Fries' Return Proves Successful in NA's

Derrick Fries was lucky. By all Sunfish traditions, he should have been wringing pond water from his dark green shirt and khaki pants. But on that Saturday night in August, an adamanant groundskeeper stood between Derrick and the eager crowd—saving his laundry, but spoiling their fun.

Derrick, who has won three previous North American championships, is the 2001 Sunfish North American Champion.

This year's NA Championship was held August 1-4 at the North Shore Yacht Club in Highland Park, Ill. Co-sponsored by the Lake Bluff and North Shore Yacht Clubs, the regatta drew 96 competitors from the U.S., the Caribbean, and Latin America. The event was preceded by the Junior and Midget North American Championships, held July 30-31 at the same location.

The festivities started on a steamy Wednesday morning, as participants volleyed for a parking place on the beach. Thanks to volunteers from both yacht clubs, everyone was welcomed into NSYC clubhouse, registered, and given a T-shirt and goody bag. Sporting a straw hat, official U.S. Measurer Todd Edwards walked the beach, checking out everyone's sail, daggerboard, and rudder—"just to make sure."

Following registration, many headed onto Lake Michigan to get in some practice time from out of the northeast, and waves were now at 2-4 feet. The August sun shone brightly, making the whitecaps and spray sparkle. A cheer went up as the Race Committee announced the races would start on time. After 96 boats jostled for position across a one-quarter-mile starting line, and two general recalls were sounded, the NA's finally started.

Tom Whitehurst (Pensacola Beach YC) won the first race, followed by Roy Shaw (Houston YC) and Donald Martinborough (Nassau). Another general recall followed by a large number of recorded OCS's, and the second race went to Eduardo Gonzalez (Venezuela). Winds held up through a lunch of sub sandwiches delivered to the race course by club volunteers. Two more races followed, with Eduardo Cordero (Venezuela) winning race three, and Derrick Fries (BDSC) taking the 4th race. Although the water boat did an outstanding job of keeping the competitors hydrated, after four races under the hot sun, everyone was ready for a cold drink and some snacks on shore.

Friday evening was a "free night" on the schedule, and allowed visitors to sample local restaurants, take in a movie, and relax with families and friends.

Race were learning that Lake Michigan can be quite the tease. True to form, winds dropped to about 8 knots by Saturday morning. The RC was eager to get in two more races, and many anticipated the...
Fries Wins NA's cont'd

throw-out that would remove their OCS from the previous day. But it was not to happen. Race 5 started late, with another general recall just seconds before the starting gun, as the RC realized the wind came from different directions on both ends of the line. The race finally began. Derrick Fries finished 1st, followed by Malcolm Smith (Bermuda) and Todd Edwards (Bay Waveland YC).

As sailors ate the final on-water lunch of the regatta, the winds diminished, the sun got hotter, and the flies appeared. Realization slowly set in that they were most likely done for the day. After an hour of waiting for the wind, the RC canceled all remaining races. Those who were on the western edge of the fleet had the advantage, and were able to stay in enough clear air to slowly reach back to the beach. The majority of the fleet drifted toward shore, sculling and rocking enough to keep some forward momentum.

The regatta ended on a high note at the Highland Park Country Club, as everyone enjoyed appetizers and drinks while listening to a jazz trio. Dinner, awards, kudos to the organizers and the hosting clubs, and more socializing followed. Although there were roads to drive and planes to catch, no one wanted to leave their friends. The evening eventually wound down, and farewells were said over hugs.

And, having avoided the ceremonial championship dunking, Derrick Fries smiled quietly. By Peggy Malecki
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**Windward Leg - Summer 2001**
The Junior North Americans were held July 30-August 1 in Highland Park, Illinois hosted by the North Shore YC and the Lake Bluff YC. There were 10 juniors and 6 midgets from 9 different states.

Monday night started off with a racing clinic by Dan Feldman. We were all told about the possibility of big waves if the wind was blowing from the Northeast. I looked around at the group of juniors and everyone looked a little nervous.

Tuesday morning started off the racing. There was a light breeze which picked up a bit more as the afternoon rolled around. We sailed 4 races with Simon Stampe of Rochester, NY winning three and Dirk Resler of Savannah YC winning the other. Patrick Wilson was right up there until his tiller broke on the downwind leg of the last race. All scores were close after the first day of sailing with Simon Stampe leading with 6 points. The sailors in 2nd and 3rd places each had 15 points followed closely by the sailors in 4th and 5th with 19 points.

Wednesday started off with a medium breeze blowing out of the west. Everyone was a little more serious about racing and the competition suddenly was tougher. Megan Keating of Wayne, NJ won the first race of the day with Simon Stampe taking the other. The scores were once again close. Simon Stampe won, becoming Junior NA Champion. There was a tie between Dirk Resler and Patrick Wilson with 16 points each. Dirk won the tiebreaker placing 2nd. Melissa Chapoton and Megan Keating also had a tie with 17 points. Megan won the tiebreaker, taking 4th and Melissa 5th. Kate Mayle (8th) was top Midget. Lauren Whitehurst (9th) was 2nd Midget and Erik Hanselman (12th) 3rd.

Overall it was a great event with 5 juniors staying for the rest of the week to sail in the Championship, where Simon Stampe won top Junior. All the juniors agreed it was a great learning experience and are looking forward to next years event.

by Megan Keating, Junior Representative

North Shore YC/Lake Bluff YC
Highland Park, IL
July 30-311, 2001

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Above, Megan Keating, the new Junior Representative to the Board of Directors, hikes to windward. Right, Champ Simon Stampe shows his trophy. Below are winners, from left, Melissa Chapoton, 5th; Megan Keating, 4th; Patrick Wilson, 3rd; Dirk Resler, 2nd; Simon Stampe, 1st. Vic Manning and Clinton Edwards are in back.

Left, Megan Keating, Patrick Wilson and Dirk Resler toss Junior Champ Simon Stampe in Lake Michigan for his celebratory swim! Below, Carl Herndon relaxes between races.

More Junior pictures on back page
Reflections of a Class by Derrick Fries

I stood on the beach with 98 other competitors looking east over Lake Michigan. The warm sand and warm breezes were inviting to go sailing. It dawned on me suddenly that 12 years had passed since I had sat in the warm sands and looked East. This time, in 2001, I looked east across Lake Michigan. In 1989, I looked east across Lake Huron. Much water had passed under the bottom of the boat literally. In those 12 years, my three sons were born. I also earned a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, which didn't leave much free time for sailing. I was working full time and taking sometimes three classes a semester. During the long study periods and writing episodes, I would often dream of the days of sailing the Sunfish.

A question that would remain, would I ever find my way back to the Sunfish class? After I completed my degree, I started sailing Lasers actively and raced around the midwest, particularly in the Michigan area. I had success with the Laser although the class had a different composure and complexity. It was more youthful and less friendly. I had fun during those mid-1990 years and enjoyed my experiences sailing the Laser, which does have some similarities to the Sunfish. However there was a long and continuous calling after I moved away in 1991 from the lake I grew up on and which started me sailing. This lake was called Watkins Lake, north of Detroit, currently the home of Terry and Peg Beadle. Moving off the lake to a house further north, I was in the hills overlooking another lake, which seemed to add to the calling of wanting to get back to the Sunfish.

In 1998, I decided to get back into sailing the Sunfish again. My first regatta was the Devil's Lake Regional Regatta, in Devil's Lake, Michigan. The first people that I ran into were Dan Feldman and Rich Chapman. From 1998, I continued to sail a couple of regattas a year and began to sail a season with the Greater Detroit Sunfish Club, which was much fun. I raced 12 of their races and enjoyed the camaraderie and great excitement that I found in the Sunfish class. When I continued to go back to Devil's Lake, Rich and Dan spoke of hosting the North Americans. I had won the U.S. Laser Masters back in 1996 and felt like I still had some ability to assimilate wind shifts, but was excited about the chance of having a North American's so close to home. As with all of us, sailing becomes an important balancing act between family, work and other hobbies and recreations. I began sailing often in preparation of the North Americans approximately a year in advance. I sailed a few more Sunfish regattas, including a small Sunfish regatta at Lake Lansing, Michigan and the outstanding annual regatta at Wolf Lake near Jackson, MI. I also practiced often in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan where we have a summer home on Lake Huron.

I tried to approach the 2001 North American's with both an open and traditional mindset. I wanted to be able to try the new things that were incorporated in the class, yet also establish the traditions that had seemed to work well with me in the past. Therefore I adopted more of a back to basics attitude with the boat. I used a boat that was built in 1983 and a sail that I won with in 1998. Here are some things that I tried to do to keep the boat simple: I sailed barefooted during the entire North Americans Regatta (better speed feel).

I didn't use a compass.
I didn't use tell-tails or masthead flies or any wind indicating implements.
I tried to sail just with my life jacket on to increase tactile stimulation of changes of winds on Lake Michigan, since the air was predominantly light.
By using the old boat, I had a cockpit that allowed less water to enter during roll-tacks and that provided less wind drag upwind.
I did not use any sunglasses to better sense minute changes in wind (both velocity and direction)
I did make some modifications in my outhaul and used a very simple Cunningham adjustment and outhaul adjustments, both attached to the lower spar. I tried to run the rigging so there was as little wind drag as possible. During the practice race of North Americans I seemed to have the boat speed I hoped for. I was impressed with Eduardo Cordero's speed upwind in the shifty practice race at about 12 knots. We rounded the weather mark first and second a couple of times and I made some changes in my rigging, which included replacing my upper spar with a new upper spar, since my upper spar had been slightly damaged in a wind accident in a storm at Wolf Lake, Michigan.

2001 NA Champ, Derrick Fries

I was also impressed with the ability to use the small two or three-millimeter lines for the adjustable out-hauls to also decrease wind drag.
The regatta started on Thursday, which would turn out to be a no-wind day. I felt so happy to be able to sail the Sunfish again, and I saw so many wonderful people. One of the greatest thrills in all of sailboat racing, particularly in the Sunfish, is to start with so many boats. I enjoyed looking at 97 other boats at the start. Some of my fondest memories of all of my past Sunfish sailing was to start in big fleets. I especially liked the format of no qualifying series, allowing all sailors to sail together. During the regatta, I focused on a few primary factors. Getting a good start. If the start was mediocre or poor, still trying to stay in phase with the wind and going to my pre-identified side of the course. Trying to stay out of the middle of the course, since especially on the 2nd and 3rd upwind legs, the air was light and there were so many boats often coming down wind. Trying to gauge the wind shift by carefully reading the water.

Looking back, I think the most important thing I did was to relax, have fun, try to get a good start and read the wind shifts well. In all the nearly fifteen classes of boats I have raced, the fondest memories are of the Sunfish class. I honestly believe that the Sunfish class is the best class of sailboats that I have ever experienced.
Another wonderful North Americans! Thank you Rich Chapman and Dan Feldman for hosting this year’s North Americans at Highland Park, IL. There were so many who made this event a success in spite of the weather; I want to thank all those who so graciously opened their homes to the participants, especially Susan Douglas for coordinating the housing. My personal thanks to both the North Shore Yacht Club, who hosted the event and the Lake Bluff Yacht Club, who provided a lot of support, equipment and manpower. A special Thank You to Holly Chapman, Jim Irwin, Peggy Malecki, Jill Feldman, John Huebner and Leland Brode for all their hard work. There were so many more who helped; I am sorry I can’t mention them all, however, Thank You so much. At this year’s event, 16 Juniors and Midgets competed for the Junior National titles, followed by 97 competitors in the Senior division. Even though the event was short, there was no lack of good competition with 9 former World & National champions sailing. Congratulations, Simon Stampe, on your outstanding performance to become this year’s winner Junior National Champion, to Kate Mayle as Midget National Champion and to Derrick Fries as the Senior National Champion. The reduced format of System 3 worked well for this venue because of the restrictions imposed by the City Parks Department. The weather, however, did not cooperate for the Seniors races and highlighted one limitation in the System 3 format. There was a storm front that came in early Thursday morning, followed by no wind in the afternoon causing the racing to be canceled for the day. With only light air on Friday and Saturday, the event was reduced to a total of five (5) races. Hopefully next year there will be more wind when we attend the NA’s in Barrington, RI, either in late July or early August.

One area of concern that generated a lot of talk at the North Americans again was that so few Juniors and Midgets attended this year’s event. In an effort to increase both Junior membership and participation, the USSCA Council authorized a one year special dues reduction to encourage new Juniors and Midgets to join the Class. Starting with this publication and running through the next NA’s the Class is offering a reduced membership fee of $5.00 to any first time Junior or Midget wanting to join the Class. The fee will include a Class membership card, a Class rules book and the Windward Legs published for that time period. Sail numbers are not included in this fee; however, they may be purchased through the Class Office. This is an opportunity to help build your junior fleets and increase participation at local and national events, especially where cost of also having to join the Class may be a factor in being able to afford to sail in a major event. As a final note about our junior members, I would like to welcome Megan Keating who volunteered to be our new Junior Rep.. Megan will replace Nick McKenna as a point of contact for Juniors on issues they are concerned about and will be their voice at USSCA Council meetings.

In another area where the USSCA Council is hoping to encourage participation is by allowing a reduced-size sail for a trial period. You probably have seen discussion on the List Server or in other articles regarding a smaller sail for the Class. Paul Odegaard proposed that the Class allow a trial period of one year with a reduced-area sail to see if more people would participate in events that are sailed in heavier air. The Council agreed to try a reefed sail for a one-year period starting January 1, 2002 until December 31, 2002. A Class legal sail may be reefed with four (4) to six (6) grommet points (with localized reinforcement) along the foot of the sail below the window and may include additional lines to secure the reefed area to the boom. The result is a sail with a 5 to 10% reduction of the sail’s area which may encourage juniors, lightweights and seniors to continue sailing in winds above 20 mph. Representatives are asked to allow the use of a reefed sail at regional and national events and should report the number of people using them along with the results back to Paul Odegaard and Todd Edwards for evaluation.

There was a lot of discussion in three other areas that have an impact on the Class that I would like to inform you of. 1) The current Worlds selection process used to send US participants to the Worlds, is being questioned by a lot of people wondering whether it is a legal or equitable system. The selection system is being reviewed for a possible change for next year’s selection process. Your recommendations and suggestions are welcome. 2) The Inland Lakes Region had its two Worlds slots reduced to one (1) slot. This slot will now be a floating slot awarded to the largest region with 200+ members. It will rotate each year from the largest to the next largest Region with membership above 200. Any area with 200+ or as they increase to 200+ would be included in the sequence for the one (1) additional slot. This was done in order to provide more opportunities for larger groups of participants to qualify for the Worlds. This was also done instead of realigning the current ten (10) regions into five (5) larger regions in order to accomplish the same process. 3) The Class Notice of Regatta that comes out with the Spring edition of the Windward Leg may be sent to you as a separate item in coming years. This is an attempt to get the schedule out to you earlier than in the past couple of years. There are a variety of reasons why the Windward Leg is not published early in the Spring, so to ensure you are informed about upcoming events the USSCA Council has authorized the Regatta Schedule to be mailed as a separate publication if necessary.

In other news from the North Americans: 1) The Class received the rights to the Sunfish Bible from Will White. Will graciously gave the Class the rights to republish, sell and collect profits from the book. Those profits will go to the promotion of the boat and the Class. We are attempting to have it republished as soon as possible, so if you are looking for copies and cannot find one, please let either your local Sunfish dealer or Betsy Schmidt, your Class Secretary, know so we can put you on the waiting list. 2) The Class is also looking for a Club that is willing to host a Sunfish Class runoff as a qualifier for next year’s Pan Am Games. If you would like to have your club considered, please contact me so we can discuss the requirements.

I look forward to seeing each of you at events throughout the year. Keep your Sunfish tuned up, come out to play and remember to support your local events. “Sunfish!....Sunfish!....Sunfish!”
USSCA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
August 2, 2001  
North Shore Yacht Club, Highland Park, IL

CALL TO ORDER  
The General Membership meeting of the USSCA was called to order by President Victor Manning at 10:25 AM at the North Shore YC.

SECRETARY’S REPORT  
A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the minutes of June 21, 2001 as submitted by Secretary Betsy Schmidt and printed in Vol. XXIX, No. 3 of the Windward Leg.

TREASURER’S REPORT  
A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the report (see insert) as presented by Treasurer Kathleen Remmer.

OLD BUSINESS  
President Manning reported that after a year of thorough discussion and trial, the age delineation of Master will remain at 40.

Cindy Clifton voiced concerns over methods used for sending out bids for the Worlds berths. Mike Scrivner suggested that we go back to our old methods of selecting candidates by using NA results for securing Worlds bids. Much discussion ensued over Wild Card choices for the Worlds.

ISCA President Jean Bergman introduced all nominees. Voice votes were taken for all unopposed Regional Representatives up for reelection. A secret ballot was taken for Advisory Council Representatives including write-in candidate Tom Whitehurst. All previously mailed-in ballots were added to arrive at the final results. The elected representatives are as follows:

Regional Representatives  
Western Robert Cronin  
Southwest Pat Manning  
Gulf Coast Clinton Edwards  
Midwest Tom Katterheinrich  
Inland Lakes Joe Richardson

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS  
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Masters Subcommittee Chairperson Gail Turlock announced that Chris Houston won the 2001 Masters Championship held in Stone Harbour, NJ. She indicated that the 2002 Masters Championship will be held in Charleston, SC in late September.

National Regatta Chairperson Connie Miller reported that the 2002 NAs will be held in Barrington, RI during late July or early August. The 2003 NAs will be held in the Midwest at a still-to-be-determined site. The 2004 NAs will be held in Lewes, DE.

President Manning shared the very extensive, professionally presented Membership Report submitted by Membership Committee Chairperson Mindy Strauley. Anyone wishing a copy of this report may contact Mindy or any Class Officer.

COMMITTEE AND REGIONAL REPORTS  
Mid-Atlantic Regional Rep. William Betts gave a detailed report on his regatta schedule as well as other Northeast regattas, obstacles occurring during his first year on the job, and successes in building membership numbers and publicity. Mr. Betts indicated that he is concerned with waning membership in the 18-25 year age group. He intends to work hard to address this problem.

Junior Committee Chairman Clinton Edwards shared with the membership that the Board of Directors had recently approved a $5.00 first year Junior membership fee. Mr. Edwards indicated that he would like to restart a Junior Corner column in the Windward Leg and find a new Junior Representative to address Junior concerns. (At the NA banquet, Mr. Edwards introduced the new Junior Representative Megan Keating). Bill Betts talked about the Junior Olympic program available through US Sailing. Kathy Remmer spoke briefly about a Junior Buddy program, pairing up each Junior with a more seasoned sailor.

NEW BUSINESS  
President Manning brought up Recreational Sailing as a means of building membership and therefore building the Class. He suggested supporting recreational sailors by offering help with rigging, running clinics if needed, and encouraging fun activities such as river races.

President Manning introduced Paul Odegaard to explain reefing the sail in order to attract more Junior sailors to the Class. Although the Class has requested a white recreational sail (approximately 10% less surface area than the racing sail), the manufacturer has denied our request. Young sailors have been drawn more to the Laser Radial due to the smaller sail. Reefing can depower our racing sail so that our younger sailors as well as older sailors can enjoy sailing in heavy air. Mr. Odegaard suggested four to six grommets added (with some reinforcing sailcloth at the reef points) along the bottom of the sail making sure to retain the integrity of the window. This would reduce the sail area by 4-5%. Mr. Odegaard unfolded one of sail prepared for reefing so that the membership could examine first-hand a sail properly prepared for reefing. Mr. Odegaard mentioned that many years ago, people were hesitant to try the experimental prototypes of the racing sail because it was not legal. Therefore, he proposed a one year trial (Jan.-Dec., 2002) of the reefed sail. President Manning indicated that the Board of Directors had approved the trial period at its last meeting.

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Gen. Membership Meeting cont’d.

President Manning reported that the next Pan Am Games will be held in the Dominican Republic. We are still in need of a host club for the Pan Am trials. He reminded us that the rules require the trials to be open to all competitors. Therefore, we cannot require Class membership at these trials.

President Manning announced that Will White had officially donated his book *The Sunfish Bible* to the Class. This important book is presently out of print but will soon be picked up by the Class and digitized so that it will once again be in publication. *The Sunfish Bible* will be available through our Class office as well as dealers and distributors throughout the country.

President Manning stated that there will be no consolidation or redistribution of our Regions. Our present Regions will remain the same. There will be, however, a slight change in the World bids. The Inland Lakes Region will retain one World bid with the remaining bid going to a rotational floater available to Regions with 200+ members.

President Manning reported that the Board of Directors had approved a separate mailing of our Class Regatta Schedule unless it is within two weeks of the next Windward Leg publication.

President Manning indicated that he will be revamping our Class website so that ISCA will have more emphasis with USSCA and other national Sunfish organizations falling under that heading.

**ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting was adjourned at 11:30AM.
Respectfully submitted, Betsy Schmidt

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Sections A-A & B-B (Rudder) 13/16" Max.

**New Rule**
5. Measurement Diagrams
Sections A-A & B-B (Rudder) 3/4" ± 1/16" Max.

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**New Additional Rule**
4.1.1 Nothing shall prohibit two persons from racing a Sunfish sailboat provided that both persons sail together for the entire event or series. Class sanctioned events as defined in the Class Notice shall be sailed and qualified for singlehandedly.

**2001/2002 ISCA Notice**
Sanctioned Events
The following events shall be deemed to be sanctioned for the purpose of the Constitution, the Rules and the Bylaws of the ISCA:
- World Championship Event;
- Continental Championship events including North American, South American and European Championships and North American Women's, Juniors and Doubles Championships;
- National Championship events including Mid-Winter and Team National Championships;
- Regional Championship events and;
- Any other events as may be designated by the World Council or NSCA, as the case may be.

Any sanctioned events shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and guidelines as set forth by the ISCA.

**Additional Rules Which Apply While Racing**
- Nothing shall prohibit two persons from racing a Sunfish sailboat provided that both persons sail together for the entire event or series. Class sanctioned events, except for the Doubles Championship, shall be sailed and qualified for singlehandedly.

Thanks to Anne Patin for this report.

Remember . . .
USSCA Class membership entitles you to race at these World qualifying events:
- All Regionals (16 spots yearly), Midwinter Championship, Master's National Championship (age over 40), North American Championship Women's NA Championship Junior NA Championship (not 18 years old in that year)
The International Masters qualifies the winner only for one spot, it is not a US qualifier.
The USSCA qualifying races in 2001 qualify one for the 2002 Worlds in Houston.

ISCA rules state that you must be an ISCA member to compete in Class sanctioned international events including the World Championships (Rule 10.5).
Experimental Sail Reefing
Approved for ’02

BACKGROUND:
At the recent NA’s, your USSCA Executive Board voted to allow the addition of sail reef points on an experimental one-year basis. This sail-reefing proposal evolved from the on-going discussion on the Sunfish list-serve regarding ways to attract more juniors to the class. Currently, the junior boat-of-choice is the Optimist Pram, followed, after age-out, by the Laser Radial (18% less sail area than Laser) and then the Laser. The hope with this reefing proposal was that if the Sunfish was configured with a less powerful sail, that more juniors would be attracted to the Class and perhaps hang-in to join us in their later adult years. This proposal could also benefit adult lightweights, “couch potatoes”, and masters that may be intimidated by heavy air. The hard-chined Sunfish hull is relatively stable and can be a blast in a blow if not totally overpowered. Many feel that this new reefing option along with the current “Jens” and “Odie” de-powering rigs would greatly enhance the versatility of the Sunfish.

REEFING SCHEMES
*Deep Reef: Several years ago, a 20% reef was tested with four reef points placed above the window - the scheme was judged too extreme and the loss of the window was unacceptable for racing.
*Cunningham Reef: Downhauling the Cunningham grommet all the way down to the tack without reef points in the sail was tested (Bishop Steffel, Odie) last winter in Florida - this scheme was simple, however, the unrestrained sail along the foot tended to belly-out, thus defeating its purpose.
*Six Reef Points: Both Erik Erickson, photo 1 and Odie, photo 2 & 3, have experimented with six reef points installed below the window running from the #1 Cunningham grommet aft to the clew. This configuration gathers the loose pocket along the foot and reduces area by up to 6% and partial reefing is also possible.
*Four Reef Points Parallel to the Window: The next scheme to be evaluated is shown in Figure A. This design has four reef points spaced along the bottom edge of the window and uses the #2 luff grommet as a Cunningham. This scheme can reduce sail area up to approx. 8%. Use of a small dia. Cunningham line would be required due to the smaller grommet size.

RIGGING/PROCEDURES
Reefing can be accomplished by:
1. Extending the head outhaul length.
2. Loosening the clew outhaul.
3. Shortening the luff by hauling down on the Cunningham line.
4. Re-tightening the clew outhaul.
5. Tying individual reefing lines around the boom, or alternatively (Erickson rig), use one long continuous reef line, strung from & around the boom thru the reef points, terminating at the Cunningham cleat. With this rig one pull on the Cunningham shortens the luff and secures the reef points.
6. Adjusting the gooseneck may be required to compensate for the shift in the center of effort.

Obviously, this procedure can more easily be accomplished ashoor, however, on the water reefing is feasible. Reaching the outhauls over the transom and tying knots while bouncing around is the challenge. The possible addition of a head outhaul cleat could facilitate this task.

TESTING: Only limited testing has been conducted to date. MORE TESTING IN HEAVY AIR BY A VARIETY OF SKIPPERS IS NEEDED. Hopefully, this article will stimulate more activity in the New Year. Your local sailmaker (or email Odie for a contact) can install the reefing grommets and local reinforcements very economically. Class members are encouraged to comment and report test results via posting on the Sunfish list-serve, yes the Advisory Council members will be monitoring the discussions. Paul Odegard, Captnodie@worldnet.att.net
Membership Chairman, Mindy Strauley, presented her 2001 Membership Report at the General Class meeting at the NA's in August. I've summarized her excellent report as follows:

**Summary:**

*Overall membership has decreased from last year. We tend to lose more current members than gain new members. The class is mostly comprised of Master Sailors, over 40 years of age.*

**Suggestions to Maintain/Increase Membership:**

*Retain current members from year to year:

**Suggestions:**

*Survey lost members. (Why have you not joined, what can we do better?)*

*Make personal contacts to each new member via phone, email or letter.*

*Encourage sailors to rejoin early in the year.

It can be assumed that many people join in order to go to a world qualifying event, and if they don't go, then they don't see the benefit of rejoining. Offering and promoting benefits other than the ability to qualify for the world's, is discussed next.

**Encourage recreational Sunfish sailors/not so competitive Sunfish racers to join.**

*Not much of what the US Sunfish Class currently offers, appeals to this segment of Sunfish sailors. Since racers are a relatively small percentage of Sunfish sailors compared to recreational sailors, the latter is potentially viable segment to add to Class membership.*

**Educational News for Class Members**

The Windward Leg does not offer much more than race results and advertising. It is targeted to the more competitive Sunfish racer. It is difficult to encourage recreational/not so competitive sailors to join the class, by saying the Windward Leg is a benefit.

*An educational piece, (how-to's) perhaps monthly on a less expensive paper, formatted as a one page booklet would be more attractive to this group and possibly current members as well.*

*An educational video, 3 levels.

**Additional incentives for class members**

*Each year when a member joins or renews, a token (inexpensive but useful) could be offered to members (stickers, patches, keychains, bottle openers, etc.).

Encourage younger sailors to join the class in order to keep it alive and strong in coming years.

*Visit Opti programs and School Programs.

Introduce younger children to Sunfish and sailing in general. Bring a youth to a sailing activity and center that activity around something appealing to that age group. Camaraderie is important to children and it must be experienced to be realized. Sailing seminars or sailing presentations are important too.

**Regional Representatives are very key to the membership effort.** They need to have the tools (eg. expense for phone calls & postage to contact new members) and an incentive to succeed. Mindy suggests that at each NA's, the regional Rep that has achieved the highest percent of renewals/new members be recognized at the awards ceremony, verbally or with a plaque.

Mindy's whole report can be obtained from her at mkatz@juno.com Ideas and comments are welcome! Several of her membership graphs follow.
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Mid-Atlantic Rep adds to Mindy’s report!
by Bill Betts

In her Membership Report, Mindy made a number of suggestions for providing exposure to prospective young sailors, particularly Opti sailors. There is an additional approach that can be added to the list (for recruiting younger members): US Sailing provides some powerful events for sharply raising the visibility of Sunfish as a serious racing class. These regattas, the Junior Olympic Festivals, provide a huge audience of Opti’s, and other youth dinghies for Sunfish and other classes.

These are premier youth racing events, held regionally throughout the country. They often tie in other activities like, clinics, celebrity speakers, written competitions, and evening youth activities. These are just for kids, with participation ranging from 50 to over 300.

The concept seems wildly successful. Rhode Island’s NBYA event has in the past had the largest Sunfish fleet, often with 30 or more boats, larger than our Junior NA’s. The Sunfish have been very visible to the Opti fleet because they race out in Narragansett Bay while the Opti sailors the same age are kept within the harbor.

In recent months we’ve called attention to Vanguard’s “racing class” ads, which they’ve changed, and we’ve also suggested that Sunfish fleets be added to more of the J.O. events, which they have. Now it’s time for us to follow that through and try to get a sufficient level of attendance and Class backing at these showcase Junior sailing events.

Check out the J.O. schedule on the US Sailing Webpage.

Help for Your Daggerboard Trunk!
by Nicky Einthoven

For everyone who bought one of those new, fast, aerodynamic racing Sunfish daggerboards, here is some friendly advice.

Turn your hull upside down, and inspect the aft edge of the daggerboard trunk, near the bottom of the boat.

The newest common problem with the Sunfish is that the boat develops a leak in the bottom of the daggerboard trunk. This is because the aft edge of the board is a narrow tapered edge (as opposed to a wide rounded edge on the old wooden boards) and it saws (wears) through the hull as it gets raised and lowered.

Prevention and repair are quite easy. Once the board has worn into the hull a little bit, just put one drop of gel kote in the wear spot (O.K. 3 drops). This gel kote does not wear nearly as fast as the fiberglass hull and should last a long time. If a leak has already developed, (and it is still quite small), fill it in with gel kote and the boat will be fine.

It is recommended that someone who already has a can of gel kote and a tube of hardener brings it to their sailing club and donate a few drops to the sunfish owners, as I am doing at our next regatta.

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Second Wind, A Sunfish Sailor's Odyssey by Nat Philbrick - $28.00. Add $1.00 for priority mail. Successful Sunfish Racing by Derrick Fries - $18.95. Send check to The Sailboat Garage, c/o Peg Beadle, 4204 South Shore, Waterford, MI 48328-1157. 248-673-3565. MI residents
Clawing Your Way up, Part 1
by Daniel Feldman

(Some useful tips for the club sailor.)

Lots of articles have been written to help you sail better. Boat handling, tactics and rules are all discussed in detail. While these are all useful, success on the race course starts inside your head. Mental attitude and approach are the real keys to success. In many cases, the difference between the bulk of the local fleet and the leaders, is in the mental arena more than the physical. These sailors see the game differently than the average sailor. With this in mind let's look at a few things that should help you improve your game.

The first thing that any sailor needs to improve is the desire. This in not merely a case of wanting to win races. Most sailors would like to win. The truth is that improvement beyond a certain point “costs”. I am not talking about money although that may be part of it. This cost is measured in time and effort. Time in the boat and effort working on what you need to do to improve. This may be time off the water working on equipment or physical training. It may be time on the water practicing. Practicing is not day sailing or running up and down the shore. It is time working on your techniques, boat handling and physical training.

Once you have established that you really want to improve the watch words for improvement are “be meticulous”. This is the most important concept if you want to do better on the race course. Regardless of whether you practice or train you can begin to improve by approaching racing with the goal of learning or improving something every time you go out on the water. This is a life long process. It needs to be approached in an orderly and persistent manner to be effective. In order to accomplish this it means you must pay attention to your performance. If you do badly in a race you need to figure out why and where you can improve for the next time. Furthermore, you must make a note to try and correct those problems the next time out. Even in races where you do well it is important to try and figure out where you did well and what you can do better.

Start by re-playing the race in your mind start to finish. Start looking for weak points and strong points. Did you start in the front row or get spat out the back? Was your speed good? How were your mark roundings? Concentrate first on the most obvious places things went well or badly. This is where you will need to work first. If you come to a segment of the race where you lost out and you are not sure why, try asking sailors who were around you. This can be especially useful when you lose in a strategic situation i.e., a boat sailing to the other side of the course. It is helpful to know what they might have seen to make them go that way or what the conditions were when they got there. If you can, compare tuning notes with other sailors. This may be especially helpful in between races if you feel slow.

This post-mortem process is important since that will tell you where you will need to work to improve. For some people this may involve actually taking notes after a race or using wet notes during your time on the water and writing them later. If this helps you by all means do it. You may find this especially helpful if you only race once a week or less. Check the notes to refresh your memory before you next go out. For many of us there is a temptation to do it mentally. This is fine, but you will need to expend effort in making sure you remember. One other thing to remember. After you have finished analyzing a race, remember what areas need work and move on. It is possible to have a bad race and still have an excellent series. It will be difficult if you can’t mentally move on.

The next step is to start applying what you learned to your next race or practice. This is best done in small chunks. If you try and correct everything at once you may have trouble putting everything into practice. Be aware of everything but concentrate on one or two things. Example: In your last race you lost with a 3rd row start, missed the first shift and had a rough mark rounding at the leeward mark. Your reach speed while not great was OK and your up-wind boat speed was also if not great, OK. Concentrate first and foremost on getting a good start. You might even do some practice starts before the gun. Check the line for favored end and time your accelerations. Without a good start you may have no options on the first shift. Your second focus might be the leeward mark. If you were having trouble look at the problem – was it tactical or was it pure boat handling. If it was both it may helpful to break it into to separate areas of improvement. The rough jibe may be corrected by going out a little early and doing a couple of dozen jibes and simulated roundings. Once you have that correct you can concentrate on the tactical problem. You should start thinking about what you want to work on before you go out onto the water. Hit the water with at least a rough plan of action.

After each race repeat the post mortem process. Don’t worry too much if the same things keep happening over and over when you first start out. Just keep working on that area until you have improved. Some things, like tactical or strategic calls will continue to need improvement all the time. Occasionally something you were doing fine with will back slide. Just go back over it again. This process is continued one or two areas at a time. It is important to remember that overall improvement takes time. As you begin to correct the major gaffs, you will find that you are working to fine tune your performance. As you move up to sail with better and better competition, the differences at the finish line hinge on small percentages gained on the competition.

Boat time is of course important. There is no question that practice makes perfect. I remember hearing once that 2 extra hours of practice each week can double your sailing performance within a year. I am not sure if this is exactly true, but practice is important. There is no substitute for getting out for a few hours each week and working on your boat handling and other skills. The reality is that many people are unable to get the time in their schedule to do this. However, you can make the effort on the days you do get to go out and sail. If you do no more than sail for an extra half hour before or after a day of racing the results over a season should be very noticeable. If possible, try and team up with one or two other sailors. This will make your practice more effective in several ways. It allows you to use each other as a bench mark. It also allows you to have an observer. As when sailing by yourself, try and have a plan of action.

Just as important is to use your time racing to improve. Look at each race as practice for the next one. Even if you can get no other time on the water, slowly eliminating the most glaring errors will help improve your performance in the long run. Look at each race as practice for the next one.

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Comebacks are the Master’s Secret for Houston

by Gail M. Turluck

Chris Houston, a HS art teacher from Ambler, PA, claimed the 2001 U.S. Masters National Championship, in a series where he battled back from deep in the pack to consistently high finishes. Seven races were scheduled, but only four completed due to weather extremes experienced at host YC of Stone Harbor, Stone Harbor, NJ, June 22-24. Defending champion, Ashley Beatty of League City, Texas, was unable to attend.

Arriving Masters were greeted in the parking lot by YC of Stone Harbor (YCSH) staff, who offered help for unloading and relocating boats. The weekend also featured a Mid-Atlantic Yacht Racing Association (MAYRA) multiclass regatta, so the locals were geared up not only for the Sunfish Masters, but for the 2nd course of Comets, Beetlecats, Lasers, Opti’s and other Sunfish. Indoors, friendly members greeted the guests, led by Ellen Corrigan and her committee who helped with registration and shared the lay of the land.

Friday morning was sunny, warm, with winds at the weekend’s forecasted strength of 10-15 mph. Racing was held on the Great Sound, a body of water fed by many inlets and protected by a barrier island. Due to tidal flows there is a six hour daily window for adequate water depth on the Great Sound, but it is a wonderfully protected place to race centerboarders. These six hour windows happened to be early in the day—3 hours either side of high tide—on the weekend the Masters was sailed. Current did not appear to be a consideration, possibly due to the many inlets. High tide was approximately 9:30 a.m. About 14 boats ventured out for the practice race, led by Kathy Remmer but claimed by Stone Harbor’s own Steve Mehl.

Saturday morning started with an 8:00 skipper’s meeting. Gregarious Regatta Chairman Gene Mopsik heartily welcomed the 35 Sunfish Masters and the MAYRA doublehanded racers. The weather forecast had changed somewhat; a slow-moving cold front with showers and thunderstorms was moving in but not expected until late in the day. It was slightly warmer, and winds were still expected to be SE 10-15, with no mention of anything higher. RC Chairman Dob Mehl explained the towing procedure. The Great Sound is approximately two miles from the YCSH by water, through a series of channels which include the Intra-Coastal Waterway. In light air, Sunfish were launched, gathered into tow groups of 6, and the flotilla was on its way to the race course.

It seemed like it was only moments after being delivered to the course area that the first three minute warning sounded. The breeze had come up to 10-15 for the start. With the Committee Boat favored, eager Masters edged over the line for a General Recall. Under the one-minute rule with the boat favored, the adrenaline was still flowing—a second General Recall. Out came the Black Flag. This restored some order, but only some. The Black Flag claimed victims Chris Williams & Bruce Cattanach, but the race, an Olympic course, was on. The Masters were given a true test with long courses featuring over one mile beats. An hour and fifteen minutes later, Houston crossed first, followed by Bill McLaughlin and former champion Tom Donahue.

The second race warning was sounded quickly. In a building breeze with darkening western skies, only a few masters had enough time to put in a Jens rig or make other modifications to adjust to changing conditions. A few were still striving to get to the starting area for what ultimately was a General Recall. The next starting sequence resulted in just a couple boats called back to restart. The breeze continued to build and chop developed. By the end of the second reach, estimates put the winds at 18-25 and gusty. The ensuing beat claimed many racers due to capsize or exhaustion. The run, for those still upright, was among the more exhilarating rides they’d experienced! This leg, however, claimed a few more victims with wipeouts. The last, long beat under a dark sky bordered on survival sailing. With winds 20-25 and gusty, a few more victims fell away. After an hour and twenty minutes, Houston again crossed first, with Mehl second and John Keating, III, close behind. By this time on the MAYRA course all was pure carnage—broken masts, swamped boats, all sails down. The Sunfish course was but a little better. Some racers had gone to the shallows at the edges of the sound where they dropped their rigs and prepped their boats for the tow in. At this point it was too late in the day for there to be enough water on the sound to start another race. Only two boats made it back to the starting area. By the time the boats were all under tow, the squall was in full fury, but notably absent was any lightning. That came later in the evening in a secondary squall line.

While thunderstorms raged outside Saturday night, a wonderful dinner buffet of clams, grilled chicken, grilled pork cutlet, corn on the cob, and more, plus dessert of apple cobbler, brownies and cookies, was provided for all, which entertained not only the Sunfish Masters and MAYRA sailors, but also the entire YCSH membership. Then came a live band and dancing for those who could still stand.

Sunday morning came with clouds, light NW winds and cooler temperatures. The MAYRA racers on the other course this day were the singlehander. As soon as the tow groups were broken up and sails raised, the first warning was sounded. Hoping to get five races in, a Triangle-Windward course was set. The boat end was heavily favored and this resulted in another General Recall. By the time the second start was off, the breeze was down to approximately 2-6, still northwest. A few boats that went right on the first beat picked up a big shift and were looking good until the breeze on that side died and built back in on the left, in the end favoring those who had gone into shore. With many holes and private puffs, the fleet got scrambled some, with Jim Milnes breaking free to win the third race, followed by Jim Greenfield, second, and Les Johnston, third. Houston had been nearly last at one point, but worked his way back up to 10th.

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The wind was zephyrish now, this was by no means a foul-free regatta, as the racing was very tight. The boat end was favored and again the fleet suffered a General Recall. Houston, who had been nearly last, remained calm and worked his way carefully. By the time the last boat ghosted across the finish line it was 12:45 p.m. While the last boat struggled to get to the starting area, the wind was nearly calm and worked his way into the lead, followed by Judy Oberg and Houston. Notable on the final “beat”—sailed downwind—was Dave Kaighin, who won low and picked up about ten boats to save his second place overall.

By the time the last boat ghosted across the finish line it was 12:45 p.m. With a 1:00 last-start cutoff looming, sailors struggled to get to the starting area. Many were quietly hoping no miracle breeze would come in ... and it didn’t. With little to no wind and boats spread over three-quarters of a mile trying to get to the starting area, the 2001 U.S. Masters came to a sputtering close. It took some time to get the boats into tow groups and back to shore, a process slowed by the receding tide. The power boats had to take the shorter route in, as it was late enough that the short route was too shallow.

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YCSH distributed a 50th Anniversary Sunfish key chain to all participants. There were door prizes for almost everyone. The award for the most capsizes went to YCSH’s own Linda Nicholson with four. Sponsors included Vanguard, APS, Layline, Harken, Masthead, Backyard Boats, Alberton Marine, the Dinghy Shop, Team One, Moorhouse, Roseman’s Marine, Camp Marine, Island Kayak & Hoys’5&10. The next U.S. Masters will be held at Charleston YC, co-hosted by James Island Yacht Club, in Charleston, South Carolina, September 27-29, 2002.

Right away the signal came for the fourth race, a WLY. Again the boat end was heavily favored and again the fleet suffered a General Recall. The wind was near zephyrish now, 0-4 with lots of holes. Tom Katterheinrich and Gail Turluck caught a wind line and went left. Courtney Young, made something out of nothing up the middle. Most of the pack on the right flirted with catching up on the first beat, but Katterheinrich rounded first, followed by Turluck and Young. They couldn’t get away, however. Part way down the run there was no wind. A small puff compressed the back of the fleet into the leaders which resulted in another scrambling of the fleet. Houston, who had been nearly last, remained calm and worked his way carefully. By the “leeeward” mark—the zephyrs now were coming from the southeast—Donahue had worked his way into the lead, followed by Judy Oberg and Houston. Notable on the final “beat”—sailed downwind—was Dave Kaighin, who won low and picked up about ten boats to save his second place overall.

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Gesner Wins Upstate NY

The Rochester Canoe Club hosted this year’s Upstate New York Regional on May 19 and 20 on Irondequoit Bay. After several days of cold, wet spring weather, sailors were greeted with two days of nearly perfect sailing conditions. Blue skies, plenty of sunshine, temperatures in the 70’s and steady but modest north winds produced sailing conditions. Blue skies, plenty of sunshine, temperatures in the 70’s and steady but modest north winds produced challenging conditions for the 27 boats registered for the event. Sailors from as far away as New Jersey and Long Island joined a strong contingent from upstate New York to vie for the regional. The Rochester Canoe Club’s Eric Gesner finished on top despite having not sailed a Sunfish for many years. Hardly a ringer, Eric put his many years of sailing to good use demonstrating that solid boat handling and strong tactical skills can be applied to any sailing class. Doug Kaukeinen placed second and Derek Jackson was third.

Saturday started with a mild northerly breeze that allowed the race committee to begin the first race right on schedule. A total of four races were completed before sailors returned to the clubhouse for lunch and a little down time. After lunch two additional races were completed as the wind picked up slightly with the afternoon thermal. Saturday evening included refreshments, grilled chicken dinner and plenty of time to socialize around the bonfire. On Sunday morning the thermal arrived early so two additional races were completed before noon. A total of eight races were completed with one throw out.

The regional included five father/son or daughter entries as well as one husband/wife entry. Mark Weider and Keith Stewart managed to finish just ahead of their offspring. Husband Eric Gesner finished ahead of wife Judy although Judy did pull off a first in race three narrowly edging out Eric who placed second. Out of eight races sailed, five different sailors recorded first place finishes including Eric Gesner, Doug Kaukeinen, Derek Jackson, Heather Stewart and Judy Gesner. Heather Stewart was top female and Simon Stampe was the top junior.

As usual, Rochester Canoe Club’s Race Committee did a superb job getting off eight races in two days. After the eighth race on Sunday, the race committee ran a fun race for those interested in staying on the water. By Mike Fortner

NY Regional #1
Rochester Canoe Club
Rochester, New York
May 19-20, 2001

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Bob Cronin Wins in California

Fine, sunny weather and moderate, shifty breezes greeted a small fleet of Sunfishers on Scotts Flat Reservoir in the foothills of the Sierra near Grass Valley, CA. As in past years, the regatta was ably run by the Gold Country YC, who also provided a great barbecue on Saturday night. All the races stayed in the campground on the lake. The racing was close. Some finishers were separated by less than a boat length. Bob Cronin edged out Byron Jonk for first.

Western Regional
Scotts Flat Reservoir
Gold Country YC
June 9-10, 2001

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Derek Jackson Takes First Mid-Atlanticss

The first Sunfish Mid-Atlantic Regionals of 2001 belonged to Derek Jackson. He won the first five races, some with (only) a few boatlengths, some with a street. Finally, in the last race he missed first by barely one foot.

The regatta was held at Spruce Run Reservoir near the historic town of Clinton, NJ and was hosted by the Hunterdon Sailing Club. The wind was strong on the first day and even stronger the second day. There was good wind, small waves and no chop. There were a lot of DNS's and DNF's. (Nicky's DNF in race 1 was due to regatta management details that she had to take care of.) Saturday was warm, with a short rainshower after race 3. Sunday was cold. The four races on Saturday showed lots of variation (except for Derek) during the races and in the finishing positions.

Curiously, after Saturday's sailing, Doug Brown had a 4, 4, 4, and 9, which put him in second place overall.

The wind was so strong that the last race was canceled. The only person who did not agree with that, capsized ten minutes later, remained capsized for a while, needed rescue by the race committee, was towed in to shore, and proclaimed that he had changed his mind and withdrew all his words from before.

Sunday afternoon, a huge old tree on the entrance road lost a long branch, 1 1/2' in diameter, which blocked both lanes of the exit road for some time, so people had to drive on the grass to get around it. Most sailors enjoyed this regatta, sailed on a lake, not an arm of the sea.

Regional Results

Mid-Atlantic #1 Regional
Spruce Run Reservoir
Hunterdon Sailing Club
May 12-13, 2001

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Special Awards:
First Place Age of Wisdom Ray Buchanan
Top Master Doug Brown
Highest Junior Bill Betts III
Highest 1st time in Regatta Mark Buruchian
Wife of 1st skipper whose wife is a Mom and not sailing (Mother's Day)
Doug Brown's wife
Wife of 2nd skipper whose wife is a Mom Mark Buruchian's wife
Achievement Award Megan Keating
(First regional, she sailed all races, despite the wind strength and finished the last race.)

By Nicky Einthoven

Left, Derek Jackson tacks to port at the start on Day 1, and above, one of his horizon job finishes.

Photos, Sharon Betts

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**Regional Results**

**Derek Jackson Wins Mid-Atlantic at Green Pond by W. Betts**

Derek Jackson captured his second Mid-Atlantic Regional title this season at Green Pond YC in New Jersey, July 7 & 8, following his earlier Regional win at Spruce Run. 39 sailors competed in the event, including several excellent local Sunfish sailors who for one reason or another had been away from Regional competition for a while. Green Pond holds its popular Howard Griswold Memorial Regatta every other year, and the Regional was held in conjunction with that event.

Winds ranged from about 10-15 SW on Saturday, and lightened to about 5 S on Sunday. Four races were held Saturday as the breeze gradually built during the day, and two races were held in Sunday's lighter conditions, allowing for one throw-out.

The racing was extremely close between Derek, NY's Ken Mockridge, and SANJL's Steve Manson (Top Master and 2nd overall). Derek and Steve each took one race of the six-race series, and Ken two. Perhaps surprisingly, this was the first meeting for Steve and Ken, despite their respective prominence in Sunfish activities on opposite sides of the Hudson. Also weighing in at Green Pond were Chris Houston, just off his Master's NA championship a couple of weeks earlier; GPYC's local favorite Bob Griswold; and Bill Betts III, who kicked off each day with a bullet, including a "horizon job" on Sunday where he steadily extended his lead to the better part of a mile.

Just as the event brought a couple of prominent Sunfish seniors together for the first time, it also was the first meeting for Long Island Junior Todd Kutkiewicz and SANJL Junior Kevin Buruchian. Kevin had the initial advantage during the earlier, lighter-air races each day, but Todd more than made up ground in the heavier conditions Saturday afternoon. Overall, the Junior scoring was about as close as the seniors', with Todd taking the Junior title, at 10th overall, versus Kevin's 12th—with only three points, and Kevin's own dad, separating the two.

The 'father-son' turnout was an interesting aspect of the fleet. There were six father-son combinations (and one father-daughter), which altogether comprised about 1/3 of the fleet. What was particularly noteworthy was that only a couple of the 'sons' were juniors—most were adults themselves, sailing with their dads. That older group of sons actually made up the majority of the non-Master adult fleet.

Some out-of-towners also attended. In the parking lot before registration, one competitor exclaimed that he just saw Tom Katterheinrich's Ohio van pull in—"and this is Green Pond!" Actually, Tom had stretched out his East-coast vacation from the Masters through to the Regional, understandably getting in as much New Jersey Sunfish sailing as possible during his trip.

Club Commodore Kaaren Young, who had her hands full with organizational activities right up through registration, got a huge cheer from the spectator fleet as she finished 3rd in the 1st race, just ahead of Steve Manson. Kaaren was the regatta's Top Woman sailor. While the Green Pond Yacht Club regularly hosts major Sunfish regattas, this was Kaaren's first as organizer. As always at Green Pond, everything was first-rate.

GPYC officers have to be particularly thanked for their flexibility in scheduling this event. This year, the Regions in the Northeast part of the country intentionally avoided any schedule conflicts among any of their major events. That meant that only a handful of weekends were actually "open" for this regatta, and Green Pond stepped up to the challenge. Thanks in large part to GPYC, for the first time in several years there were "no conflicts" across the regions.

As and as a result, GPYC attracted some great competition to the event and allowed some memorable first-time meetings.

Green Pond is a private lake community—the lake itself is unusually clear, and visiting boats are pressure-washed on arrival to remove contaminants. The club is extremely popular with North Jersey sailors; it hosts the SANJL season finale each year, generally the first weekend in October. The club has a great reputation for hospitality, including particularly comfortable facilities for spectators, and it always draws a large Sunfish turnout.

The lake is approximately three miles long and almost a mile wide, running NE-SW, usually convenient for prevailing conditions. There is a very prominent cliff running along the west shore that always manages to keep things interesting. There are only about a hundred or so homes within the community, and with restricted water access there is very little powerboat or other activity on the lake, especially during regattas. If you have the opportunity (and you do, at least each October) be sure to check it out.

| 1 | Derek Jackson | 2-3-1-2-13-5 | 13 |
| 2 | Steve Manson | 4-1-3-4-5-2 | Top Mas. |
| 3 | Kenny Mockridge | 10-2-12-1-1-7 | 17 |
| 4 | Chris Houston | 5-6-3-4-6 | 24 |
| 5 | Bill Betts III | 1-5-10-10-1-9 | 26 |
| 6 | Bob Griswold | 14-4-2-5-8-11 | 30 |
| 7 | Steven Evans | 15-8-4-6-2-15 | 42 |
| 8 | Thomas Brett | 6-11-13-15-9-3 | 42 |
| 9 | George Jackson | 7-8-7-8-12-14 | 42 |
| 10 | Todd Kutkiewicz | 12-15-8-7-16 | 49Top Jr |
| 11 | Mark Buruchian | 18-10-15-12-6-7 | 50 |
| 12 | Kevin Buruchian | 9-9-16-27-14-4 | 52 |
| 13 | Steven Bard | 11-7-14-20-15-8 | 55 |
| 14 | Jim Liggert | 8-19-9-11-19-10 | 57 |
| 15 | William Betts | 16-13-5-14-22-27 | 70 |
| 16 | Kaaren Young | 3-34-11-23-10-40 | 81Top Wom. |
| 17 | Bob Burn | 17-16-29-18-17-17 | 85 |
| 18 | Larry Poly | 24-14-18-13-18-23 | 86 |
| 19 | Tom KartertRich | 26-12-17-9-31-40 | 95 |
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| 24 | Megan Keating | 21-31-20-25-23-25 | 114 |
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Jeff Olson Smokes 'Em in Florida

May 19th and 20th was a beautiful weekend for 19 members of the International Sunfish Class Association to compete in the Florida Regionals Sunfish Regatta on Boca Ciega Bay. Four races were completed on Saturday with pleasant winds 5-8 knots and a moderate chop. Sunday started off a little slow until the sea breeze kicked in, making the final race of the day a crowning touch to the weekend.

The Regatta was hosted by Boca Ciega Yacht Club, with on the water assistance from Gulfport YC. The participants were treated to a "BCYC Club weekend" that included a Pasta dinner, live music, and a talent show. BCYC is a fun-loving cruising club that enjoys sharing the sport of sailing. Our members are looking forward to hosting future sunfish events. Thanks to all who attended and for keeping the dingy beach clean! Special Awards were presented: Top Junior - Kyle Waggener, Top Master (40+) - Tony Elliott, Top Grand Master (60+) - Pat Hamilton, Top Female - Mindy Strauley.

by Barb Meyer, Rear Commodore, BCYC.

Regional Results

Florida Regionals
Boca Ciega & Gulfport Yacht Clubs
May 19-20, 2001

1 Olson, Jeff 1-5-1-1-1-3-2 14
2 Elliott, Tony 5-2-2-7-3-1-8 28
3 Clifton, Charlie 3-1-7-6-2-11-1 31
4 Pantall, Rick 2-4-3-2-16-3-6 46
5 Strauley, Paul 9-9-4-12-4-5-4 42
6 Dunston, Dale J. 6-10-6-5-10-4-7 47
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10 Heyne, Joel 11-8-8-15-13-9-10 74
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12 Hamilton, Pat 4-3-0-10-18-15-11 81
13 Erickson, Erik D-16-13-13-6-6-13 87
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Celebrating their win, Back row, l-r:
Jeff Olson, 1st; Tony Elliott, 2nd; Rick Pantall, 4th; Charlie Clifton, 3rd;
Pat Hamilton, Top Grand Master.
Front row:
Mindy Strauley, First Woman; Paul Strauley, 5th; Kyle Waggener, First Junior

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Feldman Repeats at Lake Springfield
By Stephen Smeulders

By all appearances it looked like Lake Springfield was not about to release its historically light-air grip on the Sunfish fleet. Tensions ran high as the fleet waited for the slightest indication of breeze to make racing possible. After the first day, only 2 races were completed. The party for the evening was held at Posy & Stephen’s home. A well-stocked bar was available and pasta was served. This tried & tested energy food appeared to be the precursor to the next day’s weather conditions. Sailing resumed Sunday morning in a gradually freshening breeze that ended in the top range of medium-air. Several boats were actually seen planing on the lake! (author’s boat obviously not included.)

Windward-leeward courses with the start-finish located close to the leeward gate made it possible for the race committee to schedule 4 quick races on Sunday. Varied conditions ensured that the all-round sailor prevailed at this event.

Drew Buttner Strikes Again

With a pleasant, sunny day and a wandering wind, Drew Buttner came out best in a fleet of 20 boats at Bolton Lake. The abrupt and frequent major shifts in the light to moderate wind resulted in a mix of very early and very late finishes for many members of the fleet By Steve Langford

Bolton Lake Regatta, Bolton, CT
May 20, 2001

Winners from left: Dan Feldman, 1st; Stephen Smeulders, 2nd; Posy Seifert, 3rd; Gail Turluck,4th; Mark Simhauser!st Junior. Photo, Tom Katterheimich

1 Daniel Feldman, Highland Park, IL 1-1-3-6-1-7 12
2 Stephen Smeulders, Springfield, IL 2-2-9-1-4-8 17
3 Posy Seifert, Springfield, IL 3-6-2-4-3-5 17
4 Gail Turluck, Chicago, IL 4-5-1-9-8-7 17
5 Michael Scrivner, Waterford, MI 5-13-5-2-5-4 21
6 Shapoor Goudar, Deerfield, IL 6-10-7-6-3-11 27
7 Tom Katterheimich, N. Knox., OH 7-14-19-18-10-10 31
8 Bill Nelson, Prospect Heights, IL 8-18-8-7-16-1 34
9 Steven Steer, Springfield, IL 9-11-9-9-9-9 34
10 Nancy Perkins, Springfield, IL 10-9-(11)-10-7 47
11 Jim Irwin, Highland Park, IL 11-11-9-9-9-9 47
12 John Heubner, Highland Park, IL 12-11-11-10-7 47
13 Mark Simhauser, Springfield, IL 13-(D)-12-12-D 54
14 Peggy Malecki, Highland Park, IL 14-12-12-D-D-D 63
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16 Nancy Perkins, Highland Park, IL 16-12-12-D-D-D 63
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Windward Leg - Summer 2001
Greenbaum Continues Winning Ways

Scott Greenbaum continued his streak of excellent sailing by edging a consistent Kenny Mockridge along with the rest of a very competitive field in a closely contested NE Regional Championship at Wequaqut Lake. Last year’s winner, Bill Brangforte hung in for third. Soling/505 ace Drew Buttner and sunfish veteran Steve Langford rounded out the top five. Anne Patin, all 100 pounds of her, was top woman and eleventh overall.

Perfect weather, loads of friendly competitors and an army of enthusiastic volunteers all contributed to a charmed weekend. A total of 57 boats participated in the two-day event. The 10-20 knot winds and clear skies provided ideal racing conditions throughout the seven-race series. Five races were sailed on Saturday and two were sailed on Sunday.

Former WLYC star Peter Stickells along with Laura Stickells easily won the open doubles competition despite sacrificing a few races to aid a couple of capsized competitors. 14 yr. old Jason Anthony of Maple Glen, PA took the junior singles while Alex Doyle and Malcolm Stewart teamed up to win the junior doubles by sailing a perfect series consisting of seven firsts.

Jonathan Lareau of WLYC, another fourteen year old, elected to sail in the open division and finished 17. By doing so, he earned the honor of top WLYC finisher.

Thanks to all who participated. Hope to see everyone back next year along with plenty of new faces. By Paul Fendler.

Northeast Regional #2
Wequagoon Lake YC
July 21-22, 2001

1 Scott Greenbaum 3-1-9-1-2-1-2 10
2 Kenny Mockridge 1-2-3-3-6-1-3 13
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2) Alan & Rebekah Schaefer 5-2-1-8-2-1 13
3) Sal & Liza Genovese 4-4-5-2-3-4 19
4) Steven Stickells/Ann Zack 3-3-8-8-3-4 23
5) Sam & Mike Falkson 6-5-4-4-3-5 27
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2) Austin Stewart 3-1-2-3-2-2 12
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4) Brendan Sprinkle 5-3-4-4-4-3 24
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Paul Odegard’s “Feather Power” on Lake Wequagoon at the NE Regional. Photo: Sharon Betts.

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NE Regional #1
Barrington YC, Barrington, RI
June 9-10, 2001

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2 Mockridge, Kenny, Ctr Moriches, NY2-5-1-4-10-4-4 20
3 Jackson, Derek, NY, NY 3-4-5-6-1-20-8 27
4 Charles, Ken, Manchester, CT 4-6-3-14-2-8-1 32
5 Cremer, Ted, Long Island, NY 5-23-12-1-7-6-7 38
6 Skryssey, John, Portsmouth, RI 17-2-16-5-8-2-3 46
7 Buttnen, Alm, Plymouth, MA 6-13-11-5-20-9 46
8 Condon, John, Mattiruck, NH 9-8-6-8-11-3-5 47
9 Parks, Lee, Newport, RI 12-21-2-3-6-18-10 51
10 Stape, Simon, Penfield, NJ 8-12-8-25-12-5-9 54
11 Betts, Bill III, Kinnelon, NJ 15-17-4-12-5-16-21 69
12 Forseca, John, Fall River, MA 11-15-9-10-9-15-20 69
13 Geick, Gordon, Canton, CT 10-14-14-20-3-27-16 77
14 Jackson, George, Mt Lakes, NJ 7-31-21-7-17-11-15 78
15 Odegaard, Paul, Glastonbury, CT 24-19-19-26-4-3-25 94
16 Kuklewicz, Ted, Ctr Moriches, NY 16-6-13-33-16-19-12 96
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18 Chwalk, Ben, Barrington, RI 14-24-25-11-19-10-19 97
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Regatta Results
Barrington Frostbiters

The Barrington Frostbite Sunfish group reports that they held 81 races in their 2000-2001 series. Results include awards to Sam Sylvester, the Bugsy Breen Sportsmanship Award; to Scott Greenbaum, the John B. Harvie Memorial Trophy (Season Winner); and to Bill Shaw for the Iron Man Award (Most Races Raced). RC Chairman was Leeds Mitchell III. Races were held Sunday afternoons in November, December, March & April excluding holiday weekends. By John Hause

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3 Paul J. Pattn  2-4-10-3-4  13
4 Jim Koeleher  4-2-15-5-12  23
5 Adam Bennett  5-1-8-13-15  27
6 Rob Bachner  3-14-27-7-7  31
7 Ken Charles  9-8-7-12-8  32
8 Tony Beale  14-9-1-9-23  33
9 Bill Brangiforte  13-11-6-19-3  33
10 Bill Betts III  11-6-19-4-d  40
11 Peter Fraker  25-7-5-26-5  42
12 Bruce Kennedy  15-12-14-10-6  42
13 Brian Weeks  19-5-11-11-17  44
14 Todd Kuele  6-24-20-16-4  46
15 Michael Spicer  21-32-9-8-10  48
16 Dan Hesse  10-16-16-14-11  51
17 Marguerite Koeleher  20-22-13-21-9  63
18 Patrick Kenny  7-21-28-18-9  65
19 John Condon  12-17-24-13-12  66
20 Katie Koeleher  17-18-23-18-8  71
21 Peter Jenkins  27-10-22-14-16  72
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29 William Betts  32-30-26-28-d  116
30 Lee Montes  26-19-33-3-d  120
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Bad Weather not Bad for Mockridge

Weather was terrible and reduced participation about 15%, but the crew at Westhampton Yacht Squadron did an outstanding job on land and on the water under some very difficult conditions, at the New York Downstate Regional on August 11-12. 42 sailors competed in five races in rain, fog and the threat of lightning and thunderstorms. In the last race, one third of the fleet was unable to finish within the time limit. In the end, Ken Mockridge with three bullets captured the championship for the second time in three years. He was also awarded the Frank Weeks Memorial Trophy by former USSCA President, Brian Weeks. This goes to the highest placing finisher from the Great South Bay YRA. Only two points behind Ken was Anne Pattn, who was ecstatic in beating her husband, PJ Pattn for the first time, as PJ noted when he picked up the 3rd place plaque. Anne also received the First Woman Award. Jim Koeleher in 4th won the Masters' plaque and Todd Kutiewicz of Moriches YC who placed 14th , edged out Michael Spicer of Southold YC by two points to take home the 1st Junior award.

John Meyer Wins in Virginia

Fleet 686 held its 6th Annual Sunfish Regatta on June 23-24 at Pelican Point YC on Smith Mtn. Lake in Virginia. Saturday was a perfect day with 8-12 knots of breeze and 5 races completed. Sunday produced lighter winds but 3 races were run. In the 8 races, 5 different people won a race. Saturday night an incredible steak dinner was served. Thanks to all who helped and participated.

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3 Robin Glass, Roanoke, VA 4-2-5-1-4-12-7-4  39
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John Meyer, 2nd; John Meyer, 1st and Robin Giles, 3rd

Windward Leg - Summer 2001
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26th Peconic Bay Midgets/Juniors - Southold YC

July 21, 2001

Midgets

1 Mary Kate Spicer/Katie Walker 4:03:20
2 Matt Flotteron/Justin Rothman 4:06:36
3 Emily Moore/Chelsea Conti 4:12:29
4 Al Marino/Lauryn Macklin 4:12:55
5 Bobby Boger/Alex DeRedder 4:14:35
6 Ethan Romanelli/Nolan Bennet 4:15:31
7 Chris DeRedder/Keith Gault 4:16:37
8 Claire Gregg/Emily Hudson 4:17:32
9 Blake Worthington/Devon Heed 4:18:08
10 Samantha Zimmer/Kristen Gambardella 4:18:32
11 Alison Carroll/Fiona O’Connell 4:19:23
12 TJ Roche/Andret Davis 4:20:29
13 Kia Davis/Chelsea Quinn 4:20:35
14 Stephen D’Amico/Jared Scholand 4:20:35
15 William Betts 4:20:29
16 Michael Spicer 4:22:32
17 David Graham 4:22:55
18 Owen Friedeman 4:23:51
19 Helen Horton 4:25:10
20 Sean Pilas 4:26:37
21 Richard Caro 4:26:50
22 Ivo Lekich 4:26:50
23 Jessica Anderson 4:26:50
24 Lauren Sokowich 4:26:50
25 Kathi. Scholand 4:30:34
26 Scott Boger 4:33:10
27 Scott Heintz 4:33:10
28 Steve Hildreth 4:33:25

Juniors

1 Adam Friedman 4:03:20
2 Dan Hesse 4:03:20
3 Mariel Schlecht 4:03:20
4 Donnie Anderson 4:03:20
5 James Prieto/Joe Turchiano 4:03:20
6 Andre Lekich 4:03:20
7 Elizabeth Coons 4:03:20
8 Charlotte Savino 4:03:20
9 Joe Flotteron 4:03:20
10 Chelsea Rothman 4:03:20
11 Greg Rothman 4:03:20
12 Joan Persico/Rebecca Scholand 4:03:20
13 Leslie Croy/Elycia Walker 4:03:20
14 Gabriella Macari 4:03:20
15 Nicole Flotteron 4:03:20
16 Michael Turchiano 4:03:20
17 Dan Kuehn/George Prieto 4:03:20
18 Jenna Spates/Katie Peterson 4:03:20
19 Peter Gill 4:03:20
20 Kara Kelly/Claire Wittmeyer 4:03:20
21 Cassie Hause/Sabine Latapie 4:03:20
22 Alex Krasel/Nathanial Oak 4:03:20
23 Tobin Haase/Geoffrey Loffredo 4:03:20
24 Robert O’Connell/Meredith Carroll 4:03:20

Annual Longest Sunfish Race Around Shelter Is. Southold YC - July 14, 2001

1 Bill Betts 4:03:20
2 Anne Pats 4:04:01
3 Rick Zimmer 4:06:36
4 Todd Klinger 4:12:29
5 Dick Abbene 4:12:55
6 Marty Rich 4:14:35
7 Megen Keating 4:15:31
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28 Steve Hildreth 4:33:25
29 Ed DeRedder 4:36:10
30 Meghan Pilai 4:36:33
31 Paul Diere 4:39:08
32 David Miller 4:39:52
33 Joe Flotteron 4:40:30
34 Steve Palmer 4:42:00
35 Sarah Pilai 4:44:54
36 Danny Segalin 4:45:04
37 Kathryn Campbell 4:58:20
38 Evangelos Louka 5:08:05
39 Melanie Coronetz 4:08:05
40 Todd Kutiewicz 4:08:05
41 Evan Reinhaiter 4:08:05
42 Peter Young 4:08:05

Above, Bill Betts, III shows his trophy for winning the Longest Race and Megan Keating works on her tiller extension before the race. Photos, Sharon Betts
McHenry at Sam Myers!

The Twenty-third Annual Sam Myers Memorial regatta was a multi-class event with Fireballs, International FJ’s, Flying Dutchmen, JY-15’s, Lasers, Force 5’s, Hobie 18’s, 16’s and Waves, Inter-20, ACA & 5mCanoes, Javelins, and Sunfish. The Sunfish had the first start. Saturday was second race, Gail Turluck noticed a “<ACA>” second place. A third scheduled race was 3 was NW Canoe with no skipper. The first race start was delayed while a number of capsized boats were recovered. Local sailor Ron McHenry was challenged but proved dominant, winning all four races. Going into the leeward mark, near the end of the second race, Gail Turluck noticed an ACA canoe with no skipper. She sailed away from the race course to assist in his recovery and was granted redress which restored her second place. A third scheduled race was canceled. A cold front moved through cloudy skies with fog and zephyr breezes. By the time the fleet was out for the start, a northwest wind was filling in. Wind for race 3 was NW 5-10; wind for race 4 was NW 8-14. In race 3, Junior sailor Mike Braman rounded the windward mark in second place and held off the pack through the reaches. Disappointingly, on the final beat he sailed into a hole on the left side of the course which let Turluck and Alec Dale get by. In race 4, Turluck gave McHenry the biggest challenge of the regatta, with McHenry winning that race by just five boat lengths.

Pymatuning Sailing Club provides first rate hospitality, good food, lots of room for camping, and great racing. -Gail M. Turluck

Regatta Results

Staniar Dominates at Hyannis YC Regatta

The Hyannis YC Annual Regatta is a large multi-class event with over 300 boats. This year, its 59th, 11 classes on 5 circles, and 2 ocean racing classes sailed. Sunfish shared a circle with Beetle Cats and Mitye Mites.

Friday was sunny with winds of 15-18 knots from the NE with a choppy sea. 6 races were held. Drew Staniar dominated with 4 bullets and 2 seconds. On Saturday it was sunny, the wind was lighter, 6-10, from the NW. 5 races were held with Drew dominating again with 3 firsts. Sunday was again sunny, winds 6-12 from the SW. 4 races were held with Drew winning 3 of those, and winning the regatta by 28 points over Kate Mitsch, who was 1 point ahead of Lee Parks.

Hyannis YC Annual Regatta

July 27-29, 2001

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Lake Arlington Regatta

Aug. 25, 2001 Fleet 692

It was storming like crazy in the early morning and we weren’t sure if anybody was gonna show. Miraculously, a few people showed up and the storm took a brief intermission for us. The wind was light, 5-7 knots. We got in five races.

1 Bill Nelson 2-1-1-2-3 9
2 Jim Murphy 1-3-4-1-1 10
3 Sandi Youngman 3-2-2-3-2 12
4 Frank Youngman 4-5-3-4-4 20
5 Lisa Youngman 5-4-5-5-5 24
6 Tim Silva 7-8-7-7-7 36
7 Ahsley Youngman 8-7-8-8-8 39
Regatta Results

Staniar Falmouth Champ

The regatta held at the Falmouth Yacht Club in Falmouth Heights, MA was won by Drew Staniar with 4 bullets and one 2nd. Paul Odegard won the 3rd race and was the only other race winner. Five races were held in a 10-12 mph SW wind which increased during the day. By the last race the wind was up to 20 mph in gusts which resulted in several capsizes. An easterly current made windward mark roundings interesting during the first three races resulting in several 360’s for hitting the mark. After lunch the last two races were held in an increasing wind, but, since the tide was changing, there was little current and several boats overstood the windward mark.

We thank the Falmouth Yacht Club Race Committee and its chairman, Rob Schaefer. By Pete Beckwith

Falmouth Invitational Regatta
July 7, 2001

1 Drew Staniar, Sudbury, MA 1-1-2-1-1 6
2 Paul Odegard, Glastonbury, CT 4-2-1-3-2 12
3 Les Johnston, Medway, MA 3-4-5-3-4 19
4 Lee Parks, Newport, RI 2-3-3-2-11 21
5 Gerdie Geick, Collinsville, CT 5-5-4-6-6 26
6 Jim Clinton, Cohasset, MA 6-7-6-5-5 29
7 Pete Beckwith, Wayland, MA 7-6-6-7 35
8 Lisa Genovese, Nahant, MA 11-11-11-7 44
9 Brad Elzus, Attleboro, MA 11-10-10-10-11 53

West Florida Circuit #6
Sarasota SS, May, 2001

The West Florida Sunfish Circuit is alive and well and finished the Spring series with a good turnout despite powerful wind. Chip Clifton dominated in Fleet A in the 3 race day at Sarasota in May. Newcomer Kyle Waggoner won the B fleet also with 3 bullets. Winds were 18-25.

For the series, In A Fleet, John Spray was 1st, Paul Strauley 2nd, and Mindy Strauley 3rd. In B, Michael Mierswa was followed by Susan Gaston and Donna Steele. 46 sailors participated in the series.

A Fleet
1 Chip Clifton 1-1-1 3
2 Rick Pantall 2-3-2 7
3 John Spray 3-2-3 8
4 Ural Olson 4-4-5 13
5 Jay Montero 5-5-4 14
6 Erik Erickson 6-8-8 22
7 Rita Steele 7-8-8 23

B Fleet (11 registered)
1 Kyle Waggoner 1-1-1 3
2 Donna Steele 2-2-2 6
3 Susan Gaston 3-4-3 10
4 Jeff Willis, Sr d-3-4 19
5 Jeff Willis, Jr 4-4-6 22
6 Gilles Fouquet d-8-5 29
7 Aaron Puebla 5-d-d 29

Fries - King of the Wolf Pack

By Andy Zeigler

This year marked the 26th annual Wolf Lake Open Sunfish Regatta! 28 boats participated in this year’s event. In addition to Sunfishers from Ohio and Illinois, the regatta attracted local non-sunfish (Snipe) sailors wanting to join in the fun.

As expected, winds for the two day event were light and variable. Saturday was sunny and very hot and humid. The near 90° temperatures and nearly as high humidity added an additional challenge for the 2 seven leg races that day. Waiting until after lunch to get enough wind for a start, winds for the first race were generally 0-10 MPH, switchy and variable from the SW. Derrick Fries of Clarkston, MI scored a decisive first in both races, leaving the rest of the fleet room to follow. The second race required considerable patience, as the winds were variable, but very light. Considering the day a success by completing two races, the sailors headed for shore for refreshments.

The traditional steak roast dinner proved to be just what everybody needed. But most of all, the real battles were fought around the marks as many of the sailors were grid locked, only to watch others pass by unscathed.

With a great showing of 5 junior sailors in the regatta, the 1st place junior was Matt Chapman. Regatta scores resulted in 4 separate ties between sailors. One in particular was between two brothers, Jeremy & Nathan Zeigler. This time, younger brother Nathan, won the tiebreaker.

The awards were highlighted with Derrick Fries dedicating his 1st place trophy to Mel Nichols of Wolf Lake for providing him the inspiration to sail as a boy, and for tirelessly supporting sailing all his life. At 82 years, Mel Nichols continues to enjoy both warm weather and ice boat sailing, and is a charter member of Wolf Lake Yacht Club.

As in past years, plenty of food provided a congenial atmosphere to relax and catch up on the events of the day. Making sure the food was something to remember and to come back for, special thanks is given to Kendra Lyke, mother of sailer Kyle Lyke, and to all in the kitchen who helped. Special thanks is also given to the RC and Orpha May, wife of sailor Paul May, for their support. The regatta was a success, and we are looking forward to next year’s twenty-seventh Wolf Lake Open.

Wolf Lake Sunfish Regatta
July 21-22, 2001

1 Derrick Fries, Clarkston, MI 1-1-1-1 4
2 Rich Chapman, IL 6-2-2-6 16
3 John Butine, Canton, MI 4-9-4-2 19
4 Mike Sweeney, Waterford, MI 2-3-5-9 19
5 Peter Shumaker, Greely, ME 5-7-7-3 22
6 Ron McHenry, Cortland, OH 15-10-6-4 35
7 Nathan Zeigler, Chelsea, MI 10-12-3-12 37
8 Jeremy Zeigler, Chelsea, MI 11-4-12-10 37
9 Paul May, Jackson, MI 19-5-9-5 38
10 Tom Katterheinrich, NK, OH 3-15-15-8 41
11 Kyle Lyke, Jackson, MI 7-6-18-11 42
12 Andy Zeigler, Chelsea, MI 12-11-8-16 47
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14 John Huerner, Chicago, IL 16-13-20-7 56
15 Jim Towler, Jackson, MI 14-18-17-14 63
16 Chuck Batchart, Jackson, MI 17-20-11-18 66
17 Dennis Smith, Jackson, MI 20-21-21-13 71
18 Ray Steely, Maumee, OH 8-8-D-D 74
19 Paul Harrington, Las Vegas, NV 21-21-3-19 74
20 Don Jones, Ann Arbor, MI 23-16-16-25 82
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26 Brody Leven, OH 23-26-24-95 27
27 Christina Sparkey, OH 28-27-25-23 103
28 Hannah MacDowell 26-25-d-d 109

Front l-r: Mike Sweeney, 4th; John Butine, 3rd; Rich Chapman, 2nd; Derrick Fries, 1st; Matt Chapman, 1st Junior. Second row l-r: Nathan Zeigler, 7th; Ron McHenry, 6th; Peter Shumaker, 5th; Third row: Jeremy Zeigler, 8th; Paul May, 9th. Top: Tom Katterheinrich, 10th. Photo Andy Zeigler
ABOUT Sunfish CLASS MEMBERSHIP

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