Malcolm Does It Again!! NA Champ!

Over 100 Sail in North Americans

Malcolm Smith sailed very consistently to win the 1999 Sunfish North American Championship at Hyannis, Massachusetts, June 19th-25th. 103 sailors enjoyed perfect New England summer weather with breezes that increased as the week progressed.

David Van Cleef, cashing in the good karma he earned by diving under the pin boat to cut the anchor line out of the wheel, won the first two races in a 5-8 knot southwester. Local favorite Paul Fendler won the third race to move into the lead at the end of the first day.

Steve Evans immortalized himself in the third race as he arrived at the leeward mark in the top five, capsized, and then righted the boat with the four foot, bright yellow tetrahedron firmly affixed to the top of his mast. As he sat there anchored to the bottom sporting a colorful top sail, the whole fleet rounded him before he managed to extricate himself from the mark and the ground tackle.

The wind picked up to 10-18 the second day. Malcolm Smith won the sixth race and took the lead which he held until the end of the series. Donnie Martinborough regained the form that won him three World Championships and took the next two races.

The sailors arrived at the beach Friday morning and were greeted with a howling westerly. PJ Patin found a mast that could stand up to his hiking abilities (to replace the one that snapped the day before) and led the fleet from start to finish in the seventh race. The boats jumped waves down the first reach but the wind moderated to 12-18 by the start of the eighth race. Places changed in that one but PJ again led at the finish.

The Hyannis Yacht Club Race Committee put on a stellar performance in race management. Their lines and courses were square. They reacted to windshifts quickly and correctly. They compensated for a difficult current in a manner that produced fair starts and resulted in ideal course lengths.

Pan Am Games . . .
Inaugural Event for Sunfish!!!

Canadian Oskar Johannson Wins in Gimli

Joel Funnan found time while measuring, to take these pre-race photos. See his related story and the results inside.

Above left, Pan Am Champ, Canadian, Oskar Johannson; above right, 2nd Place Malcolm Smith, Bermuda; left, 3rd Place, David Van Cleef, USA
Alejandro Berrios of Puerto Rico is Junior NA Champ!

Winning all 6 races in the Junior Championship held at Hyannis YC was Alejandro Berrios of Trujillo Alto, PR. Many saw his sailing ability at the World's in Sayville, NY in 1998 where he was top junior. The 2 day event in Hyannis was held while the Senior fleet raced its qualifiers.

Maureen Gibbons of the Brigantine YC, PA, gave Alejandro a run for his money, finishing with 4 seconds and 2 thirds. Paul Owens from the Rochester Canoe Club, NY, and Peyton Hassinger of the Oriental Dinghy Club, NC, battled it out for third and fourth. Thirteen sailors participated, with the top five going on to the Championship races. Simon Stampe of the Rochester Canoe Club was first midget.

In an effort to attract more juniors to the NA's, a change in the schedule is being suggested for next year's regatta. See related article on page 9.

NA's Beachside . . .

Perfect weather paired with perfect hospitality to make a great week for sunfishers at Hyannis Yacht Club the week of June 20-25. Over 110 sailors including 13 Juniors came from as far as Austin, TX and Puerto Rico and as near as Hyannis and Wequaquet. It was a great chance for New Englanders to show off one of their prime racing venues!

We arrived very early on Saturday morning to find Dave Brody asleep on two coolers, and Jeff Olson asleep in the front seat of his pickup (about 2 feet short for him). A few travelers got in really late and did their best to get a few winks before the sun rose, wherever they could! A beautiful warm day, sailors arriving from all over and dinner on a downtown boat began a week of super fun.

Some measuring, rigging, a practice race, cocktail party and skippers meeting set the standards for events to come. Sunfish friends talked the talk and "walked the walk" (Joe Kaukeinen showed some fancy footwork) and caught up on each other's lives. A steak barbecue, Italian night, chicken dinner, hors d'oeuvres, mucho "Rum Runners" and Malibu rum drinks, and bountiful continental breakfasts all set the stage for the finale - a Lobster/Clam Bake Awards dinner on Friday night.

Many future sunfishers attended, including the Kraemer, Klinger and Charles kids, all having a ball on the HYC beach.

Pat & Vic Manning's new "vehicle", a large U-haul, obtained somewhere outside of Washington stirred some conversation and sympathy as their own "Texas van" had proclaimed, "This is far enough", and decided to wait the trip out there.

Early morning swims (and a few late night dunks as well) at Lee's, great dancing, a little sightseeing all added to the week. An unorthodox entrance through a kitchen window by Stevie Evans was one highlight, this after his equally unorthodox capture of a leeward mark. Falling off his boat, capsizing and righting, he was confounded to find he had snagged the mark and it was hanging on his mast. He was gracious in his acceptance of a "Special Award" presented during the Awards Ceremony!

Much hospitality from the HYC staff and a super committee chaired by David Campbell and daughter Shelly McCabe, assures that sunfishers will be happy to return to Hyannis at the next invitation!

by Cindy Clifton
North American CHAMPIONSHIP Results

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Below, Lee Parks and Connie Miller enjoy a minute, and right, a Championship Fleet start on day 1.
North American FOUNDERS

1. Jim Liggett
2. George Jackson
3. Alex Steele
4. Joe Kaukeinen
5. T. Katterheinrich
6. Joe Sullivan
7. Bill Betts
8. Rich Saunders
9. Lee Montes
10. Vic Manning
11. Jill Feldman
12. Bob Burns
13. Alan Becke
14. Heather Stewart
15. Jim Clinton
16. Pat Manning
17. William Betts
18. Stephen Owens
19. Vicki Palmer
20. Gerhard Mensel
21. Per Stampe
22. Richard Price
23. Simon Stampe
24. Tom Boren
25. Ann Weber
26. Betsy Schmidt
27. Ruth Price
28. Pete Beckwith
29. Walter Liggett
30. Jeremy Haid

North American JUNIORS

1. Alejandro Berrios, PR
2. Maureen Gibbons, PA
3. Paul Owens, NY
4. Peytone Hassinger, NC
5. Noah Litton, SC
6. Alex Steele, FL
7. Heather Stewart, NY
8. Bill Betts, NJ
9. Carrie Ferguson, NJ
10. Simon Stampe, NY
11. Stephen Owens, NY
12. Jeremy Haid, IL
13. Pete Campana, NJ

Thanks to quick reactions by Norm MacLean, top photo right and Robert Bachner, who was sailing in the race, bottom photo, Stevie Evans’ misfortune was caught on film!

Stevie starts to right his boat, unaware that the mark is up his mast. About 30 boats rounded Stevie and his boat!

Left, Malcolm Smith, right, & Rod Koch approach the jibe mark in Championship Race 7.

Right, intense jibe mark roundings:
#99 - Kathy Remmer,
#34 - Paul Fendler and Bill Brangiforte,
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Oskar Johannson was most consistent in his win at the Pan American Games in Gimli, Manitoba. Winds during the regatta at Lake Winnipeg were mostly heavy, starting with 15-20 the first day and continuing heavy through the week. The last day was lighter but 190 pound Johannson held his own on the upwind legs and ended with five firsts, three seconds, two thirds and a seventh. Malcolm Smith took three bullets, David Van Cleef won the tenth race and Sebastian Higuera of Columbia won the 7th race. US sailor Van Cleef says of the competition, "He's fastest on the upwind legs, I'm fastest on the downwind legs, but by the time I start to catch him, these short courses have run out of room and there's the finish line!"

A hard fought series with nine of the world's best sunfish sailors is described as a success. With only the laser fleet having more participants, the sunfish's entrance into the Pan Am Games was challenging and competitive and it's sure that the Games in the Dominican Republic in 2003 will draw the Class's best!

Right, Measurer Joel Furman checks the sunfish to be sailed by Juan Mier Fernandez, from Cuba.

**PAN AM Results**

July 25-31, 1999

Lake Winnipeg, Gimli, Manatoba

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**Upcoming Regattas**

- **World Championship** · Nov. 13-20, 1999 · Ponce, Puerto Rico
- **US Masters** · Oct. 1-3, 1999 · Lewes YC, DE (Connie Miller 302-645-8239)
- **Midwinters** · Fort Walton Beach, FL, March 10-12, 2000
- **Int. Masters** · Sarasota Sailing Squadron, March 3-5, 2000

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Thank you Hyannis Yacht Club. Dave Crawford, you were outstanding in all your efforts from organizing, running races, doing scoring, the presentations and attending to our needs. Thank you and all your staff for a wonderful time.

A number of issues were discussed at the Annual Meeting as you will read in the meeting notes, however, I would like to highlight a couple of items you, the general membership, can help decide by your feedback.

1. Additional chevrons were discussed and will be brought up at the Worlds by our advisory committee. However, I need to see how many of you would like to see additional chevrons for winners of events like the Master, Women's and Jr. National Champs. Send comments to the advisory committee.

2. Changes in the North Americans Race Format: At the NA's we voted to remove the experimental period and make the format used at Houston permanent as one of the methods that can be used to determine the Championship Fleet. This is a 60/40 split with three races, top 20% in each race being selected for the Championship Fleet. In addition a new proposal was presented to increase the number of clubs that might be willing to host the NA's by offering a less heavy commitment for race committees. Under this formula, Juniors would race their Championship on Saturday and Sunday instead of Monday and Tuesday. A single practice race on Sunday for the Seniors, then everyone would race in three races Monday-Friday. At the end of the event, a 60/40 split would be used to decide the Championship & Founders fleets and awards would be presented for both fleets.

Advantages:
1. One race committee during the week.
2. One race course.
3. Better chance to average out for the Championship fleet.
4. Juniors can compete with seniors.
5. Single scoring committee.

Disadvantage:
1. One start line for up to 120 boats (like the Midwinters & Worlds).

Give us your feed back. What do you think about this type system? Send your response to our National Regatta Chair and we'll let you know the results in March.

3. A new Scoring System for Masters events will be tried at both the US Masters in October and the International Masters in March. This is a point system based on age, so the younger you are, the more points you have added to your score in each race, 40-49(3 pts.), 50-59(2 pts.), 60-69(1 point) and 70+(0 pnts.). Let your Masters Coordinator know how you feel about this idea.

4. With election of the major officer positions coming up next summer, it becomes important for you to take the time to consider whom you want as your class officers or regional representatives. The positions you can NOMINATE are President, Secretary, Treasurer, Masters and National Regatta Coordinator as well as some Regional Representatives. If you are interested in becoming a class officer or know someone who wants to be considered, please send the names to the nominating committee. We will try to have a slate of people for each office in the April issue for you to vote on.

I will close with one final comment: Start getting involved in your Junior Programs NOW and get new members to join your Sunfish Fleet and the Class Organization. Remember the chant . . . Sunfish . . . Sunfish . . . Sunfish!

Sunfish . . . Sunfish . . . Sunfish!

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Annual USSCA Meeting
June 24, 1999
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I. CALL TO ORDER
The General Membership meeting of the USSCA was called to order by President Vic Manning at 7:43 PM at the Hyannis YC.

II. SECRETARY'S REPORT
A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of July 2, 1998 as submitted by Secretary Betsy Schmidt and printed in the Windward Leg.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT
A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report (see insert) submitted by Treasurer Mike Scriver and presented by Terry Beadle in Mr. Scriver's absence.

IV. OLD BUSINESS
President Manning led a lengthy discussion of our qualification series options which included, but was not limited to, the old standard qualifiers, the 60%/40% split > 70, and the mini-heat 20/20/10 series. Many motions were made, amended, withdrawn, and denied with discussion input from George Jackson, Don Bergman, Cindy Clifton, Pat Manning, Len Ruby and Vicki Palmer with the final outcome being that further discussion was needed. Cindy Clifton made a motion that Vicki Palmer, National Regatta Chairperson, head a Qualifier Format Committee with outcomes of said committee to be published in the next Windward Leg in order to allow members to vote on the format of their choice. Motion was seconded and passed. (Committee members Vicki Palmer, Cindy Clifton, Jean Bergman, George Jackson, and Vic Manning met the following morning.)

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
A. Jr. Report: Junior Chairperson Jim Koehler submitted the following report: (see insert)
B. Advisory Council Report
Advisory Council Rep. PJ Patin reported that no changes have been made. He reminded the membership that digital compasses are banned.
C. Regatta Report
Regatta Chairperson Vicki Palmer reported that, as of the meeting, no club had yet been scheduled for next year's NAs. Clinton Edwards suggested that Mobile, Alabama might be willing to host next year's event. Chairperson Palmer reported that Chicago, Illinois was a possible venue for the 2001 NAs.

VI. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS
Nominating Committee Chairperson Tom Katterheinrich presented the following unopposed incumbents for re-election:
- Gulf Coast Representative: Clinton Edwards
- Midwest Representative: Tom Katterheinrich
- Inland Lakes Representative: Joe Richardson
- West Representative: Robert Cronin
- Pat Manning
- Advisory Council Representatives: Paul-Jon Patin, Dan Feldman

All of the above incumbents were re-elected by acclamation. (In the Board of Directors meeting of June 21, 1999, ISCA Secretary Terry Beadle reminded those present that our Advisory Council Representatives were only USSCA nominations and that the election of the Advisory Council was the responsibility of the World Council.)

VII. NEW BUSINESS
A. Chevrons
President Manning initiated discussion of adding more chevron classifications such as Women, Master, Junior, etc. ISCA Secretary Terry Beadle reminded the membership that chevron classification has been defined in the ISCA rules. Advisory Council Representative Dan Feldman made a motion to present additional chevron classifications to the World Council. Motion was seconded and passed.

B. Masters Age Modification
Pres. Manning introduced raising the age of qualification to Masters events.

Sullivan, and Rod Koch argued for and against the age change. Charlie Clifton made a motion to adopt on a trial basis the Laser (age differentiated handicap) system. Motion was seconded and passed.

C. Vanguard Report
Vanguard Representative Chip Johns presented points of interest presented to the Board of Directors on June 21, 1999 including an update on rudders, spars, mast cork, hiking strap plate, and sail cloth. Mr. Johns stated that past and present rudders have been compared and have been found to be consistent with class specifications. There will be no new racing rudder.

Mr. Johns reported that the spars have been cast from the same die since 1991, the cork is being pre-soaked before being inserted in the mast, the hiking strap plate has been turned upside down so that the rounded edges are on top, and the Sri Lanka sail loft of North Sails has been personally inspected and found to be a first class operation. Advisory Council Representative PJ Patin has been working with Vanguard to insure that sails are following consistent specifications. Much discussion ensued with input from Scott Greenbaum, George Jackson, Paul Odegard, and Liam Cavanaugh. PJ Patin advised that any sail not meeting specifications should be returned to the dealer. Further discussion took place concerning the change from the previous 4" foam to the present 3" foam in the hull with input from Rod Koch, Joe Sullivan, and Rich Chapman. Mr. Johns indicated that the factory has been willing to check out unsatisfactory hulls. A date was set for problem checks at the factory on Sat, June 26, 1999 with Dan Feldman and appropriate Vanguard personnel.

D. Major Upcoming Events
1. Fred Sambolini spoke to the membership about the exciting plans for the World Championship scheduled for Nov. 13-20, 1999 in Ponce, Puerto Rico.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.
Respectfully submitted,
Betsy A. Schmidt, Secretary
The following is submitted as a guideline to foster proper use and enjoyment of the Sunfish as a Junior training boat.

The Sunfish class must identify what is common to all successful junior classes. Then take action to implement a plan to encourage use.

- Some common elements of junior classes: Age/Fleet designations, Regattas on weekdays, festive social activities as part of the regatta. Big events on weekends, travel opportunities, National recognition, high end racing.
- An advertising budget must be established and ads placed in other One Design publications, e.g: The Optimist, Laser Sailor, Blue Jay, C420, El Toro, Comet.
- Recommendation: The Sunfish represents a clear pathway and natural step from other junior boats and an opportunity for all junior sailors to experience an established One-design class.

Note: Other classes offer a dedicated Junior option, e.g., the Laser Radial and 4.7. The Sunfish class must approve and adopt a Junior racing rig. We have to consider that the only alternative the boat now offers is a recreational or racing sail. We must define a Junior racing sail and give it an attractive name, perhaps the “2000” rig. This sail should be a racing sail with less power, smaller and easier to handle than the full race sail. We would propose a sail that is full on the foot and equal to the current recreational sail on the luff. Juniors who want to race do not want a “recreational” sail, they want something that’s “Big League.”

- Scheduling - If the USSCA wants to attract Juniors, we must schedule out Junior events when all juniors have the opportunity to attend - late June - end of August. Host clubs should be able to provide “Sailor care”, where a family will host and accommodate a visiting junior. Strict behavior guidelines for competitors and host support from the association should be established. The association should be able to assure that the event will not be a financial burden to the host.

Submitted for review & comment, 6-99.
Jim Koehler - Junior Subcommittee
516-264-0005 -dinghyshop@pipeline.com

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Windward Leg - Summer 1999
Revelers at the NA Awards at Hyannis YC

United States Sunfish Class Association
Waterford, Michigan
Fund Balance Summary
December 31, 1998

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Windward Leg - Summer 1999
If you think just the young ones have all the fun, ask Malcolm Smith where he found his boat on Saturday morning at the International Masters Regatta at Davis Island last March.

Masters regattas are open to any sailor who has reached the age of 40 by the opening day of the event. The International Masters regatta is held each spring either the week before or after the US Midwinters Championship, most often in Florida. The US Masters Championship is contested on an annual basis, and the site is rotated to give more masters a chance to participate. Masters events are of both a friendly and competitive nature. We're anxious to get on the water and have that spirited competition, but at the same time it's just as much fun to get off the water, talk about sailing, each other, and our families. Masters' fun is special fun!

The 1999 US Masters Championship is being hosted by Lewes YC, Lewes, DE, Oct. 1-3. Regatta Chairman (and former US Masters Chairman) Connie Miller has put together a complete package including a participation gift, all five meals, fun and games Saturday night and door prizes. The water is still warm at that time of year and the weather usually is, too. Friday afternoon will be registration and a practice race. Event plans include six total races, yet the last race start will be by 1:00 on Sunday so we all can get home. LYC will have charter boats and housing available, or will recommend motels and rental homes, too.

Early bird registrations by September 15 will get a discount. Contact Connie with questions at (302)645-8239.

New this year at Lewes will be a trial of the scoring system that has been in use by the Laser Class Masters for a number of years. It is a graduating scoring system which provides some age handicapping. This should be fun to give a try. Let me know what you think about it and whether or not we want to keep it after the event.

Clubs that would like to host the US Masters Championship are sought for the future. I'd really like to see this event move around to venues which may not necessarily be prepared for the crowd that a North Americans brings, yet would like the visibility and fun a national event creates. Masters events usually have between 25 and 50 boats, depending on the location. If you'd like to know what's involved or would like to be added to the list as a potential host, please give me a call (734-475-9454). I'll really like to announce the following year's host at the Masters Regatta each year.

While the US has a strong program established, there is nothing preventing other NSCA's from utilizing our guidelines and starting up a Masters event of their own. I encourage it. Our events are open to all participants, whether US citizens or not, so long as they are Masters. Masters' sailing is lots of fun. Consider hosting a Masters regional. Also consider tying your Masters event to some other type of fun--your creativity is what will keep them coming!
Dear Sunfish Friends,

Congratulations to all those who qualified for the Pan Am Games held in August on Lake Winnipeg. Nine countries were represented. Oskar Johansson sailed for Canada. Alejandro Berrios for Puerto Rico, Cor Van Aanholt for the Netherlands Antilles, Juan Mier for Cuba, G. Cappelleti for Peru, Sebastian Higuera for Columbia, Donnie Martinborough for the Bahamas, Malcolm Smith for Bermuda and David Van Cleef for the US. A great big hand for Oskar Johansson, Malcolm Smith and David Van Cleef who finished first, second and third. It's great to have Sunfish in the Pan Am Games.

I have just finished scanning the email from the Sunfish listserv for the past 3 days. I like to see what interests people. This week it seems to be the boat weight issue, junior and doubles sailing and the foam blocks problem. Using the listserv forum has become a great way to generate discussion. I especially like seeing new Sunfish owners come on. Almost as soon as they ask a question someone jumps in with an answer. There is a lot of information out there with many helpful Sunfish sailors ready to share it. If anyone has a how to question about Sunfish, just throw it onto the listserv and you'll get the answer you need. You can also get information on most regattas, when, where and how to get there.

Some sailors have been talking about doubles sailing with younger family members. This used to be a favorite and was a great way to introduce the youngsters to the sport. I hope those of you who are interested will get together in person or on the web and make it happen. It would be great for the class. The only problem with the listserv for me has been when my computer hasn't been operating for various reasons. When I came back on after 3 weeks away, I had 289 email messages to wade through.

Jaime Purcell and Freddie Sambolin are currently hard at work preparing the Ponce Yacht and Fishing Club and its members for the upcoming World Championships to be held Nov. 14-20th in Ponce, a beautiful city on the southern coast of Puerto Rico. They have worked extremely hard to get 50 boats sold before the regatta. We appreciate the fact that Vanguard is sending down another 50 so that our fleet will be 100. Jaime tells me they have planned some wonderful activities for evenings and the lay day, including a trip to La Parguerra, a phosphorescent bay, during one evening of the full moon. If you have a chance to go, sign up fast. It will be great.

Finally, have fun sailing your Fish. After all the discussion/arguments about weights, rules, changes to the boat, age categories, breakdowns, etc., it's really how much fun we have that counts! Let's keep it that way.

Jean
A Great Texas Odyssey
by Joe Sullivan

When Pat Manning asked me to write an article for the WL regarding our Great Texas Odyssey, I considered starting at the end when Dick Heinl and I were driving through Nashville on our way back to NY, listening to WSIX-FM play finger snapping, thigh snapping music such as Fats Domino's "Going Home to New Orleans" and Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline". After much thought, however, I decided to start at the beginning... the very beginning.

I met Dick Heinl in the late 70's when the Seawanaka Place Yacht Squadron in Oyster Bay, LI, started visiting Southold to participate in the Annual World's Longest Sunfish Race Around Shelter Is. While he hadn't started sailing Sunfish until 1975, his years of sailing a wide variety of boats on Manhasset Bay since the 30's obviously prepared him well. He has not only won the marathon race 3 times, but ten years ago he set the course record of 3 hours 30 minutes.

My experience consisted of four years on the Fordham U. Sailing Team from '55-58, two summers sailing an old wooden Comet while in college, 2 seasons racing a brand new Thistle that I bought when I got out of the Air Force and Sunfish sailing since 1968.

Prior to getting together for this trip, Dick and I had become friendly while competing at the Round Shelter Island Race, Senior Olympics and other regattas. Our commonality consisted of a love of Sunfish sailing, Fordham... Dick attended Fordham from '46-48 before Dental School at Columbia... and military service. Dick served as an infantryman in WW II when a "shooter" was the enemy firing from behind a hedgerow. I served in the Korean War, when a "shooter" was something one ordered at the bar of the officers' club.

In the fall of '58, while at basic training at Lackland A.F.B. in San Antonio, I stumbled upon a small pond called Woodlawn Lake. To my surprise, there were about 20 snipes racing around an island in the middle of the "lake". I introduced myself to a doctor and his wife, and got a job

When the regional regatta schedules started appearing on the Internet, I noticed that there were three regattas in Texas in April: one in Austin, one at Woodlawn Lake, and one, the TX State Championship at Canyon Lake. I called the contact person at all three regattas and was delighted to discover that Dr. Bubba Horner at Canyon Lake was the same doctor who had befriended me at Woodlawn 40 years earlier. He, his wife and one of their sons were in the photo that had been in my old album for the past 40 years. Bubba was as warm as ever. With his encouragement, I decided to make the trip. After all, I had done it in a Volkswagen "bug" in '58 when there were no interstate highways. It should be a breeze today. My bride of 36 years, Barbara, who had accompanied me to Chicago the previous June for the National Masters, was completing her final semester of graduate study at Columbia and unable to come along, so I thought, "Who will be crazy enough to join me in this venture?" Dick Heinl immediately came to mind. When I called, Dick hesitated at first saying that he had been planning to do some spring skiing. But when his wife Isabel heard that I was planning to go solo, she said, "Dick, that boy will need some help. You've never been to Texas. Go!" Cont'd on page 24.
Measuring Up at the Pan Am Games
by Joel Furman, Substitute ISCA Measurer,
13th Pan Am Games, Winnipeg, Alberta

Parting our ways to go home following a week of weighing, measuring equipment, sails and boats for the 13th Pan American Games, all nine (9) measurers reflected on our joint accomplishments to qualify over 100 boats from twenty countries.

There was a feeling in the air, as we looked at each other, that we had all been a part of something important. And so ... the Games begin with a cheer and a tear. You stop and clearly understand what the Games mean in a small and personal level.

27,000 tickets had been sold for that night's opening ceremony of the Games in Winnipeg, 50 miles from Gimli, where the sailing events forum was located and none of us planned to attend. We were too hot and tired. Ticket revenue was already reported to be $8 million with over 307,000 event tickets being sold. With a $140.5 million budget, 5,200 athletes expected to arrive (773 from the USA) and 18,000 volunteers, it was the largest contingency ever to attend a Pan American Games or Olympic Games event.

Security was high with athletic villages being surrounded with chain link fences and electronic metal detection devices at all entrances. Upon arriving at Winnipeg Airport, athletes rechecked their baggage for further inspection and delivery at their respective villages. I was delayed in inspecting Donnie Martinborough's boat as the Bahamian's equipment had been taken away from him at the airport and was delivered to the wrong village. He also, complained that he had been lodged with seven other athletes in one room, with no air conditioning, no room to store equipment and one bathroom at the end of the hall. I later found out that the old prisoner retention hall had been converted for the occasion.

This was the first occasion for the International Sunfish Class Association to be invited to participate in the Pan American Games and as past measurer for the class, I was elected to cover for Brian Weeks, our present International Measurer.

I knew I was in trouble when my fiancee, Cheryl Bailey, a Canadian from Toronto, advised me she was not interested in going along. "WINTER PEG" "Why would I want to go up there?" "There is nothing there to see except black flies, mosquitoes, cold in the winter and hot in the summer."

Peter Loewen, Sailing Chairman for the Games, picked me up in his 'rusty rabbit' at the Winnipeg Airport and informed me that my intended roommate, Bob Smithers, our intended Chief Measurer, just had a heart attack and would not be able to attend the event. He also informed me that Gimli, the sailing forum, was presently under attack by Mayflies and the sidewalks were one-two feet deep with them. Immediate thoughts went to: "We are now down to nine measurers for over one hundred sailboats, plus I did not bring any bug spray."

Setting into the Lake Side Resort Hotel across the street from the Gimli Y.C. and overlooking this 300 x 20 mile x 20 foot deep fresh water lake (10th largest in the world), my first emergency was to respond to a request by the Cuban Sailing Team, who approached me to advise that they suspected that the local-charterer-dealer had issued their Sunfish sailor a "small" (muy pequeno) sail as opposed to a "racing" sail that other competitors were using. Inspection of their sail inside their 100 degree plus cargo container, revealed indeed. that they had in fact received a multi-colored windowless "recreation" sail. A phone call to Peg Beadle at our class office resulted in the correct "racing" sail being put into overnight mail. We certainly did not want to have an international incident, especially since all of the Cuban Team kept espousing that they were "FRIENDS OF CHARLIE CLIFTON", who visits them annually in regattas to Havana.

No other sailors having arrived in our class yet, I volunteered to help Lightning Class Measurer, David Sprague, from Toronto, measure and unpack the charter boats as they arrived. A van with Michigan plates rolled in with two production Lightnings plus a new Snipe, triple-decked with galvanized trailers sandwiched between each of them. Buzzed by the heat wave, an overnight drive-through and a cast with attached monitor from her left foot up to her knee, a 70-year old Barbara Nichols climbed out of the van and asked for help. I backed the van and triple decker under the 11,000 pound lift. David quipped that the two of us would have 'no problem unpacking the boats/travel scaffold rig; assembling the trailers' axles and wheels as we unload them. Standing nearby was a motley crew of three guys with painter's hats - waiting for us to finish -so they could paint the lift. (Princess Ann was coming to the Club). The heat wave rush was on. The rest of the week went the same way and none of us broke ranks to see the torch carrier go by us - a mere block away!

All told, there were 111 athletes sailing in 10 one-design classes from twenty different countries. A local boat dealer had contributed 23 brand new 18 ft. zodiacs to support the 3 separate race courses, and solicited volunteers to sail or tow them from Selkirk, 50 miles away. Needless to say when they were towed into the harbor, everyone on the club grounds stood up to admire the long entourage of an armada. The Winnipeg newspaper also documented the occasion with a one-third page color helicopter photograph of the four tow lines leaving the river for their trip to Gimli.

Returning to Winnipeg Airport on Friday, 6 A.M., the volunteer driving the new Ford Tristar Van, advised me that Ford-Canada contributed 850 of the vans for the Pan Am Games. It was an impressive week. See you at Perth for the Summer Olympics in Australia?
**Regatta Results**

**Van Cleef Takes Trials**

by Mike Fortner

David Van Cleef from Newport, RI clinched the spot as US Rep for the Pan Am Games for the Sunfish Class. He finished with a fifth and a third in the last two races to claim the series held on Lake Ontario and hosted by the Rochester Canoe Club. His final total was 18 points. He was able to drop the fifth race where he was scored 19 after failing to sail the correct course.

Conditions on Sunday were very different from Saturday. Winds were 5-12 mph from the NW. There was still some chop left over from the previous day, but it was nothing like the 20-25 mph winds and 5-7 ft. waves that the sailors contended with on Saturday. Current Midwinter Champ and Sunfish Class measurer Todd Edwards placed second with 22 points and Jeff Linton from Tampa placed third with 27 points.

Larry Suter from Laurel, NY (31) and local Doug Kaukeinen (36) rounded out the top five. Larry Suter overtook Joe Blouin and Gerard Coleman on the last beat to win the first race on Sunday. In race 8, Linton won his third race as the wind was fading.

Kaukeinen was selected by his peers to receive the Sportsmanship Awards. Doug and Clinton Edwards also received special "Goofy Northerner" and Goofy Southernter" awards form the RCC Junior Member "Heather Woman" Stewart. Many thanks go out to outstanding race committee and our sponsors, Karpus Investments, West Marine (ask Alan Scharfe about his new Onepiece!), Shumway Marine, Montana Mills Bread, Eastern Mountain Sports and the Mentholatum Co.

Check the awesome website with pictures at http://www.ggw.org/rcc put together by Donna Faust.

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**US Pan Am Trials**

Rochester Canoe Club, Rochester, NY

8 Races, 1 throwout

July 9-11, 1999

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**Sunfish Bible Update**

A Note from: **Will White**

Will notes that on page 332 of The Sunfish Bible a mistake was made on the mechanics. An article by Bryan Weeks on "Upkeep and Ideas" is missing a column. Anyone interested in obtaining a corrected page may phone, fax, email or snail mail Will at the following address:

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Tribute to John Anderson

John's brother, Roger, writes:

With heavy heart I let you know about John's passing. I know he had many friends in the Sunfish world as well as sailing in general. Following is an article outlying John's life before and after sailing. Sailing was a great asset in John's life that helped him blossom and develop lifetime values.

John and his family had moved to Guntersville, AL in November to be closer to his wife's family for assistance as his illness demanded more attention. He also moved close to Lake Guntersville. He purchased a home high on a hill overlooking one large part of the lake. Unfortunately he never got to sail due to the cancer and the season.

John had a Memorial Service in Guntersville on July 3rd. His ashes were returned to Charleston for a Memorial Service, July 24th, at West Shore Episcopal Church. He requested his ashes be placed in Charleston Harbor where he spent many an afternoon sailing both competitively and for pleasure. On the 25th, his four month old daughter was Baptized at the Church.

John requested that any donations be made to:
Hospice Of Marshall County, 8787 US Hwy 431, Albertville, AL 35950
or West Shore Episcopal Church
PO Box 31475, Charleston, SC 29417.

Roger Anderson

The sailing world lost an avid sailing competitor and teacher on June 28, 1999. John Anderson, age 34, passed on to another sailing venue after over a two year battle with cancer.

Although John did not start sailing until his late teens, he naturally developed the skill and patience to become competitive in Fleet, Regional, and National Regattas. John's initial sailing experience was in Albacore, but he quickly moved to the Sunfish. Sailing in a fleet of "Old Salts", John progressed to become the annual Fleet Champion. John, living at home in Pittsburgh, was a member of Moraine Sailing Club and sailed at Lake Arthur, Moraine State Park. As John's sailing success increased he accumulated many trophies. He won the Moraine SC 'Champion of Champions' trophy two years in a row sailing in a Flying Scot.

John was not only a skillful Sunfish competitor, but also a dedicated teacher. He thought everyone should want and know how to sail a Sunfish. There were times John retired from the race to offer assistance to another competitor. More common was to hear John on the race course offering advice to a slower sailor and upon return to shore conducting a mini-clinic on proper technique.

John graduated from Clarion University, PA and chose to teach Sunfish sailing to youngsters at Southhold Sailing Club, LI, before pursuing a career. At the end of summer John followed his instincts for sun and surf and moved to Charleston, SC to begin his business life. He continued to campaign his Sunfish and participated in Sunfish Nationals, North Americans, and Worlds.

Charleston is where John met the love of his life - Deborah. Married Aug. 17, 1991 they pursued separate business careers with John as the controller of a local marina so he would never be far from water. Deborah would always say that 'when it comes to priorities, she is 2nd to the Sunfish'. They enhanced each others lives and developed a wonderful Church family. They would reach out to the less fortunate. There were times they would be working in a soup kitchen while the rest of us were at home enjoying a Holiday meal.

August 1996 a beautiful little girl, Rachel, joined John and Deborah. January 1997 John was diagnosed with cancer. He continued to participate in Sunfish Regattas as he received chemotherapy and radiation treatment. At times too sick from treatment to compete, he would still participate in the regatta administration.

John's love of life was shown through his sailing and teaching. John and I sailed my Flying Scot several times. He was my captain. At the helm he had a type of quiet control that made it a joy and a learning experience to crew for him. Just a year ago we sailed competitively in several Flying Scot Regattas. August 1998, John participated in Sunfish Worlds held on Long Island. He qualified for the Championship Fleet. However, physically not able to sail in the heavy air races, John had several DNF's. Fellow sailors appreciated his desire and skill and awarded John the Regatta Sportsmanship trophy.

Finally, John was a participant and an administrator with several organizations in Charleston. His proudest would be Treasurer of his Church. He directed two sailing groups with his steadfast determination to maintain sailing for the Sunfish sailor and other One-Design boats, SAYRA (Southern Atlantic Yacht Racing Assoc.) and (CODA) Charleston One-Design Association.

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My First Regatta
"On the Connecticut River"
by Beau Robicheau

Joel Furman, my sailing partner in the Annual Sunfish Connecticut River Classic, and I arrived at Rocky Hill Point at 6:30 a.m. We set up our Sunfish, got registered and got ready for the first race. The first race in the point-to-point regatta started at 8:30 that morning. There was no wind at all. At first, it looked like it would be a paddling race, rather than a sailing race. However, about a half hour later, the wind picked up, and we were cruising. Since we had to go into the wind, it required many tacks. Thanks to Joel’s great skippering and my great crewing, every tack got nailed perfectly and we easily took first place.

The next race started at about 10:30. Just before the race, the wind picked up, and the light air became heavy winds. The second race started, and the wind was really blowing. Our boat nearly capsized three times. Also, our daggerboard crashed into rocks in the water. So, we continued the race with half a daggerboard, and amazingly, took third place. For the next race, the wind died down a bit and we took second place.

At about 1:00, the fourth, final and worst race started. The wind was heavy again, and we were flying through the river. The officials finally decided to have a rolling finish line because most people couldn’t make it. We finished fourth, but the worst part of the race was actually when the race was over. We still had to go many miles to get to the park to set up the tent and eat dinner.

We had an excellent dinner consisting of hamburgers, hot dogs and any salad you can imagine. They, also, had lots of needed water and soda. Finally, after the great dinner sponsored by the Lion’s Club, I changed into dry clothes and went to sleep.

We awoke at about six in the morning, packed up our tent and were ready to maintain first place. But first, we had a good breakfast. The first race started at 8:30; and after a good start, finished in second.

The last race started at about 10:30, and we needed to stay in first place to win. We were cruising along in first place the whole race until our only competitor zoomed past us. We, naturally, thought our goal of first place had just sailed on by. Luckily for us, not only had he sailed past us, but he unknowingly had, also sailed way past the finish line. He was doing a “horizon job” heading straight for the Long Island Sound. And, miraculously, we were able to clinch “First Place”. Our “speedy” but “lost” competitor found the “finish line” about 45 minutes later.

The race was over and by the Grace of God, we lucked out and won. We brought our boat to the car, and then, had another great lunch. At the awards ceremony, we received the wrong trophy. We got a “First Place - Mixed Doubles” Trophy instead of “First Place - Odd Couple”, which we definitely were, but we didn’t care. We came in first, either way. We drove back to NY. This is the story of my first, (but, hopefully, not my last) regatta. Thanks, Joel!
Colombian Sebastian Higuera showed his remarkable speed and consistency to win the '99 Sunfish South Americans over 33 competitors from 7 countries.

After almost twenty years (nineteen to be exact) the South Americans were sailed again. The last time they were held in Ancon near Lima, Peru, in January 1980 and after that for one reason or another the championship was postponed time and again. The class lost its strength and, except for Venezuela, was practically forgotten by the South American countries. Then around 1993 it began to revive in Colombia thanks to the unbelievable enthusiasm of a group of people headed by Luis Eduardo Baron; they organized regattas, pushed for the renewal of the fleet and most important of all, got young people involved in sailing and racing the boat thereby creating a very robust class out of practically nothing. All this, due also to the successful inclusion of the class in the Pan Am Games. It's a wonderful story that deserves to be told but that is beyond the scope of this article.

Seven countries including Cuba were present, too bad the Ecuadorians were unable to make it at the last moment, but they will surely be around next time. With 33 entries it was a far more successful event than even the organizers had hoped, the conditions were typical for the Tomin Lake although a little on the cold side and somewhat flukier than usual, they were a real challenge to sailors from warm seas and steady winds, but even some hotshot locals saw themselves at the back of the fleet quite a few times. All in all, racing was great and very tight, with one race to go, none of the titles were defined, the overall leaders were separated by only 3 points, the women by 2 and the juniors by 4, in a series in which the winner won just one race and two sailors who won two races each ended up out of the top ten. Those were slim margins indeed.

The first race had to be postponed until the wind steadied enough to allow for a course to be set, at the first mark it was Dominican Gabriel Alonso followed by a pack of Colombians; eventually Juan Camilo Bustos, Sebastian Higuera and Camilo Salcedo got by him and finished in that order.

16-year-old Loreana Jacob, who caught a huge backed puff on the left, won the second race. By the end of the first day everybody had at least one bad race so Camilo Salcedo was leading with a more consistent 3 and 6.

Three races were sailed the second day, with puffs varying in strength from 3 to 12 knots and shifting over a range of 40 degrees. Playing the shifts conservatively, being patient and covering the fleet was the way to go. At the end it was Sebastian Higuera, Camilo Salcedo and Tony Mier from Cuba who were putting together a very good regatta, followed by Santiago Uscategui and Solmar Bermudez. Pedro de los Rios was leading the juniors and Loreana Jacob the women.

The last race started with very puffy conditions. Juan Camilo Bustos took an early lead which he built into a horizon job at the end but with his inconsistent showing the day before it was good for just 10th overall, Sebastian Higuera finished second which gave him the championship, Camilo Salcedo sailed his throw out a 7th and was the runner-up. Cuban Tony Mier was called over early and with his 12th he lost the third spot to Pedro Latiff and Solmar Bermudez climbed back to fifth overall. Venezuelan Pedro de Los Rios won the junior division over Samuel Navarro of Colombia, Paula Douat showed her consistency and managed to beat Loreana Jacob in the last race for the women's title and Colombian Mauricio Valenzuela won the masters division.

In spite of the tough racing the rebirth of the South Americans was more of a party than a championship, the camaraderie and outstanding sportsmanship of the fleet as evidenced by the fact that there were a lot of 720s but not a single protest were a tribute to a great class that is going to see a remarkable growth in the near future in South America. Jorge Barreda from Peru, the incumbent champion showed up to sail and present to his successor the beautiful permanent trophy he had kept in his home for 19 years, hats off to this gentleman for showing the true spirit of the Sunfish Class!
Martinborough Wins Homer Lowe Regatta!

by Jim Kaighin

The Marsh Harbor Sailing Club is alive and sunfishing. The 9th Annual Homer Lowe Memorial Regatta was held in April with nine boats from Nassau and Marsh Harbor. Wind conditions on Friday were 10-12. On Saturday, they were almost nonexistent. Philip Hall, where were you? Donnie Martinborough came out on top as overall winner. Congrats to him, as well to Donnie Martinborough came out on top as overall winner. Congrats to him, as well to John and Karen Rabbitt of St. Pete for assisting with race committee, and Lewis, Randy and Robert Key for providing chase boats. As usual, Lewis kept everyone in stitches.

The date for the 10th Annual Homer Lowe Memorial Regatta is May 12-13, 2000. All sailors are invited. Plans are for a momentous occasion, so plan a week away from the hustle and bustle of the good ole USA and relax in Abaco. Call Jim/Liann Kaighin (242)367-3086 for information.

Findlay Wins Slough Again

The Johnson Slough Yacht Club hosted the Annual Ice Breaker Regatta on its small lake on a comfortable day, May 15, 1999. Twice a year sailors are known to travel great distances to attend the semi-annual shoot out on this famous body of water, located at Hinsdale, IL, a suburb on the west side of Chicago. Nancy Haberland flew in from Newport, RI!

Annual Ice Breaker
Johnson Slough Yacht Club
May 15, 1999

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Annual Ice Breaker
Johnson Slough Yacht Club
May 15, 1999

'99 Perrysburg Boat Club Invitational
June 12, 1999

1. Ray Steely, Maumee, OH 1-1-1 11
2. Tom Katterheinrich, OH 2-2-2 6
3. Lyman Spitzer, Perrysburg, OH 4-3-3 10
4. Brennan Stanford, Maumee, OH 3-4-5 12
5. Debbie Grossoff, Perrysburg, OH 5-5-4 14

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The 1999 Sunfish Western Regional took place as part of Gold Country Yacht Club’s “Go for the Gold” regatta on beautiful Scotts Flat Reservoir, near Grass Valley, California. Light to moderate breezes prevailed, with substantial shifts affecting the outcome of some of the races.

In one of the closest series that anyone can remember, there was a three way tie on of racing rule A2.3 resolved the tie, and Bob Cronin was the winner. GCYC put on their enjoyable weekend.

Western Regional
Gold Country Yacht Club,
Scotts Flat Reservoir
June 5-6, 1999

1. Bob Cronin, Menlo Park, CA 3-2-1-1-1-1-1 10
2. Byron Jonk, Woodacre, CA 1-3-2-1-1-1-1 10
3. Roy Jordan, Sunnyvale, CA 2-1-3-2-2 10
4. Paul Lucas, Antioch, CA 6-4-4-4-6 24
5. Tony Rodighiero, ButteCty, 4-6-5-5-5 25
6. Bob Rossini, Santa Cruz, CA 7-7-7-6-4 31
7. Peter Jonk-Somers, Novato, CA5-5-6-d-d 32

1. David VanCleef, Newport, RI 2-1-1-1-4-2 8
2. Doug Kaukeinen, Rochester, NY 11-2-3-5-1-1 14
3. Scott Greenbaum, Scituate, MA 4-4-3-2-3-2 17
4. Paul Fendler, Hyannis, MA 1-5-4-5-4-3 22
5. Kenny Mockridge, C.Moriches, NY 7-3-8-8-2-5-8 33
6. Bill Brangiforte, Weymouth, MA 3-6-7-10-6-4 33
7. Michael Fortner, Fairport, NY 20-7-5-6-8-11-5 42
8. Lee Parks, Newport, RI 6-9-9-12-13-8 93
9. John Condon, Matticuck, NY 16-11-6-9-6-7-15 54
10. Mark Weider, Rochester, NY 10-8-12-11-12-7 60
11. TJ Pascalides, E.Greenwich, RI 8-10-11-4-7-29-29 69
12. Ken Charles, Manchester, CT 19-12-10-9-10-14 73
15. Ted Cremets, Blue Point, NY 20-14-20-15-14-13-10 86
18. Wm Betts Ill, Kinnelon, NJ 9-20-22-20-19-9-16 93
20. Larry Cochran, Manchester, CT 18-18-16-29-29-14-19 114
22. Craig Pals, E.Moriches, NY 21-23-23-21-21-21-18 125
23. Gordie Geick, Collinsville, CT 13-16-13-29-29-129 129
26. Pete Beckwith, Wayland, MA 24-25-24-29-29-20-21 143
28. Phil Brangiforte, N. Quincy, MA 26-28-29-29-26-29 167

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26. Pete Beckwith, Wayland, MA 24-25-24-29-29-20-21 143
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Southwest Regional
Texas Corinthian Yacht Club, Kemah, TX
May 15-16, 1999

1. Todd Edwards, Prairieville, LA 4,1,1,3,(4),2 12
2. Gerard Coleman, Galveston, TX 1,5,2,2,2,(6),3 15
3. Ash Beatty, League City, TX (8) 2,1,4,1,5 16
4. Clinton Edwards, Bay St. Louis, MS 1,4,4,6,(12),4 23
5. Joanne Weberlein, Austin, TX 5,3,6,8,8,(8) 35
6. Hank Saurage, Baton Rouge, LA 12,13,5,(6),3,2,1 36
7. Kevin Reynolds, Austin, TX 3,6,7,(9),9,9 43
8. Bill Gerloff, Austin, TX 15,(25),8,5,8,5,7 48
9. Roy Shaw, Bacliff, TX 9,10,10,d,10,7,6 52
10. Malcolm Jones, Kemah, TX 18,12,9,7,3,10 59
11. Victor Manning Austin, TX 11,(23),11,6,7,14,15 64
12. Chris Buchanan Houston, TX 10,8,12,14,11,1,(18) 66
13. Kevin Grice, Houston, TX 16,(19),14,10,12,15,11 78
14. Phil Spletter, Austin, TX 7,11,19,12,13,d,17 79
15. Steve Gay, Austin, TX 14,14,15,d,15,16,12 86
16. David Blouin, Baton Rouge, LA 6,7,13,18,21,d,d 92
17. Larry Hill, Austin, TX (23),15,16,11,17,20,13 92
18. Jack Aldis, Houston, TX (25),9,17,13,18,21,19 97
19. Jim Uroda, Lake Jackson, TX 17,20,18,16,14,(22),16 101
20. Tom Boren, Crossers Cove, TX 21,21,(24),20,16,10,21 109
21. Ray Plepys, Lake Jackson, TX 22,(24),20,15,19,19,14 109
22. Patricia Manning, Austin, TX 19,19,21,19,22,18,(22) 116
23. Vicki Stones, Austin, TX 20,16,(25),22,24,13,23 118
24. Dayna Mosier, Austin, TX (24),22,22,17,20,17,20 118
25. Mike Hulsey, Bellaire, TX 13,18,23,21,23,24,(24) 121
26. David Leavell, Houston, TX 26,26,26,23,d,d-d 155

Tom Donohue is Mid-Atlantic Champ!
by Tom Doris

Thirty Sunfish sailors came to the Yacht Club of Sea Isle City, New Jersey on the South Jersey coast to compete in the first section of the Mid-Atlantic World Qualifying regattas. Seven races were conducted over a two day period with absolutely perfect weather. The wind ranged from a gentle breeze at the start and gradually increased to over 15 knots by the final race on Sunday afternoon. Completely dominating the field was Brigantine YC's Tom Donohue with a 20 point lead over the nearest competitor. Susan Huffington, sailing out of the Marsh Creek Sailing Club in Downingtown, PA was the first Lady finisher. Avalon YC's Don Echevarria was the First Master. Erich Hesse from Bohemia, NY and the Wet Pants S. A. was first junior.

Windward Leg - Summer 1999
Superbowl MVP Is Todd Edwards
by Clinton Edwards

This regatta was a three for one special. Monk Smith honors were awarded to the overall top three, junior and master. The Rondinella was awarded to the top BWYC finisher. This was also the Fleet 511 Championship. Edwards’ results speak for themselves. After four races, Katy Lovell and Clinton Edwards were tied for second. In the fifth race, Katy was over and restarted. Clinton performed a battle ensued downwind with Clinton slipping by Katy at the finish in 9th and Clinton Edwards were tied for second. After four races, Katy was over and restarted. Clinton performed a battle ensued downwind with Clinton slipping by Katy at the finish in 9th and Clinton Edwards were tied for second. After four races, Katy was over and restarted. Clinton performed a battle ensued downwind with Clinton slipping by Katy at the finish in 9th and Clinton Edwards were tied for second.

Superbowl of Sunfish
January 30, 1999

1. Todd Edwards 2-1-2-1-1-1 8
2. Katy Lovell 1-3-3-4-10-2 28
3. Tommy Meric 8-3-3-6-8-4 32
4. Chris Friend 7-7-5-7-2-5 33
5. Ellis Ollinger 9-2-3-4-7 34
6. Hank Saurage 12-4-4-5-7-3 35
7. Clinton Edwards 5-8-1-2-9-d 41
8. Peter Wuercher 4-10-7-9-3-9 42
9. Sam Waller 3-6-10-10-5-8 42
10. Bishop Stieffel 6-9-8-8-6-6 43
11. David Blount 13-11-13-11-13-11 70
12. Todd Peterson 11-13-14-13-10 75
13. Courtney Haslett 15-14-13-12-12-12 78
14. Tim Ollinger 14-12-12-11-d-d 81
15. Jerry Blount 10-d-d-d-d-d 90

Harris Wins Judy Wynne Series

A mult-class regatta on Lake Ponchatrain was the venue for six competitive sunfish sailors. Saturday’s racing was in a very shifty, puffy 5-10 breeze. On Sunday, the wind was almost nil. A race was started, but a huge squall approached and the race was abandoned.

Judy Wynne Regatta,
Southern YC, New Orleans
May 29-30, 1999

1. Tommy Harris 3-1-1 5
2. Clinton Edwards 1-4-3 8
3. Bishop Stieffel 2-2-4 8
4. Todd Edwards 4-3-2 9
5. Peter Wuercher 5-5-5 15
6. Philip Brumell 6-6-6 18
7. Hank Saurage 12-4-4-5-7-3 35
8. Clinton Edwards 5-8-1-2-9-d 41
9. Peter Wuercher 4-10-7-9-3-9 42
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15. Jerry Blount 10-d-d-d-d-d 90

Fries Wins 4 of 5 at Wolf Lake

The 24th Annual Sunfish Regatta at Wolf Lake Yacht Club was held over the July 31 and Aug. 1 weekend with 29 boats participating. We started Saturday morning at 11:30 and completed two races in winds of 10-15 knots and 95 degrees. Just after the race committee took us off the water for lunch, we had a severe thunderstorm come through, shutting off the electrical power for the rest of the weekend. We ate lunch while waiting out the storm, then went out for the third race of the day. We had our usual keg and cookout afterwards, and quite a few participated in the almost mandatory go-kart racing at Brooklyn. The following day consisted of two races in switchy 5-10 knot north breeze, but at a cooler 82 degrees. all in all a great weekend and great food with wonderful friends.

Wolf Lake Regatta
Wolf Lake YC
July 31-Aug. 1, 1999

1. Dr. Derrick Fries 1-1-1-1-2 6
2. Daniel Feldman 5-2-3-2-6 18
3. Daniel White 7-8-2-3-1 21
4. Jon Wedemeyer 4-3-5-6-4 22
5. John Butine 6-4-6-5-3 24
6. Mike Scriven 3-5-9-4-9 30
7. Alan Beche 2-7-11-7-7 34
8. Ray Steely 9-6-10-18-4 47
9. Kyle Lyke 10-10-4-9-17 50
10. Gail Turlock 13-12-8-10-8 51
11. Jim Towler 15-9-7-11-12 54
12. Tom Katterhein.h 11-11-12-10-10 56
13. Paul May 8-14-17-17-5 61
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Rasters 1st and 2nd at Blanche Lake Ice Breaker!
by Bud Narveson, Blanche Lake Fleet Secretary

If ever a regatta was misnamed, the 1999 Blanche Lake Ice Breaker was it, with temperatures near 80, and the water already near seventy, it would have taken more than a mere dunking to bring on hypothermia. And there were some dunkings with wind in the 20+ range for most of the afternoon. The racing went very fast, with each race only about a half an hour.

Seven sailors came for this series opener. Tom and Jason Raster dominated, finishing first and second, followed by Dick Trepitow and Karl Narveson. Louie Hunt, Paul Aasgaard and Bud Narveson rounded out the list. Phyllis and Kate Narveson handled the committee boat. Loma Trepitow contributed to the post-racing celebration.

Lee Parks,
7 Bullets at Hyannis YC
by Pete Beckwith

The Hyannis YC Annual Regatta is a large, multi-class event with 317 boats this year, its 57th, with 13 classes on 5 starting circles, plus an ocean racing class.

Friday and Saturday were sunny, with winds about 5 knots in the morning, building to 10-12 knots in the afternoons. Four races were sailed each day. ON Sunday, the wind came in strong, with gusts from 20-25 knots. The unfavorable conditions, including the threat of thunderstorms caused Sunfish and other classes to be canceled so larger boats could sail on the more protected course.

Lee Parks dominated the no-throw-out series with 7 bullets and a 4th, while second, and third were one point apart and 4th, 5th and 6th only two points apart.

Hyannis YC Annual Regatta
Hyannis YC
July 31-Aug. 1, 1999

Lee "cleared up" at the HVC Annual Regatta
SANJL Series #1 Won
By Derek Jackson

The SANJL Regatta #1 May 1, 1999 at Greenwood Lake opened in light and shifty air. 32 boats fought swirling winds and early season lack of practice. Derek Jackson who jetted in from Europe must have felt NO JET LAG as he bested the fleet with a couple of true HORIZON JOBS. Steve Manson was close behind and finished second. Brian Weeks got a bullet in the last race to take third. Four races were held. Awards for the top 6 were embroidered duffle bags!

Brangiforte Takes The Challenge

The Northeast Challenge was held at Wessagussett YC June 12. Six races were run, with one throw out. In the morning winds were 8-10 and in the afternoon it picked up to 12-18. A great job was done by Jack Willy and crew on race committee.

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Catalano "Bolts" Home
by Steve Langford

Bolton Lake Sailing Club alumnus Mike Catalano prevailed over the 5-race, one throwout series to win the 31st Annual Bolton Lake Sailing Club Sunfish Regatta. With moderate wind in a gentle rain that fell during most of the day's racing, Mike scored two 1st's and two 2nd's for a decisive lead.

Bolton Lake Sailing Club
Bolton, CT
May 21, 1999

1. Mike Catalano, Miami, FL 2-8-1-1-2  6
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Friday afternoon, we returned to Canyon Lake and experienced the same hospitality we had received in Austin. This was a Sunfish only regatta and while people came form hundreds of miles away, we were a lock for the "furthest traveled" award. The original picture from 1958 was presented to the commodore of Woodlawn Lake SC at the dinner on Saturday night. Due to a lack of wind, only one race was held on Saturday, a drifter won by Dick Heinl. With the forecast of no wind on Sunday, I told Dick that I was dreading having to drive home with the Texas State Champion. Thank goodness I had edged him by a point the week before, because the trip home would have been three days of hearing how he had slipped by me at the third mark and gone on to win the championship. After a sensational breakfast of biscuits and gravy prepared by the ladies in the "Chuck Wagon", Sunday's winds picked up and two good races were sailed. Dick didn't win, but he finished 5th overall ahead of some great competition. ON the way home, I only had to remind him once that, had I not invited him to join me, I, not he, would have won the Master's Award at Canyon Lake. Tuesday evening after motel stops in Greenville, TX and Bristol, TN, we arrived home with 4,158 more miles on the car than when we had left 14 days earlier.

Dick and I are very grateful to Vic & Pat Manning, Bubba & Margo Horner and all the other Sunfish sailors who helped make out Great Texas Odyssey such an outstanding success. The questions now are "When will Luby's open a cafeteria in the Big Apple?" and "What will "Thelma and Louise of the Viagra set" do as an encore for the millenium?"
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