Jonathan Martinetti Wins Both the North American Championship and Junior North American Championship

Day 1 of the 2009 North American Championship, and the youth of the Ecuador Sailing Team served notice that they will be a serious force to reckon with during the regatta. After capturing the Junior North American title on Tuesday, seventeen-year-old Jonathan Martinetti continued where he left off and dominated the first day of racing. Jonathan used superior knowledge of the local conditions while sailing in light air during the first race. Loring horizoned the fleet and earned his first bullet of the regatta. He sailed consistently in the next the next three races and after one throwout, sat in second overall. Uram continued to put up top finishes, and sat in third overall. Sabogal was the most consistent sailor, and the only competitor without a deep finish. She sat in fourth overall.

Two races were sailed on Friday. Loring entered the day knowing he had to put about 20 points between him and Martinetti to capture the title. Loring did everything he could, and won both of the day's races. However, that was not enough as Martinetti continued to sail consistently and error free. Martinetti continued to lead the regatta. Two-time Sunfish World Champion David Loring (Charleston, SC) demonstrated.

Day 2 of the Sunfish North American Championship separated the contenders from the pretenders. After getting caught in an unfavorable current during the first race, Martinetti rebounded to win two more races and finish third in another. Martinetti continued to lead the regatta. Two-time Sunfish World Champion David Loring (Charleston, SC) demonstrated excellent speed and solid tactics to best his more experienced competitors, and win four out of the five races. Fifteen-year-old Kamilla Sabogal, also from Ecuador, sailed consistently to all top 10 finishes, and sat in second overall. Alan Uram (Charleston, SC) led the US sailors and was in third overall.

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Consistency Rules for Edwards at Women's NAs

By Shannon Heausler

Just a week or two before hurricane season, the women's North Americans was supposed to be a beautiful weekend on the shallow Bay St. Louis in Mississippi. Unfortunately for the 19 women registered, storms lingered around the racecourse the entire weekend of May 23-24, 2009. The weather made for a breezy regatta in which competitors experienced windy and rainy racing with small patches of sunshine. Four races were completed the first day and two the second due to a threatening squall.

Despite the breeze, the women's fleet held strong. With Jens rigs firmly attached, we trudged our way through challenging chop. A few sailors called it quits after capsizing once or twice. (It's amazing how tough the bay mud is to get off a Sunfish sail.) After racing, many sailors had the opportunity to catch up with old friends over cocktails in.
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Letters to the Editor

Dear Sunfish Sailors,

At the end of a rather chilly and damp summer in the Midwest, I find myself wishing I'd been able to get to more regattas. But the weather just did not cooperate!

Luckily, most areas of the country fared better – albeit hotter – and got in some racing! You'll notice this issue of the Windward Leg is packed full of both national and regional regattas from around the world, as well as many Junior events. Lots of Sunfish racing is going on as the Sunfish class gets stronger and stronger.

Congratulations to everyone who traveled near or far to a regatta this year. Your participation helps to keep the Sunfish class vibrant and exciting.

Enjoy the rest of your sailing season!

Peggy Malecki Irwin
Editor

Irwin Beats the Pack – in a Sunfish!

Congratulations to Jim Irwin (Highland Park, IL) who won the overall trophy at the Syttende Mai Sailboat Race, held May 17, 2009 on Lake Kegonsa near Stoughton, WI. Irwin beat out 15 other boats in his Sunfish to win the regatta on corrected time. Other classes participating included several Flying Scots, MC and Inland 20 scows, a Laser, a Buccaneer 18, and a Flying Junior. (Photo: Geoff Sobering)

Having a Whale of a Time!

Yes, that is an orca sailing with the Lasers. This was taken on this Sunday, August 9, 2009 in Salinas, Ecuador, at the qualifier races for the Bolivarian games. The sailors are Gabriel Moran with the white hat, and the other sailor is Jonathan Martinetti. The picture was taken by Alex Moran.

Best regards,
Gabriel Moran

Martinetti Wins Laser 4.7 Youth World Championship

Jonathan Martinetti from Ecuador is the 2009 Laser 4.7 Youth World Champion. He won the regatta, which was held July 24-31 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

It is important to see how Sunfish Juniors like Jonathan and Alexander Zimmermann, coming from the Opti class, are developing as great careers in the sport of sailing. Alexander won a Bronze Medal in the Pan Am Games 2007, also in Brazil.

Regards,
Andres Santana
ISCA President

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Dear Sunfish Sailors:

I am pleased to announce it is official: The 2010 Sunfish World Championship will take place in Punta Ala, Italy, June 12-19. The Notice of Race will be published soon on the class web site.

During my May inspection visit, I found it is a camping resort designed for the enjoyment of the family in a natural environment of simplicity. They have bungalows with two rooms, kitchen, living room, bathroom, and small terrace. I am sure our sailors will have a great time sailing and having fun on shore, to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Sunfish World Championship.

We will publish travel guidelines soon with tips to take the best advantages and to save money. If sailors make arrangements to travel in groups of four, the total travel expenses from New York, including registration, boat charter and car rental will be approx. USD $2,865 per person, which is reasonable when compared to the approx. USD $2,600 needed for Bahamas this year).

Eduardo Cordero was also in Italy in July giving a clinic to the Italian sailors. He will be reporting his experience in a separate article. I am positive these steps will generate important developments for the Class in Europe.

More good news corresponds to the 2009 South Americans & Caribbean Championship. Finally Colombia offered to host this year’s event at Cartagena, November 25-29. The Notice of Race will be published soon.

The Regional Games of the Olympic cycle are now consolidating the Sunfish Class:• Bolivarian Games Salinas, Ecuador November 17-20, 2009
• ODESUR Games Medellin, Colombia March 19-30, 2010
• CAC Games Mayaguez, Puerto Rico July 20-30, 2010.
• Pan Am Games Puerto Vallarta, Mexico October 13-30, 2011

I will be attending the meeting of the Pan American Sailing Federation to be held in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, October 9-11, 2009 where the qualifying events for the Pan American Games will be decided.

I would like to express special congratulations to Jonathan Martinetti (Ecuador) for winning both Sunfish North Americans events (Junior and Seniors), and a few weeks later, the Laser 4.7 World Championship. Jonathan and Alexander Zimmermann (Peru) are live examples of the potential career that can be developed in the Sunfish Class by sailors coming from the Optimist Class.

The second International Junior Championship, to be held in Bahamas, promises to be very competitive with the participation of sailors from Venezuela, US Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, USA, Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Holland, Curacao and Guatemala. Everything indicates that we will have a full house of 20 sailors, which is very good for a second year. This will generate good momentum of young blood to the Sunfish Class, with a very positive impact for our future. Special thanks to LaserPerformance for allowing use of the boats of the Sunfish Worlds.

Another positive sign was how fast the entry list for the Sunfish Worlds in Bahamas was filled. For the first time in years, the list was full 45 days before the registration deadline, reaffirming the wise decision to reduce the maximum numbers of boats to 72, to increase the value of the qualifying regattas, and minimize the need of wildcards. Three years ago we were practically begging people to register in the Worlds and now the event is more exclusive. However, sailors from seven countries could not enter, and this creates the need to review the qualifying policies to ensure a reasonable participation balance among the NSCAs. This is already on the World Council agenda.

I believe the Class is experiencing a renovation process that soon will produce important results, and I would like to thank all the Class Officers for their dedication and commitment.

Let’s keep it up!

Andrés Santana
ISCA President
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Martinborough Wins Bahamas National Title

By Helen Hudson

Thirty five boats competed in the Bahamas Sunfish National Championships June 21-22, 2009, which is being used as a qualifying regatta for World Championships being held at Nassau Yacht Club in October this year. Fifteen boats qualified to represent the Bahamas at this event along with Donnie Martinborough (Nassau, BAH) who automatically gets a place as a previous World Champion.

With extremely light winds and a shower of rain, we eventually managed to get one race off Saturday. Donnie Martinborough took first place with Christopher Sands, who is a junior, coming in second. We decided to break for lunch and hoped that afternoon would be better. However, despite a valiant attempt by the Race Committee to get another race in, the race had to be abandoned when the wind died completely and the boats were going only in the direction of the tide.

To the delight of all the sailors and the Race Committee, we got some wind on Sunday!!! We were able to hold four races. There were no protests, and I think all would agree that it was a successful and enjoyable regatta, especially after the frustrations of Saturday when there was little to no wind.

With all the sailors going after a place in the Sunfish World Championships being held at Nassau Yacht Club in October this year, there were some interesting finishes and results. Nobody could possibly have named the top 16 places. Even after the last race the sailors were made to wait until the results were announced at the Presentation Ceremony.

Amazingly, included in the top sixteen places are four Junior sailors. So for some fathers, it
**Martinborough Holds On to Win Annual Bahamas Homer Lowe**

By Mirella Santillo

The 19th annual Homer Lowe Memorial Regatta was held in Marsh Harbour, Bahamas on May 9-10, 2009 with local Sunfish and Optimist sailors competing against sailors from Nassau and Governor's Harbour, Eleuthera. The event consisted of two races on Saturday morning, two in the afternoon, and two on Sunday morning. Each race which took place in the Harbour consisted of two triangular courses and one sausage course for the Sunfish. Registration and welcome reception were held Friday evening at the home of Jim and Liann Kaighin.

The first Homer Lowe Memorial Sunfish Championship was organized in 1991 by Jimmy Lowe in honor of his father, Homer Lowe, a dedicated sailor. This annual event is hosted by the Marsh Harbour Sailing Club and has been held in recent years at Snappas Bar and Grill.

Thirty-two boats arrived in Sandy Point on May 8 on the ferry from Nassau. Two Sunfish and three Optimists came from Governor's Harbour, Eleuthera, and six Optimists and 21 Sunfish from New Providence. This brought the total of Sunfish to 31 and Optimists to 23.

The winds were light that Saturday morning as the sailors left the shore off the boat ramp next to Snapps and most of the day stayed rather calm. However, at the end of that first day, the usual champions, Donnie Martinborough and Jimmie Lowe, both from Nassau, had placed first and second in the Sunfish category.

Sunday's weather was somewhat more propitious to sailing, still sunny and clear, and the little sailing boats offered a delightful sight as they maneuvered across the Harbour throughout the morning. The races ended mid-day, confirming Martinborough as the overall winner with two points over Lowe, his friend and usual competitor, who placed second. The third place went to George Damianos followed in fourth position by Dwayne Wallas of Marsh Harbour. Jim Kaighin of Marsh Harbour came in ninth and Andrew Wilhoyte of Hope Town came in 10th. Other Abaco Sunfish sailors were Jeff Gale in 15th place, Christian Wilhoyte in 19th place, Chris Thompson in 20th place and Charles Cooke in 31st place.

Martinborough, who won the Royal Championship three times, said he sailed a few times in the Homer Lowe Memorial Regatta, defending his position each time against Lowe. He thought that the conditions were a little unpredictable that day but enjoyed the racing and the visit to Abaco. Lowe, an accomplished race car driver and also a championship sailor, on the contrary, said that the conditions were perfect. Many people accompanied the sailors to Marsh Harbour so that Bill Albury, owner of Snappas, had to close the restaurant to the public while the participants enjoyed the awards luncheon. Snappas was the hang out for the sailors and their families during the weekend.

Bob Hudson, race committee chairman, organized the races and oversaw the setting of the course. Lori Lowe, wife of Jimmie Lowe, won Top Woman title in the event.
Van Alphen is Netherlands Champion

Paul van Alphen (Rijswijk, NED) was awarded the Sunfish Netherlands Championship on July 6, 2009. Piet Bankersen (Blokker, NED) and Han Bergsma (Almer, NED) tied for second place, but Piet had one first place so he was awarded second place.

Open Dutch Championships

The Netherlands

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Umberto Valle is 2009 Italy Champion

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Sunfish Clinics in Italy Set the Stage for the 2010 World Championships

By Eduardo Cordero

Our ISCA class president, Andres Santana, visited recently Punta Ala Camping Resort in Italy, the host for the 2010 Sunfish Worlds, to oversee the site and to make contact with the organizers to discuss the regatta plan and other logistics. He proposed that the Italian Sunfish Class bring me over the Atlantic to run a couple of Sunfish clinics in preparation for their World Championship effort. After a few email exchanges we agreed on organizing two clinics: one in southern Italy's Sicily and the second one in central Italy's Tuscany.

The first clinic was hosted in Briga Marina, a small beach village located 15 miles south of Messina, one of Sicily's biggest cities. Sunfish sailing started in Sicily back in the 80s and it's considered the home of Italian Sunfish sailing. From the time I arrived in Sicily, I quickly noticed how much the people, architecture, and landscape resemble certain parts of southern Spain and Venezuela. Mount Etna, Europe's largest active volcano, is easily noticeable from most parts of the eastern coast (you can even see snow this time of the year). We sailed for three days in Messina strait. This water connects the Ionian Sea in the south to the Tyrrhenian Sea to the north.

We had all kind of wind conditions throughout the clinic, but the strong current made it very challenging for all the sailors. Our daily routine was split between instruction ashore and two-to-three in water sessions. One thing that really called my attention was that these Sicilian sailors were able to handle their boats in heavy breeze with ease.

After I concluded my "assignment" in Sicily, I took a quick flight back to Rome and a two-hour car drive to Tuscany. There we sailed out of Castiglione della Pescaia, a beautiful beach town and popular destination during the summer. Castiglione is the home of the second largest Sunfish fleet in Italy. They hosted the Italian National Championship in June. Again, I gathered with the local sailors for another three great days to discuss the most up-to-date Sunfish techniques and practice several drills in the water.

Once we finished the second clinic, I visited Punta Ala Camping Resort. The site is just 20 kilometers north of Castiglione and 10 minutes by car from the village of Punta Ala, where the famous America's Cup syndicate Prada had its headquarters. Our host has experience running big championships like the Laser 4000 Europeans and the Dart 18s, so they'll be ready for the challenge. Wind conditions will be great in June, averaging between 10-15 kts of breeze, almost non-existing currents and temperatures in the mid 70s. You'll be sailing with Elba Island in the background, where Napoleon was exiled in 1814.

I had a fantastic time with my Italian colleagues and enjoyed their hospitality, great food, and wine. Getting to know some parts of Italy and visiting Rome's rich history was priceless. I hope you consider sailing the Sunfish Worlds in Italy next June because I guarantee it will be a once in a lifetime experience. I'm already thinking about coming back next year!

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Eligibility - This event is open to members of the International Sunfish Class Association [ISCA] who have achieved their 40th birthday by March 19, 2010. Proof of birthdate and ISCA membership is required and applications for USSCA will be available at the late registration / check-in table.

Entry - Competitors may enter by completing registration with the registration committee. Registration forms will available on www.sunfishflorida.com. Completed registration forms, together with appropriate entry fee made out to Melbourne Yacht Club, should be sent to: SFIMC 2010, Chris Gates, 506 North River Oaks Dr, Indialantic, FL 32903

Fees - The entry fee is $95 USD if postmarked by March 1, 2010. Entries postmarked after March 1 and on-site registration is $110 USD. More details on www.sunfishflorida.com

Sailing Instructions - Sailing Instructions will be available at registration during check-in.

Schedule -
Thurs, March 18
1500  Practice races at the discretion of the Race Committee
1500-1700  Check-in and late registration at Ballard Park
1800-?  $1/slice pizza

Friday, March 19
0900-1030  Continental breakfast
0900-1030  Check-in and late registration
1045  Competitor’s Meeting
1100-1200  Pick-up complimentary lunch
1215  First warning signal - races scheduled at discretion
1800  BBQ Dinner at Park (included in registration)

Sat, March 20
830-0930  Continental breakfast/Pick-up complimentary lunch
1000  First warning signal - races scheduled at discretion, lunch on the water
1830  Complimentary dinner party

Sunday, March 21
830-0930  Continental breakfast
1000  First warning signal - races scheduled at discretion, no races begin after 1400
Post race lunch, keg beer and sodas, awards as soon as possible after racing

Regatta Site - The Regatta site will be at the Ballard Park located in Melbourne, FL. The address is North Thomas Barbour Drive in Melbourne, which is off US1 between the 192 Causeway and the Eau Gallie Causeway. Parking will be available on site for both cars and trailers. This area is a couple of miles North of MYC. Maps are available on website.

Racing Area - The racing area is in the Indian River to the East of Ballard Park

Scoring - The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the Racing Rules, will apply. One race shall constitute a regatta.

Web-sites -
International Masters 2010 www.sunfishflorida.com
Melbourne Yacht Club - www.melbourneyachtclub.com
Area racing website - www.sail-race.com

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USSCA President's Corner
by Derek Jackson

Where has the summer gone? As we have passed the midway point of the summer, the large majority of events that will qualify sailors from the United States for the 2010 World Championship in Punta Ala, Tuscany, Italy are complete.

The highlight of the summer was the Women’s, Junior and Open North American Championships. In late May, the Bay-Waveland YC hosted the Women’s Open Championship. Anne Edwards captured her third title by sailing a consistent series. At the end of June, the James Island YC hosted the Junior and Open North American Championships. Seventeen-year-old Jonathan Martinetti (Ecuador) started the week with a convincing victory in the Junior Championship. During the Open Championship, Jonathan continued his winning ways and dominated the 76 boat Open fleet. Cameron Hall (St. Petersburg, FL) was the top US finisher in the Junior Championship. David Loring (Charleston, SC) was the top US finisher at the Open Championship. Congratulations to Anne, Jonathan, Cameron, and David!

The North American Championships were the direct result of outstanding leadership and planning. Anne Edwards competed in and chaired the Women’s Championship. Richard Whitehurst did similar during the Junior and Open North American Championships. I would like recognize and thank Anne, Richard, the regional representatives, regatta hosts, and the countless volunteers that made these events successful and enjoyable.

It has been a year since I stepped into the role of USSCA President. So much has happened over that time, but there is still so much work to do. During the North American Championship, the class officers met and discussed plans for the future. One of the biggest and most visible initiatives to the members of the class is a redesign of the website. The effort will position the Sunfish Class for the future by enhancing our ability to effectively communicate with our current and future members.

No discussion of the future is complete without mentioning the youth sailing. The USSCA leadership recognizes that more needs to be done on this front. In order to provide better support for Youth Sunfish Sailing in the United States, we are investigating several alternatives that will allow individuals to make tax deductible contributions. This money will be used exclusively for programs that support this very worthy cause.

If you would like to get involved in any of the aforementioned projects, or another aspect of the class, do not hesitate to contact me. This is OUR class. Please get involved in any way you can, whether it be at the national or local level. Every ounce of time and energy will help shape a better future.

For the class,
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2009-2010 USSCA Election Results

During the 2009-2010 USSCA Class Meeting in Charleston, SC an election of class officers was held. The following individuals were elected:

Secretary: Gail Turluck
Advisory Council Representatives: (1) Christopher Williams & (2) Thomas Whitehurst
Master Events Coordinator: Frederick (Fritz) Hanselman
Women’s Events Coordinator: Gail Heausler
Nominations Coordinator: Tom L. Katterheinrich
Gulf Coast Regional Representative: Brent Evans
Midwest Regional Representative: Tom L. Katterheinrich
Southwest Regional Representative: Ellen Burks
West Regional Representative: Jennie McCarthy

In addition, the following individuals were appointed to positions:
Junior Representative - Nick Valente
Historian - Rich Chapman

Future USSCA Leadership Opportunities
Any individual who is interested in serving in USSCA leadership is asked to contact Tom Katterheinrich as soon as possible for 2010 positions.

Volunteer to Grow Your Class and Sport
Regardless of an individual’s aspiration to be involved in an USSCA leadership role, we can always use help. If you have a special skill or interest, and think it would be of benefit to the class, please speak up. There is not a shortage of work to do!

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USSCA News

Windward Leg
2009 Ad Rates

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Classified Ads: (Minimum 25 words)
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UNITED STATES SUNFISH CLASS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JAMES ISLAND YACHT CLUB, CHARLESTON, SC
June 25, 2009

Attendance: Fifty-four class members present.

Call to Order: At 7:05 p.m. by President Derek Jackson.

Secretary's Report: Minutes for the 2008 Annual Meeting as published in Class newsletter approved.

President's Report: The 2008 US Sailing Championship of Champions was held in Sunfish at Sayville Yacht Club, Blue Point, NY, and won by Doug Kaukeinen, the Sunfish North American Champion, second was Mike Ingham from the Thistle Class, fourth was Dick Tillman from the Sunfish Masters International, and 10th was Anne Edwards from the Sunfish Women's North Americans. The 2008 U.S. Singlehanded Sailing Championship (O'Day Trophy), a ladder eliminations championship, was held at Sayville Yacht Club, Blue Point, NY, and won by Paul Foerster, second was David Loring and third was Paul Jon Patin. The Class looks forward to repeating in 2012 for the U.S. Singlehanded Sailing Championship (O'Day Trophy).

Discussions with US Sailing on using Sunfish for the Smythe Trophy have been inconclusive to date. In an effort to get Sunfish to national level competition, Class members are asked to encourage their clubs to get juniors sailing the boat as much as possible and host more Sunfish-based events. This will bring our Class into the mainstream which will result in US Sailing giving the Class more consideration.

Another Class development initiative is to have more Team Racing events in Sunfish. I have been in discussion with the manufacturer on ordering special color sails for use at the US Team Race Championship and for other team racing events. Team racing is a strong draw for Junior, collegiate and recent-graduate sailors, though team-racing events will not necessarily be restricted to those groups.

Finally to build youth participation in the Class we have the 2009 International Junior Championship that precedes the World Championship in the Bahamas. All Juniors are encouraged to apply for the event. The Junior Committee will select the top five applicants by resume to be the US representatives to the championship. The top applicant will be eligible for a $500.00 grant from U.S. Sailing to offset cost. Contact Junior Coordinator Rich Chapman for further information.

The US Class is seeking financial assistance from members to sponsor Juniors to the Junior International Championship. Due to the US Class' status with the IRS, donations through the US Class are currently not tax deductible. The USSCA Board is investigating establishing a youth foundation for future events. Please contact the President for more information. David Loring and Rose Rowland of James Island Yacht Club offered funds left over from previously hosted championships to USSCA to go toward sponsoring USSCA Juniors to the Junior International Championship.

Treasurer's Report: In the Treasurer's report there is a two year comparison for 2008 and 2007 on the first page showing a loss of $2,000.00 over the last two years while in 2008 there was an additional loss of $3200.00. This is explained by two items: one, the Class Office had a large printing expense for new membership cards that happens every three to five years; and second, there was an additional Windward Leg authorized in 2008. Membership dues income is staying about the same. We would like to see an increase to help cover the losses we have seen over the past couple years. The Board noted the Balance Sheet shows a $16,000 decrease in USSCA funds. That entry is because the money collected for the World Championship each year is kept in a money market account and later transferred to ISCA, thus it is an entry on the USSCA Balance Sheet. The Treasurer’s report was approved.

World Council Report (presented by Derek Jackson): The prototype rudder blade remains in development and will be considered by the Advisory Council, the World Council, and if it is approved, by those two bodies, eventual consideration by the International Sailing Foundation (ISAF).

The Gust Adjust version of the Jens rig that makes it easy to change back and forth from standard rig to Jens rig while on the water was reviewed by the International Measurer and it was determined this rigging innovation meets the Class rules.

Upcoming World Championships are slated for June 12-19, 2010 in Punta Ala, Tuscany, Italy; 2011 in Curacao; and 2012 in Ecuador.

Advisory Council Report: Advisory Council Representative Tom Whitehurst spoke about the prototype rudder blade, as work continues to move forward in proposing the design change and presenting it to the Advisory Council for its review and potential recommendation to the World Council. The difference with the proposed rudder is that it makes the boat easier to sail, uses the same rudder head and reduces weather helm.

There is a survey being developed to gather information from Class members with the intention of having the results by the World Championship. The discussion that followed was about timing for possible adoption of the prototype rudder blade. After the survey is conducted, the results will be presented to the Advisory Council for them to reconsider recommending adoption of the prototype rudder blade to the World Council. The World Council would then be able to consider the prototype rudder blade proposal with the survey results and may vote to accept a recommendation of the Advisory Council. Should the World Council approve adoption of the prototype rudder blade, the recommendation would then be submitted to the International Sailing Federation for final consideration. The ISAF consideration process could take a couple years. Please look on the web site for the survey and submit your input using your official sail number for identification purposes.

Election of Officers: Proposed slate of nominees:

Secretary: Gail Turluck
Advisory Council Representative Nominees:

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Christopher Williams  
Thomas Whitehurst  
Masters Event Coordinator  
Frederick "Fritz" Hanselman  
Women's Event Coordinator  
Gail Heausler  
Nominating Chairman  
Tom Katterheinrich

Regional Representatives:  
Gulf Coast - Brent Evans  
Midwest - Tom Katterheinrich  
Southwest - Ellen Burks  
West - Jennie McCarthy

No nominations were presented from the floor. A motion was made to approve by acclamation. Approved.

Announcements: Special thanks were given to Brian McGinnis for serving as web master these past couple years. With the vacancy and not finding a suitable volunteer, the Board has approved an allocation for having a new website designed which will be maintained by authorized contributors. This process is in development. Recommendations are sought and should be sent to the President. The Class seeks a volunteer Publicity Coordinator as well. Interested individuals should contact the President.

Next Year’s Meeting: The 2010 Class Meeting will be in Mattituck, NY at the Mattituck Yacht Club on Long Island, New York, on July 24. The races will be from July 20-25 with the Junior North American Championship starting June 20-22, and the open North American Championship starting on Friday through Sunday June 23-25.

Questions from the Floor:  
Lee Montes suggested that the Alcort Trophy formula be changed. The President will appoint a committee to review.

A question was raised regarding expenses and cutting costs. The Board discussed the issue. A possible solution may be to have an electronic Windward Leg newsletter in the future for those who like that medium. However under the present web site format there are some factors that will not facilitate that at this time. Other expenses are being examined and considered.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn, seconded and approved at 8:15 p.m.

Thanks are extended to Secretary Pro-Tem Victor Manning for preparing notes to facilitate preparation of the meeting minutes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail M. Turluck, Secretary

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### USSCA Annual Financial Statements

Submitted by Patricia Manning, USSCA Treasurer

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**USSCA News**

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**Windward Leg - Issue 2, 2009**
2010 Midwinter Championship/National Team Race
March 11-14, 2010
Sarasota Sailing Squadron - Sarasota, Florida
Notice of Race

Organizing Authority - The organizing authority is the Sarasota Sailing Squadron.

Rules - This regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the ISCA Class Rules.

Eligibility - The regatta is open to all US Sunfish Class and International Sunfish Class Members

Registration & Fees - Registration is $80 USD per boat. All registrations received after March 5, 2010 will be charged a $10 late fee. Online Registration and more details are available at www.sarasotasailingsquad.com. Registration may also be mailed with check payable to SSS to 1717 Ken Thompson Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34236.

Schedule of Events -
Thursday, March 11
  0900-1000  Registration for Team Race
  1100  Warning signal for first team race. Additional races to follow.
  1800-2000  Registration, Pre-Registration-Check In. Complimentary Snacks
Friday, March 12
  0900-1100  Registration, Pre-Registration-Check In
  1130  Skippers Meeting
  1300  Warning Signal for first race of the day, beer following races
  1800  Dinner
Saturday, March 13
  1100  Warning Signal, beer following races
  1800  Dinner & Entertainment
Sunday, March 14
  1100  Warning Signal for first race of the day, no race starts after 1430
  1500  Awards and Pizza

Sailing Instructions - Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration.

Measurement - The Class measurer or his representative will be on site to do measurement.

Venue - The regatta will be held in Sarasota Bay.

Scoring - One race constitutes a regatta. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.

Prizes - Awards will be given out according to the number of registrants and to the first junior, first midget, first person of the opposite sex of the winner, first master and the first person from the region with the most sailors participating.

Disclaimer of Liability - Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Storage - Boats can be stored free of charge for the regatta at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron from 3/10-3/19/2010.

Lodging - Camping is available at no charge at the SSS. Hotel/Motel Information is available at www.sarasotasailingsquad.com. Ask for the regatta discount.
Edwards wins Women’s North Americans (continued from page 1)

the newly built Bay Waveland clubhouse. Evidently this is the best medicine for a long day of Sunfish sailing.

As a new member of the Sunfish class, I was very appreciative of the friendliness of the fleet. The off-the-water social scene was equally as important as the racing was. Everyday after racing the fleet came in and laughed about situations on the water no matter how serious they may have seemed out there. The willingness of experienced sailors to help newcomers figure things out was wonderful and the accommodating spirit of the fleet was so refreshing.

Anne Edwards (Baton Rouge, LA) finished in first place followed by Leslie Dane (Gulfport, MS) and Shannon Heausler (Tampa, FL). Edwards received the original Sunfish dagger board perpetual trophy, which was recovered from Katrina rubble along with a brand new rudder donated by USSCA Regattas.

By the end of the weekend people had eaten so many pralines and po-boys they knew they were full enough to leave. We all went home sore and full of food. Despite the weather, it turned out to be an incredibly enjoyable weekend with fun and interesting people.

Women’s North Americans
Bay Waveland YC - Bay St. Louis, MS
May 23- May 24, 2009

1 Anne Edwards 2-1-1-3-3-1 11
2 Leslie Dane 1-5-2-8-2-2 20
3 Shannon Heausler 7-4-5-1-1-5 23
4 Marguerite Koeher 3-2-7-4-6-7 29
5 Gail Heausler 5-3-3-5-7-6 29
6 Amy Kleinschrodt 4-8-6-9-4-3 34
7 Ana Gayle Christian 9-10-10-6-5-9 49
8 Constance Miller 8-7-8-7-10-11 51
9 Rita Steele 6-6-4-2-20-20 58
10 Pam Brierre 11-11-9-10-9-8 58
11 Lisa Luongo 12-9-11-11-13-20 76
12 Anne Fitzpatrick 13-12-16-12-12-13 78
13 Claire Yoste 15-13-12-16-11-12 79
14 Judy Reeves 10-20-20-20-8-4 82
15 Katherine Santa Cruz 18-15-13-13-16-10 85
16 Margaret Jordan 14-14-14-15-15-15 87
17 Emily Nolan 17-16-15-14-14-14 90
18 Betsy Schmidt 20-20-20-12-12-15 107
19 Michelle Lee 16-20-20-20-20-20 116

Back (L-R): Lisa Luongo, Connie Miller, Judy Reeves, Randy Fitzpatrick
Second (L-R): Gail Heausler, Betsey Schmidt, Amy Kleinschrodt, Margaret Jordan, Leslie Dane
Third (L-R): Anne Edwards, Shannon Heausler, Marguerite Koeher, Pam Brierre
Front (L-R): Ana Gayle Christian, Katherine Santa Cruz, Claire Yoste

Women’s NA trophy winners (L-R):
Marguerite Koehler, 4th; Ana Gayle Christian, 7th and top junior; Leslie Dane, 2nd; Gail Heausler, 5th; Anne Edwards, 1st; Amy Kleinschrodt, 6th and top master; Shannon Heausler, 3rd.

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Ecuador's Martinetti Wins Junior North American Championship

Emily Marshall is Midget Champion

The James Island Yacht Club in Charleston, SC hosted 25 youth sailors June 22-23 at the 2009 Midget and Junior North American Sunfish Championships. The participants represented six different US Sunfish Regions- Florida (1), Gulf Coast (2), Mid-Atlantic (5), New York (1), Southeast (12) and Southwest (1). In addition, three sailors represented the South American country of Ecuador.

The first day of racing was dominated by Jonathan Martinetti of Ecuador. He completed a perfect score card by winning all four of the day's races. His fellow Ecuador Sailing Team members, Kamilla Sabogal and Arianna Villena, sailed consistently to sit in second and third place overall.

On Monday night after racing, the water levels at James Island YC rose so high that the club's parking lot flooded. This was a clear indication that the currents for the following day would be extremely strong. The second day dawned with a 10-knot northerly breeze. After sailing in a windy northerly on day one, many of the smaller sailors elected to get an education on the Gust Adjust. However, as the racers left the shore, the breeze had dropped. By the time the first races were supposed to start, there was almost no breeze in the outgoing current. Eventually, signs of a thermal sea breeze could be seen near the eastern end of Charleston Harbor near Fort Sumter, and the races got started in an East-Southeast flow.

Cameron Hall (St Petersburg, FL) was the pace setter for day two. In every race he battled with Martinetti, the overnight leader.

At the conclusion of the seven-race series, Martinetti captured the Junior North American Championship. Sabogal remained in second place overall. After his strong performance on the second day, Cameron Hall jumped into third place. Villena continued to sail well to sit in fourth overall. Nick Valente sailed a consistent series and rose to fifth place overall.

In the Midget division, Elise Marshall (Savannah, GA) extended her first day's lead to win the title. She was pushed hard by Emily Nolan (Youngsville, LA) and Robert Gossett.

In the evening the sailors were treated to dinner and awards in the James Island YC. The jubilant atmosphere at dinner made it clear that while the sailors had been competitors on the water, they had also forged many new friendships. They exchanged contact information and made promises to sail again together in Mattituck, NY in 2010.
2009 Sunfish Junior North Americans
James Island YC  Charleston, SC
June 22-23, 2009

Overall Results

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7  Wiley Marshall-J 8-10-9-(12)-9-5  48
8  Brad Milliken-J 10-6-11-(OS)-10-7-7  51
9  Andrew Bates-J 9-(13)-13-10-9-9-8  58
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Author Brad Milliken rounds the mark at the Junior North Americans. (Photo: Lori Bates)

Reflections on the Juniors
By Brad Milliken
This year's Junior North American Championship was quite a spectacular event. With 25 boats, all top notch sailors, the competition was unreal. Five of the Juniors went on to be in the top 20 (out of 76) in the regular North Americans. We saw just about every type of wind which made for pretty fair racing. James Island YC put on a fantastic regatta. Charleston Harbor is always a fun, yet tricky venue to sail. Due to the heavy rain the week before the regatta, paired with the big tides, the current was doing things that confused even the locals.

Overall, it was a great event and I hope to see even more sailors next year.

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Note: See the website for an age division breakdown at http://www.sunfishclass.org/archives/2009/race-results/2009OpenNAs-Division.htm

Many of the winners from the North American Championships (not all winners are pictured): Top L-R: David Hartman, Hank Saurage, Connor Blouin, Rich Chapman, Rick Whitehurst, Scott Gise, Arianna Villena, Jack McCarthy. Seated L-R: Kamilla Sabogal, Jonathan Martinetti, David Loring, Alan Uram (Photo: Holly Chapman)

David Loring shares his trophy with his daughter. (Photo: Nicky Einthoven)

Connie Miller and her boat, shortly after they discovered just how muckey the Charleston mud can be at low tide. (Photo: Holly Chapman)
Mast Sleeve Retro Kit
Sleeves for stiffening and strengthening the mast are now installed on all Sunfish masts. The stiffer sleeve consists of an aluminum sleeve inside the bottom of the mast section that inhibits lower mast bend for a stiffer, more durable mast. A mast sleeve retrofit kit is available to equip previously purchased masts. Detailed instructions included. V20147 $38.00

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Fine tune your rig easily on the water. Loosens goosenecks with a twist of the handle. Gooseneck sold separately. V79055 $20.50

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Made of extruded aluminum framing, this trailer is light, stiff and strong. Light enough to use as a hand dolly. Rear roller and carpeted pads make loading and unloading safe and easy. Split tongue design allows trailer to be delivered to your door in the continental US. Complete assembly instructions included. Total trailer weight is 90 pounds. TRSUT200S $797.00

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Flush, deck mounted compass requires no cutouts in the deck. 3" blue card with tactical quadrants shows wind shifts and headers. Has a moveable bezel, twists on/off for easy removal, 2" high and 4-1/4" base diameter.

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Get prepared for light air racing.

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Mount these cleats to your lower boom, and use the racing multi-purchase outhaul and cunningham. Made of solid aluminum, use with drifters.  

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After final testing at the 2005 World Championships, the long-awaited Fiberglass Rudder Blade for the Sunfish is now available. The design profile is the same as the wood model, with great surface finish and shape. The fiberglass blade also provides excellent durability. All future Sunfish Worlds boats and Sunfish Pro boats will be equipped from the factory with the FRP rudder blade, but you can also get it as an after market item.

**Rubrail Kit**
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**NEW Ronstan 55mm Orbit Ratchet - Mainsheet**
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In our racing package, we use Spectron 12 for the cunningham and outhaul. Spectron 12 is made of stretch-free Spectra and has a strong woven construction and a smooth finish. For the main halyard we use Excel Racing for its tough polyester cover and no-stretch Spectra core. Our sail ties are Excel Vectar, a strong no-stretch line in a snug cover. Our mainsheet choice is Rooster Rope's Polilite, a lightweight polyester line that will not absorb water and has a unique construction that nearly eliminates twists and tangles. Don't get caught up by tangles when you're letting out the main around the weathermark. We add stopper balls for the ends of the outhaul and cunningham lines for easy on-the-water adjusting.

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This pair of webbing straps Velcro around your boom to keep the mainsheet from dropping down. Helps keep the sheet slack free and from snagging during jibes.

Sunfish Sails and Accessories

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Padded bow bumper. Slide over the bow, run webbing back and around the mast, then secure with quick release/adjust buckle.

APS Sunfish Mast UP or DOWN Deck Cover
Made of breathable Top Gun Polyester. Large zipper runs from the bow to the mast - use it with the mast up or down. Store your boom under the cover with the ends extending past the boat's stern inside the attached spar sock. 1/4" shock cord in hem exits at the rear of the cover for tensioning. Sets of adjustable cross tie webbing straps with quick release buckles give a skin tight fit. This is the easiest, most secure cover attachment system available.

Color: Gray (Blue or Aqua, 2-3 week special order) MSTSF555T $226.00

APS Sunfish Deck Cover (shown right)
Made of breathable Top Gun Polyester. 1/4" shock cord in hem exits at the rear of the cover for tensioning. Sets of adjustable cross tie webbing straps with quick release buckles give a skin tight fit. The easiest, most secure cover attachment system available.

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The Builder's Corner

by Brent Richards

We at LaserPerformance are happy to report that we have seen extremely strong attendance at the many regattas all across North America that are supported or sponsored by LaserPerformance. In fact, we will supply well over 500 event boats around the world, more than 400 in North America alone. Charter demand was so strong that we could have chartered another 200 boats but the expense of doing this is so high, we just couldn't do more. However, the point here is simply that competitive sailing is stronger than ever.

LaserPerformance and the International Sunfish Class have never been stronger and both organizations are very committed to growing the Sunfish class and the one design sailboat market. A case in point, all 72 slots for the 2009 Sunfish World Championships being held in October were filled six weeks before entry deadline. A big hand goes out to all the volunteers from the class and the Nassau Yacht Club for getting the word out and getting all the charter boats booked. The field of competitors is very diverse as we will have a larger number of European sailors than last year. The Sunfish class has always had strong North and South American participation, but Europe has been missing in action for the past couple years. LaserPerformance Europe and the Sunfish Class have been working very hard over the 24 months in preparation for the 2010 World Championships in Italy, where we expect representation from more than 30 countries.

While we’re on the topic of the World Championships, LaserPerformance is very busy building the 2009 Worlds Edition boats. The factory has shut down regular production of Sunfish to be able to build the 72 boats needed for the event. LaserPerformance will be shipping all the boats down to Florida where they will be containerized to hitch a ride to Nassau, Bahamas. The boats will start shipping almost one and a half months before the event to avoid any delays. Again the Sunfish Class and LaserPerformance need to thank all the staff at the Nassau YC for all the hard work they have put in to ensure that we have a great event and continue to build off of last year's success. Make sure to get the word out that there will be great deals on these limited addition Worlds boats after the event.

In closing, and as always, get out and sail your boat as much as you can before fall and winter start to poke their ugly heads up. If you are one of the 72 lucky sailors going to Worlds, I look forward to seeing you all and hearing the feedback that is so valued.
Features

Guilford, CT Juniors Learn to Sail in Five Days
By Paul Odegaard

Sixteen juniors aged 8-15 completed a five-day “Sailing 101” course this summer at Leetes Island, Guilford, CT using Sunfish sailboats. The class learned safety precautions, Sunfish rigging, capsize recovery, and basic sailing techniques with emphasis on getting out of irons. Three instructors taught the course over the week.

Fun events included a reach-reach race with a beach LeMans start and an attempt to break the World record for most the kids (15) to board and stay afloat on a Sunfish (see the photo to the right).

Many of the graduates expressed interest in competing in Sunfish Midget and Junior regattas in the future.

Join the Sunfish Class today!
Membership forms are available at www.sunfishclass.org
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May 16-17, 2009

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5 Lee Creekmore 10 Randy Fitzpatrick

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Regional News

Williams Headed to the Worlds From Mid Atlantic Regional #1

Day 1 of the MidAtlantic Regional Championship #1 at Brant Beach YC was sailed in a 10 kt northerly. The first three races were short once around windward-leewards. The second four were twice around windward-leewards. At the end of the first Day, Mark May (Shattemuc YC in New York) had a slim lead over Brant Beach's Chris Williams.

As Day 2 dawned, there was a little more wind. Williams used his “go left” strategy to produce results of 1-1-2 in the final three races. This was enough to overcome May.

With his regatta victory, Williams qualified for the 2010 Sunfish World Championship in Italy.

(Photo: courtesy of Chris Williams)

Competition is Fierce in Start of SANJL Series

By Susan Mallows

The first two regattas for the SANJL series were held May 9, 2009 at the Hunterdon Sailing Club and May 16, 2009 at the Swartswood Lake Sailing Club.

Steve Manson (Dennville, NJ) and Derek Jackson (New York, NY) battled it out over the two regattas, with Manson taking top honors and going into the fall regattas poised to take first place this year. Doug Brown (Ringwood, NJ) placed third in both regattas, so a potential upset could be in the making.

Juniors Lucy and Simon Bertocci (Pittstown, NJ) placed first and second in the Challenger fleet at the first regatta; Simon took top honors for the Challenger fleet at Swartzwood Lake. Both clubs did an outstanding job hosting the events.

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Manson is Champion of Mid Atlantic Regional #2
By Eric Darling

Green Pond Yacht Club hosted 31 Sunfish sailors from across the Mid-Atlantic, New York, and New England regions at the Mid-Atlantic Regional #2 on July 11-12, 2009. The regional championship was run as part of Green Pond’s Biennial Howard Griswold Memorial Regatta.

The first day of racing treated the fleet to a shifty south-southwest breeze between 10-15 mph. The wind was slightly left of the length of the lake which allowed for long upwind legs with minimal interference from the trademark cliffs that hover over the northwest shore.

Steve Manson (Dennville, NJ) started the regatta with a bang. He precisely tied the shifts together on the first windward leg and jumped out to a large lead on the fleet. For the rest of the race, Manson protected his lead and held off Mark May to earn the bullet. In the next three races, Derek Jackson (New York, NY) and Bill Betts III (Kinnelon, NJ) played the right center part of the course upwind and repeatedly found themselves 1-2 at windward mark. However, in each race Jackson was able to put some distance between the two of them on the downwind legs and reeled off three consecutive first place finishes.

At the end of the first day, Jackson had a small lead overall. Manson, May, Chad Coberly (Pittsburgh, PA), and Bill Betts rounded out the top five.

After strong thunderstorms passed through the area on Saturday night, the wind shifted to the northwest for Sunday’s races. This brought the high cliffs that line the northwest shore into play. In a northwest breeze, the wind dives off the cliff tops, hits down in the middle of the lake and fans out. This results in extremely challenging conditions that feature huge puffs and shifts, and extremely large holes. Manson tamed the wild winds and started the day with two consecutive bullets and jumped into the regatta lead.

In the third race Manson found himself deep in the fleet at the windward mark. Despite a valiant effort that brought him to within a few feet of the race leaders by the leeward mark, he was only able to salvage a 10th place. This setup a final race showdown between Manson and Jackson for the championship.

In the final race of the series, Manson was again deep in the fleet at the first mark of the short windward leeward course. Manson kept his air clear and rode the puffs down the lake to the close the gap on the race leaders who struggled around the course. Manson rounded the leeward mark immediately behind Jackson. Shortly after the leeward mark rounding, the two were split by a large pack of boats sailing downwind. When they crossed again, Manson was 100 yards in front of Jackson. Manson continued his assault on the race leaders and climbed back to third place to win the regatta.

At the regatta’s conclusion, Coberly managed to jump May to finish in third place overall. Green Pond’s Bob Griswold rebounded from an atypical first day to finish 5th. Joe Wright, also from Green Pond, had the lowest point total on Sunday and moved into sixth place overall, only two points behind his fellow club member.
Regional News

MacElrevey Takes Three Firsts to win McConnell Cup

By Terry Jaywork

The annual McConnell Cup Sunfish Regatta was held on Saturday, August 1, 2009 at the Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association on Rehoboth Bay, DE. This regatta was originally scheduled for July 4, but re-scheduled due to high winds 20 and above.

Thirteen boats turned out for the event which started under partly sunny skies and light air (8-10 mph out of the east/southeast) for the first race. The wind built gradually for the second race, with 12-15 mph, then gradually dropped to 8-10 mph for the third and final race.

Dan MacElrevey demonstrated that he could sail well in all conditions, taking three firsts to win the regatta. However, “senior citizen” Dave Racine of Rehoboth, DE (age north of 72) proved that he was still to be reckoned with, posting two seconds and a fourth to place second overall.

Nancy Hastings Jaywork (Wyoming, DE) showed consistency with three thirds to take third overall. Coming in fourth was Chris Raubacher, followed closely by Terry Jaywork taking fifth overall. Taking first place for the Junior Division was Austin MacElrevey, and placing first for the beginning sailors “Green Fleet” was Thomas Queenan.

Manson and Daniel are SANJL Junior & Midget Champs

By Susan Mallows

The SANJL Junior/Midget Regatta was held at Hunterdon Sailing Club on August 1, 2009. Light winds prevailed for the morning which picked up during the afternoon. Five races were held. Top honors for the Juniors went to Alec Manson (Dennville, NJ) and Simon Bertocci (Pittstown, NJ) with Andrew Daniel and Robert Gossett winning the midget division. Sammy the dog kept a close eye on everyone from his vantage point of the main RC boat.

McConnell Cup

Rehoboth SA - Rehoboth Bay, DE
August 1, 2009

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Uram Wins Out at Southeast Regional #1 in Charleston

By Rob Eberle #79086

The South rises again. Charleston Harbor, that seductive lady full of gracious southern charm and devious currents, was the venue of choice this summer. Just weeks after the North Americans were sailed here, Charleston YC hosted the first of two Southeast Regional Championships. Seventeen boats were on the line for the July 18-19, 2009 event. The unusually small fleet lacked many regional out-of-towners who had attended the NAs.

The first day saw a southerly sea breeze building to over 15 kts, an increasing east to west current, and an incoming tide. A standard strategy in this situation would be to sail off the line on starboard tack and carry deep into the lee bow current, thereby being lifted towards the windward mark. Eventually flipping over, the final layline approach is then made easy heading down current. Several boats carried too far on port tack and overstood the mark, an easy mistake made when sailing in a windward leg cross current.

At the end of day one, all the bullets had gone to local Charleston sailors. Three hard earned firsts went to Alan Uram, third place finisher in the 2009 North Americans, Seth Seigler, 14 in the North Americans and first in last year's SE Regionals, and the 2007 SE Regional champ, Rick Whitehurst (Charleston, SC).

The second morning brought a light to medium easterly with increasing flood current; however, the current was now closely aligned with the wind direction. This produced smooth water with tricky upwind beats and fast downwind legs.

The forecast called for winds to back southeast in a building sea breeze and most therefore favored the right side for the first beat. A subtle tide line far out on the right side was noted prior to the start by a handful of boats but it was almost beyond the layline. When reached by a daring few it provided a powerful and advantageous change in flow direction towards the windward mark. Sailing in slightly more pressure though, two boats that played the left corner met the right hand leaders in a cluster at the windward mark. With a virtual repeat split on the second beat, Rob Eberle (New Bern, NC) eventually took the bullet with Reid Cabiness (Charleston, SC) and Rick Whitehurst close in tow.

The final race set up a dogfight for the championship with Uram and Whitehurst trailing Seigler by two and three points, respectively. Wind speed increased and most of the fleet now started towards the right corner in hopes of a repeat outcome from the first race. The tide line that was there just 45 minutes earlier had vanished and to make things worse, it was replaced with a strong adverse current, punishing the boats that went furthest right. With ever changing wind and current, it is a mistake for sailors to think they can follow the path leaders took in previous races. Boats that played the middle-right prevailed.

Uram took the final bullet and the championship with Whitehurst two points behind, Seigler slipping back to third, Michael Poulnot (Charleston, SC) in fourth and Eberle in fifth position overall.

Charleston YC hosted a grill-your-own steak dinner Saturday night with all the trimmings including good grog and great hospitality. Overall, it was a lightly attended but well run regatta. With the recent addition of Alan Uram, Seth Seigler, Scot Gise, Reid Cabiness, Brad Milliken, Dayton Colie and Nick Ewenson joining the core group of established southeast sailors, the region may be building a force to be reckoned with.

Southeast Regional #1
Charleston YC - Charleston, SC
July 18-19, 2009

- 1 Alan Uram 1-2-7-1 13
- 2 Rick Whitehurst 4-5-1-3-2 15
- 3 Seth Siegler 2-1-3-4-8 18
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- 10 Drew Lisicki 9-6-5-8-15 43
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- 12 Brian Swan 13-10-DF-13-5 59
- 13 John Helman 12-12-15-16-9 64
- 14 Charlie Frasch 16-14-14-12-10 66
- 16 Alex Bolan 14-16-12-15-DS 75
- 17 Rose Rowland DC-DC-DC-DC-DC 90

Swann is First at Rockville Spring Regatta

By Rick Whitehurst

Four talented Sunfish sailors gathered for the one-day Rockville Spring regatta on May 16, 2009. Conditions were sunny and very comfortable at about 80 degrees and the South winds were about 10 but puffy, shifty and often spotty from 5-15. The constant changes in wind direction and speed kept everybody busy with opportunities for success or disaster.

Starting before high tide, the current was a light flood throughout and seemed to be factor only on starts. Crossing the start line on starboard was not possible and we nearly fetched the 'weather' mark on port from the start line. This made for funky pin end starting tactics and some excellent "drag" racing. Positions changed hands often. It was lots of fun for all.

Rockville Spring Regatta
Sea Island YC - Wadmalaw Island, SC
May 16, 2009

- 1 Brian Swan 1-2-1 4
- 2 Ryan Hamm 4-1-2 7
- 3 Mike Poulnot 3-3-3 9
- 4 Rick Whitehurst 2-4-4 10

SAYRA Regatta
Lake Norman YC - Lake Norman, NC
April 18-19, 2009

1 John Park 2-1-1-1-1-(3) 6
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Regional News

Four Bullets for Whitehurst at Springs Fever

By Lori Bates and Rick Whitehurst

The Springs Fever regatta, held at Boiling Sprin Lakes, NC on May 2, was a grand success. House sharers, car parkers, photographers and a lot of volunteers turned out to pitch in. The Big Lake at Boiling Spring Lakes is long and relatively narrow, lined with tall pines and oaks with an area of about 310 acres. It sounds small, but in the spring the prevailing southwest wind blows nicely down the length of this pearl.

Twelve Sunfish competitors (one midget, one junior, two seniors, and eight masters) donned life jackets and sunscreen to take on the shifty and gusty 12-20+ kt southwesterly wind for this inaugural event. Two of the masters had children participating on an adjacent course for Optis.

It was a good thing the water was warm, as just about every boat capsized at least once. The quick gusts that blew down from over the treetops could topple even the seasoned sailors. The wind was too much for twelve-year-old Alex Jones from Lake Norman, who was competing in his second regatta and in a Sunfish for first time. The Boiling Spring Lakes Police Department was on the lake lending a hand as well. They towed in a Sunfish with a broken tiller and rescued a capsized Opti sailor who had forgotten his bailer.

Using a windward-leeward twice-around course, the Race Committee was able to get off four races in three and a half hours for this one-day event. By the fourth race of these 2-lap 'hotdogs' with challenging beats and downwind sleigh rides, we were done. It all made for a wonderful day.

This was a youth point regatta for SAYRA, and seventeen-year-old Brad Milliken (Lake Norman, SC) finished in second place overall and took home the first place Junior trophy. Nineteen-year-old Jessica Bates (Oak Island, NC) was the only female competitor and finished fifth overall. Blair Deale (Southport, NC) finished in third place overall and earned the first place Senior award. He made the cut this year, but next time he will have to compete with the Masters. In the Master's fleet, local John Bates (Oak Island, NC) took third, Les Cabiness (James Island, SC) placed second and Rick Whitehurst (Charlotte, SC) was the winner as well as first overall.

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The current and sea breeze conditions were very similar to those encountered for the North Americans. For those juniors that immediately followed, and they were not disappointed. The annual James Island YC regatta was a hit on June 20-21, 2009 with over 40 Sunfish on the start line. Many out-of-town Sunfish hoped to get a good tune-up for the North Americans. For those juniors who participated, this provided three regatta and seven straight days of high caliber competition.

Local Charleston sailors took the top three spots in the Senior division, with Alan Uram on top and also taking the overall honors. Nick Ewenson placed second in a tie-breaker with David Loring (Charleston, SC), who took third. The Masters division featured the usual cast of local sailors, but Dave Davies (Middletown, NY) edged out local Rick Whitehurst (Charleston, SC) for the win. Stuart Draheim (Rush Creek YC, TX) took the Junior division by one point over local Wiley Marshall.

### James Island Regatta
James Island YC - Charleston, SC
June 20-21, 2009

#### Masters
1. David Davies 3-2-1(DC)-1 7
2. Rick Whitehurst 2-1-3-3-(6) 9
3. Michael Poulnot 7-6-2-1-4 13
4. Charlie Frasch 5-(10)-4-2-3 14
5. Dan Rohde 4-4-RG-(5)-5 17.5
6. Meta Frasch 6-(8)-5-7-2 20
7. Philip Bryan (8)-7-7-6-7 27
8. Paul Rossmann (12)-9-9-8-9 35
9. Rose Rowland 13-11-(DF)-4-10 38
10. Bill Muirhead 11-(12)-10-9-8 38
11. Rob Eberle 1-(BD)-6-DC-DC 39
12. Ryan Hamm 10-5-8-(DC)-DC 39
13. Brian Swan 9-3-(DF)-DC-DC 44
14. Larry Workman 14-13(13)-BD-10-11 48
15. Hugh Stephens (DS)-14-11-DC-DC 57

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2. Nick Ewenson (5)-2-2-4-5 13
3. David Loring (4)-3-4-2-4 13
4. Nicky Einthoven 2-6-(BD)-6-2 16
5. Peter Rupp (7)-4-3-7-3 17
6. Caroline Warren 3-9-5-(11) 22
7. Collin Weston 6-5-9(10)-7 27
8. Drew Lisicki 8-(10)-6-9-6 29
9. Dayton Colie (11)-7-7-8-10 32
10. David Nielsen (15)-12-12-3-8 35
11. Keene Wettles (13)-11-8-11-13 43
12. Henry McCray 10-8-10-(DC)-DC 47
13. John Weston 12-(14)-13-14-9 48
14. Adam Matyi-Szabo 14-(15)-11-12-12 49
15. Emerson Stephens 9-13-(DF)-16-15 53
16. Alex Riggsby (17)-16-14-13-14 57
17. Keith Reschly 16-17-15-15-(DC) 63
18. Matthew Swan (DC)-DC-DC-DC-DC 76

#### Juniors
1. Stewart Draheim 3-1-(BD)-1-5 10
2. Willy Marshall 2-3-(4)-4-2 11
3. Mary Massalon 4-(7)-3-2-6 15
4. Andrew Bates 10-4-1-(DC)-1 16
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### Lowcountry Regatta
Beaufort Y&SC - Beaufort River, SC
June 27-28, 2009

#### Seniors
1. Gordon Sproul 1-1-1-1-1 5
2. Audrey Montgomery 2-2-2-2-2 10
3. Susan McCann 3-3-3-3 15
4. Diana Young-Paiva 4-4-4-5-4 21
5. Caroline Harris 5-DQ-4-6-6 27
6. Hugh Stephens 6-5-DQ-6-5 29

#### Juniors
1. Alex Bolon 1-1-1-2-2 7
2. R.E. Foster Marshall DC-DC-DC-DC-1-1 11

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Collins Victorious at first Southwest Regional Held in Colorado
By Paul Magnani

Colorado Sunfish sailing made significant strides this season and hosted its first regional event at the Aspen YC on July 18-19, 2009. Ten sailors registered for this event, of which three were brand new USSCA members. This is a great sign for the class in this region.

Day one, and the boats headed out to find medium winds and long legs, with slight shifts and wind bounding off the 11,000 foot peaks. Tony Collins made sure his 13-hour trip from Dallas, TX was meaningful by taking the bullet in race one. Paul Magnani took second and Shaun Hoffman, another Texan, came in third. By race two, the winds had increased to 15-18 and became more steady. Returning class member Jonathan Bean wanted to make a statement about Colorado sailors and took the first.

Race three was the race of the decade, the one that we'll all be talking about for a long time. It was the type of race that reminds us why we love this sport so much. The winds kicked up (that is an understatement), coming in out of the southwest at 40 mph. It was reported that winds were gusting up to 50mph on the 2 1/2 mile leeward leg! The name of the game was survival sailing. Carnage was everywhere, with the bigger classes dumping all over the course. Collins held it together the best and took first, followed by Bean and Magnani. The rest of the racing was cancelled that day. Getting back to shore was another for the record books. This is no tall tale, my friends. I am waiting for photos so I can publish it!

On the second day, winds finally filled in at a steady 12-15mph and we sailed four more races. Collins accomplished what he set out to do and qualified for the 2010 Worlds. Bean took second and Magnani was third.

The Aspen YC did a tremendous job hosting. Thank you to all of the volunteers and the rescue teams. The Aspen YC is looking forward to another successful regatta in 2010, so I encourage everyone to try to join us next year. I know the Texas contingent will make the trip and a few guys from back east as well. It is one of the most beautiful venues you could ever sail. The mountain winds are reliable, the scenery is breathtaking, and the experience is

2009 Rocky Mountain Champion is Steve Tautz
By Paul Magnani

Small lake sailing is alive and well in Colorado!

Sure enough, light and shifty winds left the fleet at the Rocky Mountain Sunfish Championship on July 25-26, 2009 quite frustrated. Steve Tautz dominated the regatta with his years of experience sailing at Bow Mar. His seven consecutive bullets over the two day event left everyone else sailing second and third. Allen Buttner, last year's winner, and Jonathan Bean (Minturn, CO) battled it out, with Buttner edging Bean to take second and third respectively.

2009 Rocky Mountain Championship Winners
(L-R): Steve Tautz, 1st; Jonathan Bean, 3rd; Allen Buttner, 2nd.

Rocky Mountain Championship
Bow Mar YC - Littleton, CO
July 25-26, 2009

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Southwest Regional Winners (L-R): Tony Collins, 1st; Jonathan Bean, 2nd; Paul Magnani, 3rd.

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Kaukeinens are Victorious at Bob Lamberton Memorial

By Carol May

Nineteen boats competed in the Third Annual Bob Lamberton Memorial Sunfish Revival Regatta on July 18, 2009 in Pultneyville, NY. This race is dedicated to the memory of Bob, who shared his love of sailing with many, teaching the basics of sailing and racing. When Multiple Sclerosis left him beachside, he coached from shore as others enjoyed the sport.

Boats representing Canandaigua YC, Rochester CC, Brockport YC, and Pultneyville Mariners were treated to the best that Lake Ontario had to offer. The winds were a steady 15-20 out of the Northwest and the waves were rolling at 2-4 feet. An exciting day.

Adding to the excitement was the thrill of racing with the 2008 North American Sunfish Champion, Doug Kaukeinen. Doug also won the Champion of Champions Regatta in 2008. It was inspiring to see the skill and strategy that Doug displayed. Doug and his son Corey each won their division in Saturday's race. Although no stranger to the race scene, this was Corey's first Sunfish Regatta.

Rounding out the champions in the Adult division were Bill Schmidt and Ralph Simpson. In the Youth division, second place went to Eric Mallery from PMI and third to Morgan Perrin of CYC.

The past three years, Evan Bilsback and Eric Mallery have shared the title for best local PMI finisher. Evan won in 2007 and Eric in 2008. This year, Evan racing in the adult division, (over 16) won the Club title.

Five races on a short course made this a spectator-friendly colorful sports event. We heard from those on the historic walking tour of Pultneyville that the beauty of the sight of 19 boats flying across the waters added much to their enjoyment of the day as well. We should figure a way to levy an “ambience tax!”

Cue the Sailboats!

Sunfish Revival Regatta Winners (L-R):
Top photo: Ralph Simpson, 3rd; Bill Schmidt, 2nd; Doug Kaukeinen, 1st.
Bottom photo: Eric Mallery, 2nd; Morgan Perrin, 3rd; Corey Kaukeinen, 1st.

NY Downstate Regional Championship Captured by Mockridge

New York Downstate Regional
Moriches YC - Moriches, NY
August 8-9, 2009

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| 27 | Brendon Cunningham | 25-31-35-31-16-26-(37) |
| 30 | Vito Mannino | 32-33-30-(34)-29-23-22 |
| 31 | Mac Fluehr | 28-29-29-29-(31)-28-28 |
| 32 | Nicholas Honig | 30-30-27-32-(36)-30-27 |
| 33 | Timothy Hulse | (34)-25-33-30-28-34-31 |
| 34 | Chrisiana Honig | (35)-34-31-24-33-31-32 |
| 35 | David Hulse | (37)-35-34-35-34-32-33 |
| 36 | Scott Stuart | 31-32-36-(42)-37-35-35 |
| 37 | Brendan Horn | (38)-38-37-36-38-36-29 |
| 38 | Jim Curry | 22-37-38-33-42-42-42 |
| 39 | Ann Patin | 11-(42)-42-42-42-42 |

Many of the NY downstate winners gathered for a photo (L-R): Austin Hulse, 2nd; PJ Patin, 2nd; Doug Kaukeinen, 3rd; Kenny Mockridge, 1st; Nick Valente, 5th and 1st; Dan Hesse, 4th; Ryan Anderson, 3rd; Marquette Koehler, 7th and top woman.
Fluehr Wins Junior Title at Peconic Bay, Anderson & Maloney Win Midgets

Regional News

Peconic Bay Junior & Midget Championships
Carol V. Smith Memorial Regatta
Southold YC - Southold NY
July 22, 2009

Singles
1 Macklin Fluehr 1-2-3-1-7 14
2 Brandon Buonavto 4-4-5-3-4 20
3 Connor Vakay 2-1-1-12-5 21
4 Margurite Vanzijl 8-7-4-8-3 30
5 Connor Stumpf 6-10-2-7-9 34
6 Dan Lyons 5-5-10-13-2 35
7 Christaan Honig 7-8-13-17-1 46
8 James Allan 16-3-11-5-12 47
9 Robert Ewing 10-12-6-6-13 47
10 Claudia Van Zijl 5-4-12-15-3 58
11 Connor Stumpf 6-1-1-12-5 34
12 Sydney Madelaubam 9-6-7-11-10 49
13 Nicholas McCombe 18-14-7-9-8 56
14 Gerard Hoetzell 3-11-15-10-21 60
15 Peter Schumejda 12-9-8-16-15 60
16 Tim Curry 17-16-14-14-14 75
17 Nicholas Greco 15-19-16-15-17 82
18 Ryan Hodgson 13-17-18-18-16 82
19 Jordan Greco 19-18-19-19-21 96

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1 Heather Anderson / Paul Maloney 1-1-1-1-1 5
2 Nicholas Nowick/Alexander Vanzijl 5-3-2-7-2 19
3 Patrick Preston / Jack Hodgson 7-2-6-2-4 21
4 Bridget Harrison/Claudia Leitch 2-4-7-6-6 25
5 Maisy Claudio/Rosie Tomao 4-5-5-8-3 25
6 Billie Bucci/Angie Bucci 6-8-3-3-7 27
7 Christia Villan/Paul Annunziata 3-10-8-4-10 35
8 Katelyn Booth/Sabrina Mauro 9-11-4-5-9 38
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Williams Wins Jack Rutz Memorial

The Jack Rutz Memorial Regatta was sailed July 11, 2009 at Cazenovia, NY under very windy conditions. Five races were run in succession to finish ahead of incoming rain. The results were: 1, Jon Williams; 2 Alan Glos; 3, Bruce Poushter.

Ellan Burks is Champion of Southwest Regional South

Southwest Regional South
Arlington YC-Arlington, TX
May 23-24, 2009

1 Ellen Burks 1-4(7)-3-4-1-2-2-3 20
2 Stewart Draheim 3-2-1(13)-1-3-13-1-1 25
3 David McCary 2-7-2(15)-6-6-6-5-2 36
4 Tony Collins (9)-3-3-8-2-8-4-6-7 41
5 Bill Jackson 6-1-12-5-10-2-3-8-8 43
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10 Gil Greenwood 12-(16)-6-10-16-9-1-4-12 70
11 James Wilson 10-12-(15)-2-12-11-8-13-5 73
12 Sheila Bryant 7-13-4-9-7-14-(17)-13 76
13 Mary Medina 13-11-8-11-7-13-(16)-10-6 79
14 Edwin Owen 14-(17)-16-7-13-14-5-3-9 81
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Brangiforte Wins New England Regional #1

Bill Brangiforte (Weymouth, MA) outdueled New York's Mark May to win the first New England Regional of 2009, hosted by the Barrington Yacht Club on June 6-7.

After each finishing with two firsts and two seconds on Saturday, Brangiforte and May were in match-race mode for the final three races on Sunday, as the rest of the fleet was well behind the two leaders. With Brangiforte and May shadowing each other across the course in the light air, Eric Woodman (Mass.) emerged from the pack with a 2nd and a 1st in the first two races on Sunday to finish 3rd for the championship.

Ken Charles (Manchester, CT), losing a tie-breaker, finished fourth with Scott Greenbaum (Scituate, MA) finishing fifth. Bill McInnis (Swanssea, MA) took the trophy for the top sailor from Narragansett Bay, while Lee Parks (Newport, RI) earned the well-deserved Sportsmanship award. Kurt Charles (Manchester, CT) was the top junior finisher.

Sunday's final race was notable for several reasons. Most importantly it decided the championship, as the wind shifted from the West to the South-Southeast halfway up the first beat. Many of the regatta leaders, including Brangiforte and May, were pinned on the wrong side of the course (the right). May and Brangiforte were knocked so far back that the race became the throw-out for each, pushing Brangiforte ahead by two points and to the championship.

Meanwhile, on the left side of the first leg, son Kurt, mother Mary and father Ken Charles had positioned themselves to take advantage of the shift and ended up finishing 1, 2 and 3 for the race, which everyone agreed was probably a class first. The people of the Barrington Yacht Club were, as always, great hosts and the committee, headed by Scott Walker, did a nice job dealing with some extremely variable conditions.

Gatewood Wins Nicely at Chatham

Chatham Regatta
Chatham YC - Chatham, MA
August 1-2, 2009

1 Blair Gatewood 1-(4)-2-1-1-1 7
2 David Abel (4)-2-1-2-2-3-3 13
3 Lee Parks 3-1-(6)-4-4-2-4 18
4 Michelle deSilva 2-3-4-3-(7)-6-2 20
5 Les Johnston 7-5-7-(8)-3-4-5 31
6 Andrew Gatewood 6-(8)-3-5-5-7 32
7 Marty Rich 5-7-(8)-7-6-5-7 37
8 Conrad Johansen 8-6-5-(9)-8-9-9 45
9 Melissa Johnston (11)-10-9-11-11-8-10 59
10 Bob Perry (DS)-DS-DS-6-9-11-8 62
11 Mark Duggan 10-(11)-11-10-10-10-11 62
12 Nick Hoffman-Klaucke 9-9-(DS)-DS-DS-DS-DS 74
13 Stephen Renard 12-12-10-12-(DS)-DS-DS 74

New England Regional #1
Barrington YC - Barrington RI
June 6-7, 2009

1 Bill Brangiforte 2-1-1-2-4-4-9t 14
2 Mark May 1-2-2-1-7-3-8t 16
3 Eric Woodman 3-12-7-7-2-1-10 30
4 Ken Charles 5-6-4-5-9-7-3 30
5 Scott Greenbaum 8-3-3-10-5-2-13t 31
6 Bill McInnis 7-7-5-4-9-22t 35
7 Jonathan Hough 4-9-9-9-8-8-12t 47
8 Dan Davies 6-8-11-16-1-5-15t 47
9 Lee Montes 16t-4-10-3-11-14-7 49
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11 Kurt Charles 10-5-21-22t-14-13-1 64
12 Brian McGinnis 9-11-8-8-6-22-22t 64
13 David Nilsen 15-20t-6-6-12-10-16 65
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Regional News

Drew Buttner Wins New England Regional #2

Drew Buttner won the last race to re-take the lead and the New England Regional #2, held July 18-19 at Lake Wequaquet on Cape Cod.

The top three were Drew Buttner (Westwood, MA), Andy David (Bristol, RI), and Bill Brangiforte (North Weymouth, MA). Scott Greenbaum (Scituate, MA) was maybe the most consistent but broke his mast in a race on Saturday and had to take a DNF - that hurt. Buttner won the last race while David had his bad one to decide the championship. Brangiforte was also very consistent.

The fleet had 30 boats, not including the sizeable enthusiastic Junior fleet Wequaquet has 80 juniors in their sailing program now!

Weather was fantastic, with mostly WSW breezes that ranged between 5-20 (in puffs). The breeze built as the day went on both days. We sailed 9 races over the two days. The WLYC, as always, were great hosts.

Rapid Buttner gave a nice presentation before the Regatta where he went through the names of each of the 43 (?) past winners of the Wequaquet Regatta. He's missing some names from the late '70s, so feel free to fill in the gaps here or contact him.

Top Four at the New England Regionals #2 (L-R): Drew Buttner, 1st; Andy David, 2nd; Bill Brangiforte, 3rd; Scott Greenbaum, 4th.

New England Regional #2
Wequaquet Lake YC - Centerville, MA
July 18-19, 2009

1 Andrew Buttner 8-2-2-2-3-4-(11 )-1 24
2 Andy David 1-3-5-7-3-8-1-(DF) 29
3 Bill Brangiforte 3-4-4-10-1-2-2-(16 )-4 30
4 Scott Greenbaum 4-6-(DF)-1-9-5-3-2-5 35
5 David Ryden (10 )-1-3-6-4-7-6-8-3 38
6 Eric Woodman 7-5-11-11-(12)-11-5-4-10 64
7 Duncan Howes (11 )-7-10-5-11-6-9-10-8 66
8 Ken Charles 5-8-9-15-6-13-(19)-5-6 67
9 Bill McInnis (21 )-13-6-3-8-9-9-13 69
10 Bill Betts III (24 )-15-1-17-5-1-10-5-9 73
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12 Liza Genovese (14)-11-7-4-10-14-11-7-14 78
13 Andrew Stewart 9-9-13-16-7-12-(20)-12-16 94
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16 Lee Parks 13-(20)-15-14-19-17-7-17-17 119
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22 Kurt Charles 18-14-20-(23)-20-23-15-23-22 155
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24 G. Menzel 25-(26)-23-21-25-26-21-23 189
25 Rick Stewart (DC)-DC-DC-DC-DC-16-13-7 191
26 Brian Ruby 26-19-24-25-(26)-24-25-26 194
Great Racing Conditions Favor Greenbaum at Northeast Challenge

The Wessagusett YC in Weymouth, MA was a great host to 18 Sunfish sailors for the Northeast Challenge, where the sun came out over New England after three weeks in hiding. The conditions were great for surfing downwind, with 14-18 kt of breeze, and a bit of a chop. The first three races were identical at the top, with Scott Greenbaum (Scituate, MA) working the left to get out of the current and using his speed to go wire-to-wire. Bill Brangiforte (Weymouth, MA) and Andy David (Bristol, RI) battled around the course with many lead changes, but Brangiforte came out ahead in each of those three races.

In race four, David took the pin-end at the start, and led around the course to take the gun, with Brangiforte in third, and Greenbaum in sixth. This made things very tight at the top going into the last races.

The fifth race ended up wrapping things up as the fog rolled in and thunderstorms were threatening. The standings as the race started had Greenbaum and Brangiforte tied, with David one point back.

David and Brangiforte had a tough time getting off the line at the crowded pin, which let Greenbaum escape with a more conservative start at the middle of the line. It was the only race that was just one lap, so David and Brangiforte struggled to recover. Last year's winner, local Amanda Callahan, had a clean start toward the pin end, and went on to win the last race, solidifying her fourth place for the regatta. Greenbaum was second in the last race, which gave him the regatta win. Meanwhile, further back in the fleet, David rounded the final leeward mark ahead of Brangiforte, and headed left which had been favored all day. However, the breeze went right, and Brangiforte got leverage over David. A tacking duel ensued, and then Brangiforte and David approached the finish line on opposite tacks and both shot the line. David won the tie-breaker and took second for the regatta, with Brangiforte in third.

At the awards ceremony, Paul Lynn was presented with the Phil Brangiforte Memorial Trophy for sticking it out in the windy conditions with no hiking strap.

Final Two Races Determine Bolton Lake - Brangiforte Wins!

By Ken Charles and Steve Langford

Bill Brangiforte won the last two races of the six-race event to win the 41st-anual Bolton Lake Regatta on June 17, 2009. Bolton always brings out great sailors, family, and friends committed to the class. Many travel great distances to enjoy each other's company and play the weather odds dealt by the Bolton Lake Wind gods. This year we had 21 sailors register, including three who came to support the event even knowing they may not sail.

For the first New England regatta of the season it felt a lot like frostbiting with a chilling northwest breeze that packed huge gusts with giant shifts. With temps in the 50s and a big northwesterly blowing on the trailing edge of a strong front, the water temperature was actually warmer than the air. The course was the full width of the lake with a slight right-handed favor. The first race was a Modified Olympic and its start resulted in a general recall. The second start held, and after 25 minutes, Brangiforte (North Weymouth, MA), Bill Boll (Glastonbury, CT), and Scott Greenbaum (Scituate, MA) crossed the line as the first three finishers. Rapid Buttner (Plymouth, MA) and Dave Nielsen (Hartford, CT) both retired after capsizes. Kurt Charles (Manchester, CT), the youngest sailor in the fleet, planed to the leeward mark on the verge of a windward death roll when he decided that it was time to finish and head to shore.

The course was changed to a Triangle and most of the fleet endured including Gerhart Menzel (Simsbury, CT), the oldest sailor in the fleet. Eric Woodman (Framingham, MA) finished first in the third race, and Greenbaum, who was leading the fifth race, misjudged the course as Modified and finished 8th. A few more capsizes and a consistent effort by all the sailors who hung tough brought an end to the day.

We want to thank our Race Committee, long time Sunfish sailor Mike Catalano, who flew up from Miamit, and Amanda and Nicholas who helped Mike set marks, sight the line, keep scores and rescue sailors.

Northeast Challenge

Wessagusett YC - Weymouth, MA
June 27, 2009

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Bolton Lake SC - Bolton, CT
May 17, 2009

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Chapman Takes the Midwest #1 Title

Midwest Regional #1
Lake Bluff YC - Lake Bluff, IL
August 8, 2009

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2 Scott Schappe 2-2-5-2 2-2-5-2 11
3 Fritz Hanselman 3-3-2-3 3-3-2-3 13
4 Jim Irwin 5-8-3-6 5-8-3-6 23
5 Leland Brode 4-5-6-9 4-5-6-9 25
6 David Michaels 8-9-4-5 8-9-4-5 28
7 Ben Jassin 11-4-7-4 11-4-7-4 (OS) 33
8 Doug Warren 6-7-9-11 6-7-9-11 37
9 Manny Schneck 7-6-11-7 38
10 Rob Stephenson 9-11-10-8 38
11 John Chicos (DS)-10-12-13-10-9 54
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Midwest Regional #1 winners (L-R): Ben Jassin, 7th; Leland Brode, 5th; Jim Irwin, 4th; Fritz Hanselman, 3rd; Scott Schappe, 2nd; Rich Chapman, 1st. (Photo: Gretchen Seymour)

Chapman Wins John Sheppard Memorial

John Sheppard Memorial
Lake Bluff YC - Lake Bluff, IL
August 8, 2009

1 Rich Chapman 1-1-1-1 4
2 Fritz Hanselman 3-3-2-2 10
3 Scott Schappe 2-2-5-3 12
4 Leland Brode 4-5-6-4 19
5 Jim Irwin 5-8-3-6 22
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14 Holly Hanselman 13-14-14-14 55
15 Jack Sheppard 14-16-15-15 60

Sheppard winners (L-R): Rich Chapman, 1st; Fritz Hanselman, 2nd; Scott Schappe, 3rd. (Photo: Gretchen Seymour)

It's Chapman Again!

By Josh Kerst

The first Northern Warm-Ups seminar and regatta was held on May 15-16, 2009 at the Wolf Lake YC near Jackson, MI. Friday afternoon, two-time world Sunfish champion and author Derrick Fries conducted an advanced Sunfish sailing seminar. We all benefited from his classroom instruction and on the water drills with individual sailor critiques. This outstanding workshop was followed by a wonderful spaghetti dinner and a chance to share our thoughts of the day.

Heavy rains through the night brought in strong winds on Saturday with west-northwest winds at 18-23mph and gusts as high as 30mph. The ominous gray skies during the first races opened up to a nicely-sunny day for the later races, with cool temperatures of only 60 degrees. The winds remained strong and gusty throughout the day. A triangular course was set for the first two races. The last two races combined a triangular course with a windward-leeward leg. This made for challenging beats to windward followed by a more than thrilling ride downwind. Rich Chapman (Lake Bluff, IL), Josh Kerst, and Dan Norton (Manitou Beach, MI) battled for the top spot in each race with Chapman edging out Kerst for the overall regatta championship.

Northern Warm-Ups Sunfish Regatta
Wolf Lake YC - Jackson, MI
May 16, 2009

1 Rich Chapman 1-3-1-2 7
2 Josh Kerst 3-2-2-1 8
3 Norton Dan 2-1-3-4 10
4 Rob Stephenson 4-4-7-3 18
5 Tom Katterhenrich 5-5-6-5 21
6 Jim Towler 6-6-4-6 22
7 Matt Heywood 7-8-5-9 29
8 John Fenton 8-7-8-9 32

Harrell is Victor at Just For Fun in Ohio

Just For Fun #3
Hueston SA - Hueston Woods, OH
August 2, 2009

1 Neil Harrell 1-1-4-4-3 13.25
2 Brian Callahan 2-3-5-1-2-1 13.50
3 Rose Schultz 3-5-3-1-5 19.75
4 Roger Henthorn 6-2-2-6-4 22
5 Mike Stratton 5-4-4-8-3-2 26
6 Jerry Brewster 4-6-6-5-6-6 32
7 Charlie DeArmon 7-7-7-6-7-7 41
Regatta Lite in Lansing
By Alanna Harvey
A small but determined group of sailors gathered at Lansing Sailing Club on June 13 for its annual Sunfish Regatta. Waking to rain, cool temperatures, and a glassy lake, the prospects of running any races were dim. The out-of-towners started rolling in; the race committee stood at the end of the dock watching for signs of wind and discussions ensued over doughnuts and bagels of what would constitute a regatta. The rain stopped and at 11:30am the group finally riggged and got one race in under very light conditions before deciding to go in for lunch and see if any wind developed in the afternoon. During lunch a slight but steady breeze came up and the sailors decided to go for it. As the light and steady breeze diminished and shifted as much as 180 degrees at times, the challenged race committee got in three more races before the 4:00pm time limit.

Traveling all the way from Lake Forest, IL to participate in his first Lake Lansing Sunfish Regatta, Scott Schappe headed home with four bullets and first prize. Dan Norton (Manitou Beach, MI) from Devils Lake took second, Gail Turluck (Richland, MI) took third, and Tom Katterheinrich (New Knoxville, OH) took fourth.

Special thanks to race committee Sid Mook, Blaine Severin, Mike Moody and Paul Davis who conquered the winds to set a fair course throughout the day. Also, thanks to Julie Pierce for handling registration, Mary Beth Fletcher for providing lunch and Neil Harrison for stepping in as “scoring guy” for the event. As participants relaxed with beers in hand, donated by our sponsor Michigan Brewing Company, all were glad to have the day over with and thoughts of better wind for next year danced in everyone’s heads as they headed home.

Fries Leads the Way at Lake Charlevoix
By Tom Barnes, Charlevoix Fleet Captain
The 4th Annual CYC Lake Charlevoix Sunfish Regatta took place on August 4, 2009 with nine boats registered to race in sunny and breezy conditions. At least five others would have sailed but the previous day’s Douglas Lake Regatta left several of us exhausted or with broken equipment.

The first race had gusts well over 20kts and that was enough to claim three victims, leaving just six boats to finish. Derrick Fries (Clarkston, MI) had the win and was followed at regular intervals by Dan Norton (Manitou Beach, MI), Tom Barnes (Charlevoix, MI), (Super)Dave Travis (Levering, MI), Tom Katterheinrich (New Knoxville, OH), and Austin Thom (Austin, TX). Austin put up a good fight but didn’t have the weight to start the second race. Despite moving the racecourse in closer to shore, the second and third races resulted in at least one capsize and several knockdows.

Fries won all three races. Norton and Barnes were consistently second and third. Travis and Katterheinrich had the best battle of the day, which the former won with two fourths and a fifth.

For the first time, the Lake Charlevoix Regatta and Douglas Lake Regatta were combined for overall, with Derrick Fries taking first place honors by winning both events.

The CYC Race committee of Al and Lynette Grams did a great job again for the Sunfish Fleet. Thanks go out to Pam, Abbey and Lexie Barnes and Ali Balter for registration, organization, and moral support.

This two regatta weekend was a special treat for the author. I got to race with some of the best Sunfish sailors of all time and found them to be not just exceptional sailors but genuinely nice people. If you haven’t raced with Don and Jean Bergman you should. In the strong and gusty winds on Douglas Lake I felt confident that I didn’t have to worry about people 25-30 years older than me beating me around the course. I was trounced by Don Bergman who walked by me to windward like I was stuck in the mud. Later as I planed away on a reach leg feeling like I was getting every ounce out of the wind, Jean Bergman casually passed me to leeward, rounded inside me, and pulled away on the next reach.

I’ve got a lot to learn.

Lake Lansing winners (L-R): Scott Schappe, 1st; Dan Norton, 2nd; Gail Turluck, 3rd; Tom Katterheinrich, 4th.

Lake Lansing Regatta
Lake Lansing SC - Lansing, MI
June 13, 2009
1 Scott Schappe 1-1-1-1 4
2 Dan Norton 2-2-2-2 8
3 Gail Turluck 4-3-3-3 13
4 Tom Katterheinrich 3-5-6-4 18
5 Jim Fletcher 5-4-4-6 19
6 Neil Harrison 6-6-5-5 22
7 Alanna Harvey 7-7-7-7 28

Lake Charlevoix racers included (L-R): Tom Katterheinrich, 5th; Austin Thom, 6th; Beth Thom, 7th; Tom Barnes, 3rd; Derrick Fries, 1st; Dan Norton, 2nd; Dave Travis, 4th; and Jay Butler, 7th.

Lake Charlevoix Regatta
Lake Charlevoix YC - Charlevoix, MI
August 2, 2009
1 Derrick Fries 1-1-1-1 3
2 Dan Norton 2-2-2-2 6
3 Tom Barnes 3-3-3 9
4 Dave Travis 5-4-4 13
5 Tom Katterheinrich 4-5-5 14
6 Austin Thom 6-DF-DF 24
7 Jay Butler DF-DF-DF 27
7 Beth Thom DF-DF-DF 27
7 Donald Fritz DF-DF-DF 27
Fries Wins Douglas

By Jay Butler

Weather made the Douglas Lake Sunfish Regatta on August 1, 2009 a wild event. The start was delayed as the last of several morning squalls went through. The rain stopped, but the wind continued.

Seventeen racers started the day racing in 15-20+ mph winds with very strong gusts. The heavy weather caused a lot of attrition and some damage to boats.

Three races were completed with Derrick Fries (Clarkston, MI) and Dan Norton (Manitou Beach, MI) consistently first and second. The “Up North Two-Fer” of this regatta and the Lake Charlevoix regatta on consecutive dates attracted a strong field of sailors. Don and Jean Bergman (Holland, MI), Tom Barnes (Charlevoix, MI), Bob Findlay (Glencoe, IL), and Josh Kerst battled for the middle spots. Our local sailors were treated to an exhibition of fine sailing and know we have a lot to learn.

This event would not have occurred without the help and support of Evelyn Schulte. She is the major contributor to the dinner. We use her beach for the launch site and parking. She also opened her home so the registration and skippers meeting were out of the rain. We owe many thanks to Evelyn and to the excellent race committee and safety boats for their assistance.

Douglas Lake Regatta
Douglas Lake Douglas Lake, MI August 1, 2009

| 1 | Derrick Fries | 1-1-1 | 3 |
| 2 | Dan Norton | 2-2-2 | 6 |
| 3 | Don Bergman | 5-3-3 | 11 |
| 4 | Tom Barnes | 6-4-4 | 14 |
| 5 | Bob Findlay | 4-5-6 | 15 |
| 6 | Jean Bergman | 9-6-5 | 20 |
| 7 | Tom Katterheinrich | 7-7-9 | 23 |
| 8 | Dave Travis | 10-8-7 | 25 |
| 9 | Matt Heywood | 8-10-11 | 29 |
| 10 | Dan Oldham | 13-9-8 | 30 |
| 11 | Josh Kerst | 3-DF-DF | 35 |
| 12 | Donald Fritz | 12-15-12 | 39 |
| 13 | Chris Butler | 14-11-DF | 40 |
| 14 | Stu Stewart | DF-14-10 | 42 |
| 15 | Mike Black | 16-12-DF | 43 |
| 16 | Jay Butler | 15-13-DF | 43 |
| 17 | Jim Butler | 11-DF-DF | 43 |

Fries Sails Away with Win at Double Your Fun

By Josh Kerst

A good crowd of Snipe and Sunfish sailors gathered July 25-26, 2009 for the 35th running of Wolf Lake’s annual summer regatta. Every year the competition seems to get tougher and this year was no exception with the entry list including past winners of the event as well as District, Midwinter, North American and World Champions. Sailors took to the water after a quick lunch (thanks Team Thelma!) and they were met by partially cloudy skies and moderately puffy ‘esterly conditions (5-12 knots) which made for a nice sized course down the length of the lake.

The Sunfish class saw the cream quickly rise to the top as two-time World Champion Derrick Fries (Clarkston, MI) led at the first mark and never looked back as the chase group of Josh Kerst, Ron McHenry (Cortland, OH), and Dan Norton (Manitou Beach, MI) became locked together into a tough battle for second. Puffs seemed better on the left side of the course, but Norton proved the right side had fewer weeds. Positioned changed hands quickly during the puffy condition in the race right up to the final beat of the two-lap course. Fries won the race hands down followed by Kerst, McHenry, Norton, and Rob Stephenson who travelled all the way from St. Louis, MO to make the event.

Past regatta champion Norton shook things up during the second race by beating out Fries as well as past North American Champion Bob Findlay (Glencoe, IL) who recently returned to the Sunfish class after living in China for the past few years. Norton’s success seemed to use the combination of exceptional downwind speed with good tactical decision making which frequently landed him in the right spot at the right time.

The Dan and Derrick (aka D&D) Show kept up their performance in race three with the elder Sunfish Champion getting the best of the duel. Interestingly, both sailors split sides going up the last beat with Fries just edging Norton at the finish, making the left side work. McHenry produced yet another amazingly consistent performance and rounded out the top three finishers.

In the last race of the day, the D&D Show appeared for a final encore of the day but to be completely honest they were so far ahead it was unclear how Norton ended up with the win. Meanwhile, there was a real tussle back in the pack as the sailors experienced some extremely tight racing. Findlay regained his past form and traded places multiple times with McHenry, Kerst, Lake Bluff Yacht Club’s Shapoor Guzder (Hawthorne Woods, IL), and perennial competitor Tom Katterheinrich (New Knoxville, OH). Spotty puffs downwind made it even closer at the final leeward mark and everyone choose a side, except Kerst, who found out that the middle rarely pays on inland lakes. “Mr. Consistency” McHenry edged out Findlay across the finish line for third.

Another clean start in Race five saw the majority of the Sunfish fleet work the right side due to slightly better pressure combined with the fleet’s newfound awareness of reduced weeds thanks to Norton sharing his observations during the steak roast. He may have regretted that decision as Fries took the win followed by Kerst in second. The fleet continued to work the right side during race six and D&D and Findlay again showed their downwind prowess as they blew by Kerst after the first mark. Fries extended again for the win. In the final race, Fries got the jump on the fleet while Kerst and McHenry had their own private duel for second in the last race. McHenry made some great moves down the second downwind leg to lead Kerst by the leeward mark. They were neck and neck up the final beat and it came down to a late puff on the right side that eeked out the race for second to Kerst by a matter of inches. Norton followed across the line to secure a very respectable second overall for the regatta.

Derrick Fries walked away as the 2009 Double Your Fun regatta champion of the Sunfish class. It is a pleasure to compete with Derrick as he has amazing boat handling.

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Your Vote Needed about Sunfish Rudder

There was a detailed article in the last Windward Leg about a survey to gauge interested in the class legalizing a new rudder blade that Tom Whitehurst developed. The survey is live and can be accessed at http://www.sunfishclass.org/rudder_survey.php.

The survey is open to all current members of any Sunfish NSCA. Note that US members must enter their official sail number from their membership card, and members of all other NSCAs may get their voting number from their country's NSCA contact. You can complete the survey without the correct number being entered, but if the correct sail number or voting number is not present, your ballot will be deleted prior to the votes being tabulated. The survey will remain live until September 25.

This survey will be used by the ISCA Advisory Council and the World Council as they evaluate whether the new rudder should be made legal, but it is not a binding vote. The survey link has information on the new rudder, as does the previous issue of the Windward Leg. Please take the survey and urge your fellow class members to vote as well.

Wolf Lake (continued from page 42)

techniques, unequaled attention to detail that produces tremendous boat speed, and quick decision making that generates top results. Special thanks go out to the Wolf Lake Yacht Club members who made this event so successful.

Double Your Fun Regatta
Wolf Lake Open
Wolf Lake YC - Jackson, MI
July 25-26, 2009

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