Junior North Americans and North Americans
July 12-17, 2004
Notice of Race
Canandaigua Yacht Club, Canandaigua, New York

Contact:
Tom Casey, Regatta Chairman
thomas.casey@kodak.com or tcasey@rochester.rr.com
H: 585-726-3060

Located in the scenic Finger Lakes region of New York State, the Canandaigua Yacht Club (CYC) has hosted numerous local, regional and national regattas for various classes including Sunfish, Flying Dutchmen, Ensigns, Sharks (multi-hulls), and J/24s.

Onsite facilities include a full service bar and restaurant, camping area, boat and trailer storage, boat ramp, board boat ramp, two hoists, 300+/- lineal feet of waterfront, picnic area with playground, and a swim beach. For complete information on the Club and its' facilities, check our website at www.sailcyc.com.

Rules:
The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the 2001-2004 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing association, and the rules of the International Sunfish Class Association, except as any of these may be altered by the sailing instructions.

Courses:
Courses will be windward/leeward, triangle, or any combination thereof. Two courses will be set on Canandaigua Lake and, wind and weather conditions permitting, will be visible from the CYC waterfront.

Eligibility:
International/US Sunfish Class Association Membership is required. Anyone can join the Sunfish Class by completing a membership form at time of registration.

Registration: Registration forms will be available by April 28, 2004 on the CYC website: www.sailcyc.com

Schedule (Race Times TBA):
Monday, July 12
9am to 4pm Registration & measurement
Tuesday, July 13
Junior Championship Racing / Open Qualifying Racing
Wednesday, July 14
Junior Championship Racing / Open Qualifying Racing
Evening - Junior Championship Awards Banquet
Thursday, July 15 - Saturday, July 17
Championship Fleet Racing (including top 5 Juniors)
Thursday, July 15 - Saturday, July 17
Alcort Fleet Racing (including all other Juniors)
Saturday July 17
Evening awards banquet

Entry Fee:
Early Registration (March 1- June 18, 2004)
Junior members $190
Senior members $225
Late registration (June 19 - July 12, 2004)
Junior members $215
Senior members $250
Guest Registration - $150

Entry fee includes:
Continental breakfast on the waterfront. Tuesday thru Saturday; box lunch for race participants; dinner Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday banquet, Thursday, and Saturday banquet; complimentary beverages after last race of each day.

Sailing instructions:
Sailing instructions will be available at time of registration.
Entry Form

2004 Sunfish North American Championship & Junior Championship
July 12th – 17th, 2004 - Canandaigua Yacht Club, Canandaigua, NY

Note: Please fill out separate registration forms for each sailor in your party.

Name ____________________ USSCA/ISCA # ______________ Expires __________

Address ____________________

Day Phone ____________________ Eve Phone ____________________ Email ________

Birth Date ____________________ Club Affiliation ____________________ Fleet # ______

Sail # ____________________ T-shirt size (circle) S M L XL

Check All That Apply

☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Junior ☐ Midget ☐ Master (40+)
☐ Worlds Champion (Year _______ ) ☐ NAs Champion (Year _______ )

Advanced Registration (Postmarked by 6/16/2004)

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Guest Registration

Guest Pass good for all meals/functions $150/person

US Sailing Discount

US Sailing # __________ Exp. Date: __________

US Sailing Members may deduct $5 from Entry Fee
(Proof of Membership Required at Check-in)

Total (Checks Payable to “Sunfish NA Regatta”)

Mail to:

SF NAC 2004
Joan Calkins
8 Peppermill Dr.
Fairport, NY 14450

*Mail-in Registrations Must Be Received by Friday, July 9th. On-site registration opens Sunday, July 11th,
1pm to 4pm and continues through Monday, July 12th, 9am to 3pm.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ASSUMPTION OF RISK: In consideration of the International
Sunfish Class Association (“ISCA”), the United States Sunfish Class Association (“USSCA”), and The Canandaigua Yacht Club
(“CYC”) allowing me to practice for and participate in the above named event, I recognize and understand that the regatta is voluntary
in nature and participation is at the invitation of the event host and organizer. I recognize that I incur risk attendant to sail and water-related activities and I assume the risk of any bodily injury that I may incur while practicing for and participating in this event. I fully agree to waive any and all claims, charges, losses and liabilities, including those caused by negligence, that ISCA, USSCA and/or CYC, their respective officers, employees, agents, and members, and agree that ISCA, USSCA and/or CYC, their respective officers, employees, agents, or members shall not be liable for, any bodily injury to myself incurred while I am practicing for or participating in this event or which may arise from, or in any way be in connection with, the practices or activities of this regatta and/or its organizers.

I am aware that the activities may involve maneuvering a sailboat in deep waters in potentially hazardous conditions which may include, without limitation, cold water temperatures, strong winds, waves, sudden and unexpected immersion in deep waters and collision with other watercraft or stationary objects such as docks, pilings and buoys. I understand that I am responsible for my actions while I may be (1) practicing for or participating in this regatta and (2) on the grounds of the event host. I further hereby release, discharge and otherwise indemnify ISCA, USSCA and CYC, and their respective officers, employees, agents, or members, from any and all negligence, liability, damage, injury, lost cost or expense, including reasonable attorneys’ fees, incurred by me and arising in connection with or as a result of my practicing for or participation in the above named event. I also agree to be bound by the racing rules of the International Sailing Federation, US SAILING and by any and all other rules which govern this event.

Signature ____________________________________ Date __________

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Beadle will return the Entry Fee to each of the ten cancelled participants.

Boat Distribution during the Worlds - Alex Roose of Curacao presented a detailed description of an alternative boat distribution system using two fleets instead of four fleets. It also did not include the carry forward of the qualification races. Alex also described some of the pros and cons of each system. A lengthy discussion took place. A motion was made and seconded to accept the two fleet boat distribution system in future Worlds when the sharing of boats is required. The vote ended in a tie and therefore the motion failed.

Please note that Article 7.5.1.1 of the ISCA Constitution, which specifies that the basic ISCA membership dues must be paid by May 1 of that membership year, will be enforced now that we have authorized the acceptance of VISA-MasterCard credit cards from all non-US NSCAs/members.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry A. Beadle
ISCA Secretary
International Sunfish Class Association
Profit & Loss
January through September 2003

Jan - Sep 03 - Ordinary Income/Expense
Income

2003 ISCA NSCA Membership Report

After examining the latest records of the Class Secretary, Terry Beadle, it appears that the International Sunfish Class is presently endowed with a total of fifteen (15) Recognized National Class Associations for which dues have been received for 2003, to wit; Aruba (which I advanced $160.00 for in April 2003) 20 Members, Bahamas (21), Bermuda (20), Bonaire (20), Canada (20) Curacao (30), Dominican Republic (20), Guatemala (20), Holland (26), Italy (20), Martinique (20), Peru (20), Puerto Rico (20), US (1534), and the US Virgin Islands (27) totaling 1838 Recognized Members.

Non-Recognized NSCAs include Antigua (5), British Virgin Islands (5), Central America (15), Chile (20), Columbia (20), Equador (20), Ireland (20), Mexico (5), St. Maarten (5) (Paid 2003), and Venezuela (20) totaling 135 Non-recognized members.

Joel Furman
ISCA Membership Chairman

Royalties 3,190.00
Total Income 16,974.00

Expense

Advertising 177.50
Auto Expense
Mileage reimbursement 180.65
Total Auto Expense 180.65

Bank Charges 285.00
Commissions 394.14
Dues & Subscription Expense 335.01
Office Supplies 277.05
Printing, publications, postage

Printing-Sunfish Office
Copies 88.32
Total Printing-Sunfish Office 88.32

Postage & Delivery-Sunfish Office 818.20
Printing-Windward Leg 1,387.77
Postage & Delivery-Windward Leg 498.41
Editor's Fees-Windward Leg 924.12

Total Printing, pubs., postage 3,716.82

Professional Fees 300.00
Sail Numbers 366.12
Sunfish Office Duties
NSCA Member Fees 925.00
ISCA hours 1,715.99
Labels-Windward Leg 81.71
USNSCA hours 1,785.17
USSCA Member Fees 2,943.75

Total Sunfish Office Duties 7,451.62

Telephone 181.22

Total Expense 13,095.13

Net Ordinary Income 3,878.87
Other Income/Expense

Other Income
Investment Income 245.26
Total Other Income 245.26

Other Expense
World's Deposits 27,750.00
World's Expense 18,162.00

Total Other Expense 9,588.00

Net Other Income 9,833.26

Net Income 13,712.13
Regional News

Williams, Smeulders are NY Regional Champions

NY Regionals #1
Moriches YC - Moriches, NY
August 16-17, 2003

1 Chris Williams 2-5-1-1-1-(10)-6 17
2 Paul-Jon Patin 1-2-6-(7)-4-3-2-1 19
3 Kenneth Mockridge Jr. 6-5-6-(7)-4-2-6-3 29
4 Christine Coffill 7-(15)-14-5-10-6-7-2 51
5 John Skrzypiec 4-4-19-3-12-(23)-10 53
6 Bill Betts (24)-3-15-2-6 8-9-12 55
7 Dan Hess 15-7-2-13-15-9-6-4 (16) 67
8 Eric He sse 3-1-3-19-13-11-8-19 68
9 Ken Charles 17-(24)-8-6-18-10-11-3 73
10 Joel Furman (26)-22-5-8-9-13-12-9 78
11 Brian McGinnis 15-18-28-15-5-4-(26)-7 90
12 Robert Bachee 12-9-20-23-(27)-7-19-3 93
13 Trisha Kutkie 19-13-17-11-(23)-11-8-18 97
14 Michael Collins 8-10-(22)-20-17-16-15-15 101
15 John Gaudieri 22-21-21-21-(22)-22-20-18 108
16 Lee Montes 10-25-9-26-(14)-15-16-23 112
17 Megan Keating 21-28-10-18-26-17-14-17 113
18 John Hesse 13-(26)-4-22-18-21-21-12 120
19 Tom Baun falk 19-(32)-21-21-29-20-23-4 137
20 Michael Spencer 18-14-16-25-20-5-4-5-(45) 143
21 John Condon 11-12-18-17-22-22-45-(45) 147

23 Chris O'Brien 14-11-34-9-(3)-45-45 161
24 Kevin McKeon 27-(33)-33-12-24-29-18-24 167
25 Kelly Mockridge (45)-28-30-10-26-27-27-30 178
26 Rex Inette 35-(38)-25-28-33-19-20-26 186
27 Ryan Harkin 34-30-26-33-(37)-32-13-22 190
29 John Labran 30-35-23-(44)-30-31-32-11 192
30 Mallory Datz 33-20-38-(39)-36-28-14 197
31 Felicity Ryan (45)-45-31-34-21-30-29-19 209
32 Chris Harris 37-36-35-40-(41)-25-24-25 222
33 Charles Kory 36-(40)-36-37-40-26-31-29 235
34 lan Davison 31-29-29-30-31-(45)-45-45 240
35 Bill Widenor 39-31-(42)-36-35-34-33-32 240
36 Corey Fitzgerald 40-37-41-38-(43)-33-30-31 250
37 Tracy Hagst c 32-34-32-32-(43)-45-45 254
38 Vinny Caggiano 41-43-42-43-44-(44)-35-34-28 266
39 Robert Stuart 38-41-(43)-42-42-36-35-33 267
41 David Simel 40-39-40-41-39-(45)-45-45 289

Note: At the request of the Class Office, names and scores of non-paid U.S.S.C.A. members who competed in this regional event were not included in these results.

Wet Pants Sailing Association Sweeps Aspatuck Team Races!


Racing was held on Tiana Bay in East Quogue, N.Y. Commodore Laura and Paddy McChesney hosted the regatta at their home at "Pow Wow Point". The Race Committee was headed by Ted Shuttleworth and assisted by Ted Conklin, Henry Immes, and Sam Robbins.

Teams raced each of the other teams twice, for a total of six races in SW winds at 10-15 knots. A seventh "free for all" race was won by Dan Hesse of Wet Pants SA.

Wind and weather were perfect, and everyone enjoyed the luncheon, refreshments and awards at Pow Wow Point's boathouse. A great deal of thanks go to Ted Shuttleworth and the Race Committee, Commodore McChesney for hosting and all her hard work, and all the teams who attended for making this a very successful event. We look forward to next year.

-Douglas Adams

Sunfish Team Race
Aspatuck YC
Tiana Bay - East Quogue, NY
July 26, 2003

Team Place W/L Members
Wet Pants SA 1 6/0 Lee Montes Todd Klingler Gerry Hesse Dan Hesse Peter Jenkins
Southold YC 2 4/2 Mike Spencer Joe Sullivan Bart Hale John Condon Dick Heinel
Aspatuck YC 3 2/4 Jim Rothwell Bob DeYoung Albert Connett John Edwards Wesley Shuttleworth
Southold YC II 4 0/6 Adam Friedman Oren Friedman Kirsten Barr Andre Lekich Geoffrey Loefred

Free For All Race
Top Five Finishers: Dan Hesse 1
John Condon 2
Lee Montes 3
Gerry Hesse 4
Todd Klingler 5

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Gust Repeats in Second Southwest Regional Championship

The second Southwest Regional Championships were held Sept 20-21, 2003 at Rush Creek YC on Lake Ray Hubbard. Forty sailors attended, some traveling from as far away as Mississippi and Kansas.

Competition was fierce. Several participants had won district, regional, midwinter, and national championships. Seven races were scheduled, but only five were sailed due to light winds. Many lead changes happened, with sailors gaining or losing 10 to 15 places each race.

Congratulations to Greg Gust (Rockwall, TX) for his great first place sailing effort! Top woman finisher was Anne Edwards (Bay St. Louis, MS). Top master was Warren Fitzpatrick (Dallas, TX). Top Junior was Court Bookhout (Rockwall, TX).

Out of towners were greeted on Friday afternoon with a welcoming party. After four races on Saturday, a raffle was held, followed by a delicious “Shrimp Boil” dinner. Everyone enjoyed the dinner, Cajun music, and late night accompaniment by local artist Buddy Wainwright.

- Patricia Manning

Southwest Regional Championship, L-R: (top) Warren Fitzpatrick, top master; Tim Fitzgerald, 4th; Hank Saurage, 5th; Greg Gust, 1st; Sean Gust, 2nd; Buddy Wainwright, 6th; (middle) Anne Edwards, top woman; 7th; Ash Beatty, 8th; Collin Weston, 5th; Kristen Rogers, 3rd; Clinton Edwards, 3rd; Court Bookhout, 1st; (bottom) Todd Edwards, 2nd; Ellen Burks, 9th.

Gust takes SW Regional #1

SW Regional Championships #1
Austin, TX
May 3-4, 2003

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Nelson is New Slough King

Sailors at the 2003 Great Pumpkin Regatta at Johnson Slough Yacht Club in Hinsdale, IL, enjoyed good weather, outstanding food and beverages (thanks again, Cheryl McCarthy!), creative courses (four and five marks in varying order and direction), beautiful trophies, a little bit of wind ... and a new Slough King!

Perennially in the hunt no matter where he's raced, but never having won a regatta, Bill Nelson (Arlington Heights, IL) mastered the Slough's fickle winds and was crowned Slough King at the conclusion of the six-race, one-day series last Halloween weekend. Local racers note that the traditional Icebreaker regatta will not be contested in Spring 2004 due to major remodeling at the "yacht club". Mark your calendars for next fall and enjoy the new facilities! - Gail Turluck

Callahan Wins the 5th For Fun! Regatta

The 5th Just for Fun! Regatta was held October 12 in Hueson Woods State Park under bright, sunny skies. Winds ranged from 5-15 mph. Four different skippers won races. Prizes were a bit "funky."

Jerry Callahan (Trenton, OH) finished no race worse than fourth to capture First Prize -monogrammed kid’s overalls designating "first overall". Ray Steely (Maumee, OH) won two place mats for finishing second. Neil Harrell (Cincinnati, OH) won a child’s night sleeper with a Baby Ruth™ bar pictured for "turd place," Tom Katterheinrich (New Knoxville, OH) received a picture of Scandinavian fjords for fourth, and Peter Buckley (Cincinnati, OH) won a “fifth” of iced tea. Prizes were the brainchild of Mike Stratton (Farmersville, OH).

5th Just for Fun! Regatta
Hueston Woods, OH
October 12, 2003

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- Jerry Callahan

Great Pumpkin Regatta
Johnson Slough YC - Hinsdale, IL
October 25, 2003

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3 Jim Irwin 4-4-5-1-9-(3) 17
4 Fritz Hanselman 7-1-2-7-11-(1) 18
5 John Huebner 2-7-3-7-3-6 21
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11 Jim McCarthy 10-12-11-12-(13)5 50
12 Doug Warren 12-10-10-11-(14)-9 52
13 Gary Holleman 13-14-13-13-12-10 61
14 Thorsten Lutz (14)-13-14-14-10-14 65

Great Pumpkin Regatta, L-R: Thorsten Lutz, 14th; Bill Nelson, 1st; Don Bergman, 2nd; Jim Irwin, 3rd; Fritz Hanselman, 4th; John Huebner, 5th.

Devil’s Lake Regatta
Devil’s Lake YC - Manitou Beach, MI
September 13-14, 2003

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- Tom Katterheinrich

Clark Lake Regatta
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Fries wins 28th Annual Wolf Lake Open

The annual “Double the Fun!” regatta included two boat classes with 18 Sunfish and nine Snipe competing in races with staggered starts. Under an overcast sky, the wind was very challenging from the southwest, blowing across the lake and leading to long windward legs.

Saturday’s first race had winds from 10-12 mph, with 30 mph gusts in the 7-leg course. Leading the first race and with 200 yards until the finish, Derrick Fries (Clarkston, MI) broke his mast off just above the deck in heavy gusts. Remarkably, he used what was left of his mast and still finished third in that race.

Following lunch and repairs, two back-to-back races were run. Winds for the second race continued at 10-20 mph, and then diminished to 5-12 mph through the third race. By day’s end, the wind had worn out even the best, and sailors were ready to share the day’s challenges while cooking clothing as they could comfortably wear.

Derrick Fries won the regatta, with four first and one third place finishes. The top junior was Drew Fries (Clarkston, MI), sailing under the watchful eyes of his dad, Derrick. A local rivalry between Kyle Lake (Jackson, MI) and Nathan Ziegler (Chelsea, MI) forced a tie breaker ruling, putting Lake ahead into 8th place.

Additional awards included recognition to Zac Ziegler (Chelsea, MI), who won the “Wet Chest” award for dumping is boat the most times. Derrick Fries was awarded “Mr. Fix-it” for the most trouble with a boat, and Kyle Lake “Stealing the Mark” for dragging a mark with his rudder.

Plenty of food provided a fun atmosphere to relax and swap stories. Special thanks to Kendra Lake and to all who helped in the kitchen. Special thanks also to the race committee, headed by Pat and Duain Olney, and other members of the Wolf Lake YC.

- Andy Ziegler

Fries is consistent in No Sweat Regatta

This year’s Laser/Sunfish regatta at Portage Yacht Club lived up to its moniker with temperatures hovering around 50 on Saturday, winds blowing in the 20s, windchills in the 30s, and water temps in the upper 50s. It was a fashion show as everyone donned as much protective clothing as they could comfortably wear and still sail their boat.

Four races were held Saturday, with a hot lunch break in between. The occasional Portage Lake windshift caused the committee to move the windward mark to prevent legs from becoming a horse race. Triangular courses ruled so competitors could enjoy the frequent planing conditions. By the time the racing concluded on Saturday afternoon, many of us had taken our final swim of the year (including yours truly), which made de-rigging our boats with ice cold hands quite challenging.

Sunday brought the total opposite in terms of wind for the final three races. Sometimes it was there and sometimes it wasn’t. Sometimes it filled in from the left and other times the right. Those who got their heads out of the boat (the leaders in each fleet) managed to sail the course as though there was a steady wind much to the blank stares of us who were trying to figure it all out.

The race concluded with a social hour in the park with plenty of good food including Bratwurst, hot baked beans, chips, cookies, apples and plenty of liquid refreshment. Congratulations to Derrick Fries (Clarkston, MI) for his outstanding sailing and consistency in all conditions.

- Michael Ehnis

28th Annual Wolf Lake Open, L-R: Derrick Fries, 1st; Don Bergman, 2nd; Shapoor Guzdon, 3rd; Jon Wedemeyer, 4th; Gail Turkuck, 5th. (Photo: Kathy Ziegler)

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28th Wolf Lake Open
Wolf Lake YC - Jackson, MI
July 26-27, 2003

| 1 Derrick Fries | 3-1-1-1-1  | 7 |
| 2 Don Bergman   | 1-2-2-2-2  | 9 |
| 3 Shapoor Guzdon| 6-5-7-6-3  | 27|
| 4 Jon Wedemeyer | 8-3-4-4-1  | 30|
| 5 Gail Turkuck  | 2-10-6-7-6 | 31|
| 6 David Davies  | 5-12-3-9-4 | 33|
| 7 Tom Katterheinrich | 4-6-10-9  | 37|
| 8 Kyle Lake     | 7-9-9-3-12 | 40|
| 9 Nathan Ziegler| 11-4-8-10-7 | 40 |
| 10 Brennan Stanford | 10-14-5-5-8 | 42 |
| 11 Ray Steely   | 9-7-11-11-5 | 43 |
| 12 Andy Ziegler | 12-8-12-14-10 | 56 |
| 13 Don Jones    | 13-11-13-12-14 | 63 |
| 14 Chuck Butchart | 14-13-14-13  | 67 |
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No Sweat Regatta
Portage YC - Pinckney, MI
October 4-5, 2003

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| 4 Ray Steely    | 3-6-3-4-3-4-7  | 22 |
| 5 Tom Katterheinrich | 5-4-6-5-6-5-6-5  | 30 |
| 6 Kyle Lake     | 7-8-7-6-6-6-6 | 37 |
| 7 Steve Kraft   | 6-5-6-5-8-7-8  | 37 |
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| 9 Don Jones     | (10)-10-9-10-9-5-9 | 57 |
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Herndon wins Midwest Regional #1

MW Regions #1
Lake Bluff YC - Lake Bluff, IL
June 21, 2003

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2 Rich Chapman 5 1-3-1 10
3 Dan Feldman 6-2-2-3 13
4 Fritz Hanselman 244-5 15
5 Shapoor Guzder 11 3-9-9 32
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7 Karyn Herndon 8-7-13-7 35
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11 James Murphy 3-13-10-DC 47
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23 Holly Chapman 22-24-DS-19 90

Independence Day Regatta: (L-R) Cricket Herndon, 1st; Rich Chapman, 2nd; Dan Feldman, 3rd; Fritz Hanselman, 4th; Shapoor Guzder, 5th. (Photo: Gail Turluck)

Beadle Victorious on 4th

Independence Day Regatta
GDSC - Port Austin, MI
July 5-6, 2003

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And Let There Be Light

The 2003 Sunfish State Championship was held in conjunction with the Junior Olympic Festival (River Romp on October 18-19) in Ft. Myers, FL. I was very much looking forward to this event since I have never been to Ft. Myers. I tagged on a couple of days off from work since a vacation was much needed and what better place to take it---Ft. Myers, home to Thomas Edison, inventor of the light bulb. assumed there would be enough light if not enough sunshine.

Off Paul and I headed Friday morning for a three hour trip to the Southwest. With nothing much to do in the passenger seat I decided to take out the NOR to see what the regatta entailed. A few minutes later I yelped really loud, scaring the %$#! out of Paul as he kept from swerving into an 18 wheeler. After things settled down....Paul wondered, what's the matter? All I could manage to mumble over and over was pre-dawn starts, pre-dawn starts!

The first day of sailing, we arrived to register for the regatta at sunrise. Twenty-three Sunfish sailors registered to compete in the State Championship, 22 sailed. Once the sun rose, we enjoyed 80 degree weather, sunshine, and winds ranging from 812mph. After a 30 minute sail to the start line; the races began. I was able to squeeze in for the bullet the first race and then it was downhill from there. With four races completed on Saturday, Paul Strauley led the regatta with Conner Blouin and Peter Merrifield tied for second (2pts behind Paul). The next group of sailors (myself, Charlotte Sims, and Charlie Rahn) in 4-6th place were within a couple of points of each other.

Once we hit shore Saturday afternoon the competition did not end. Strategically, we needed to position our boats, among 200 other boats, in the optimal spot in order to launch off the small beach in the morning and reach the starting line on time. We were all warned that the race committee would start on time no matter what.

On Saturday night the Sunfish group planned to meet at the Holiday Inn Tiki Bar. Several showed up and many, exhausted from the day of sailing, chose to get to bed early as to be able to rise pre-dawn and make the start on time.

On Sunday morning several arrived at the sailing site at 6:30am. As we scurried for flashlights and talked about rigging a mast light on the Sunfish, I had to wonder how could the hometown of Thomas Edison be without light. Well in the dark, we pushed our boats to the first spot on the beach, raised our sails and rigged our lines. Ready to go at first sight of light. With a little less wind, 7-10mph on Sunday, for all 200 boats to get off the beach on time---the first one in line needed to leave no later than 7:30am. That was me, in the water holding my boat on the dolly, waiting for some light. Single-file to launch, Paul behind me, followed by Conner Blouin, with eyes to the sky I kept thinking, “Let there be light!” Those arriving not as early as us, now in the back of the pack of 200 boats my guess with blood pressure rising hoping to reach the beach to launch in time.

At 7:20am off we went to sail to the starting line. What a beautiful sunrise!!!! We sailed four more races on Sunday. Paul maintained his lead throughout the day, winning the regatta. The last race decided 2nd place, with Conner taking the bullet and locking in a 2nd place spot. Peter Merrifield followed in 3rd. Rounding out the top five, myself and Charlotte Sims, 4th and 5th, respectively.

Many thanks to Rick Pantall who created our replacement perpetual trophy with the former one retired two years ago. The first name on the trophy is Chris Alexander, previous champion (2002) and then presented this year to Paul Strauley. Many thanks to the Edison Sailing Center for doing a great job in hosting the Sunfish State Championship. Thankfully no one was left in the dark and a lot of fun was had by all.

- Mindy Strauley

Florida State Championship
Ft. Myers, FL
October 18-19, 2003

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| Conner Blouin   | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| Peter Merrifield| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10| 11| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| Mindy Strauley  | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10| 11| 12| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
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| Rick Pantall    | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10| 11| 12| 13| 14| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
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Strauley celebrates for Washington’s Birthday

Unlike the frigid, stormy weather experienced during last year’s annual Lake Eustis Regatta, we enjoyed a couple of beautiful spring-like days (70 degrees and plenty of sunshine). Saturday winds ranged from 10-18mph. There was one run-away boat (the boat eventually made it back to the sailor), a few overturned boats, and several uncoordinated moments by each of us. We sailed four races, with Joe Blouin (Tampa, FL) taking the bullet for each one.

The Strauleys (Dunedin, FL) battled it out, swapping 2nd and 3rd place for most of the races on Saturday, with John Kremski sneaking a 3rd in the last race on Saturday.

Sunday’s winds lightened to about 5-8mph. Blouin was a “no-show on Sunday”, leaving the regatta win up for grabs. Mindy Strauley took the bullet both races on Sunday, with Kremski second in the first race and Paul Strauley a close second in the last race.

Washington Birthday Regatta
Lake Eustis SC - Eustis, FL
February 21-22, 2004

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| Loretta Garber  | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10| 11| 12| 13| 14| 15| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| Joe Wise       | 8 | 9 | 10| 11| 12| 13| 14| 15| 16| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |

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Two titles in one weekend for Savannah’s Rohde

Dan Rohde (Savannah, GA) won two titles in one at Hilton Head on August 16-17, 2003. While winning the Spar Wars Regional held April 12-13, promptly at noon on Saturday with southwest 5-knot winds building, different first place finishers. Brennan (Mobile, AL), whom everyone Beach Yacht club. Racing started wind came up to a south breeze at 5 after two races, building to about 20 mph, Robinson won the third race in his almost new Sunfish (acquired at the North Americans in July) and Resler won race 4.

Sunday morning the breeze was lighter and out of the northwest. The course was perpendicular to the incoming current and the side of the course played a pivotal role. The fleet was more spread out and Shane McCarthy (Savannah, GA) took first place in race 5. Robinson won race 6 while Ryan Ham won race 7 in a dying breeze.

Ken Krawcheck (Charleston, SC), the SE Champion the last few years, was unable to participate. South Carolina Yacht Club hosted the regatta, which attracted 30 Sunfish, including five from Virginia and three from Florida. The race committee did a great job but noted that downwind finishes in a large competitive Sunfish fleet are difficult to record, especially when sail numbers have five digits.

SE Regional Championship Hilton Head, NC August 17-18, 2003

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Brennan takes Gulf Coast Regionals

The Gulf Coast Sunfish Regionals were held April 12-13, 2003 at Pensacola Beach Yacht club. Racing started promptly at noon on Saturday with southwest 5-knot winds building throughout the day to 15 knots. After five back-to-back races, there were five different first place finishers.

Racing was delayed on Sunday until the wind came up to a south breeze at 5 kt building to 8 kt. After two races, everyone hit the beach without knowing who had won the regatta. Donny Brennan (Mobile, AL), whom everyone saw as out of contention, had come from 8th in the last half of the last beat of the sixth race to take a second. When the scores were tallied, Brennan had won. Kevin Northrop (Mobile, AL) was second, Hank Saurage (Baton Rouge, LA) was third, fourth went to Jackson Benvenutti, and fifth was Marcus Eagan (New Orleans, LA). Additional trophies awarded to competitors outside the 5 five finishes were Tom Whitehurst/top Master (Pensacola, FL), Leslie Dane/top female (Christian, MS), and the top three Juniors were Ryan Hamilton, Schaefer Dane, and Paul Kieht.
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Women's Events

Gail Heausler is 2003 North American Women’s Champ!

Despite threatening weather from Hurricane Fabian to the east and Tropical Storm Henri to the southwest, 17 brave sailors competed in the 2003 Women’s North American Championship. The event was held September 6-7, 2003 at the James Island Yacht Club in Charleston, SC.

Competitors came from as far as Delaware, Kansas, and Louisiana. Four races were held on Saturday in gusts as high as 30 mph and on Sunday in winds from 15-25 mph. Rain subsided long enough for racing.

Gail Heausler (Tampa, FL) was first overall with Anne Edwards (Bay St. Louis, MS) very close behind. Sarah Lester (Lewes, DE) was third, Connie Miller (Lewes, DE) placed fourth, and Meta Frasch (Charleston, SC) took fifth. Sailors and race committee did a great job under the challenging circumstances.

- Judi Foote

2003 Women’s NAs
James Island YC, Charleston, SC
September 6-7, 2003

1 Gail Heausler (2)-2-1-1-2-1-2 9
2 Anne Edwards 1-3-2-2-(RF)-2-1 11
3 Sarah Lester (4)-1-4-3-1-3-3 15
4 Constance Miller 3-4-5-4(6)-5-5 26
5 Meta Frasch 6-6-6-6(7)-4-7 32
6 Krysta Rohde 5-5-3-5(9)-6-9 33
7 Lauren Lambuth 7-(10)-8-7-3-9-6 40
8 Nancy Swan 8-7-7-(9)-4-7-7 40
9 Betsy Pilcher 9-8-9-8-5-8-(10) 47
10 Lauren Whitehurst 11-9-10-(DF)-8-10-11 59
11 Anna Brewer 10-(12)-11-10-11-11-8 61
12 Judi Foote 13-13-13-12-(15)-14 78
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14 Texie Randle 12-11-(DF)-11-15-16-15 80

2004 Women’s NAs - 7/30-8/1 in Witchita, KS!
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