Upcoming Championship Dates

- 2017 Sunfish Youth World Championship - Aug. 23-26, Brant Beach YC, NJ
- 2017 Sunfish World Championship - Aug. 26-Sept. 1, Brant Beach YC, NJ
- 2017 Western Regionals - Aug. 19-20, Mission Bay YC, San Diego
- 2017 Sunfish European Championship -- Sept. 13-17, Punta Ala/Italy
- 2017 Midwest Regional - Sept. 16-17, Devils Lake YC
- 2017 Women’s Sunfish North American Championship (The Linda Tillman Trophy), -- Sept. 22-24 - Fairhope Yacht Club, AL
- 2017 Midwest Regional 2-Sept. 30-Oct. 1, Hueston Sailing Association
- 2017 SE Regional - Nov. 3-5 - Columbia Sailing Club
- 2017 SW Regional - Nov. 4-5, Lake Canyon YC
- 2017 FL Regional - Nov. 4-5, Sarasota Sailing Squadron
- 2017 South American & Caribbean Championship - Nov. 28-Dec. 12, Puerto Rico

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I want to thank those who took the time to submit articles, photos and race results to me.

The next issue will be published at year-end and will include a report on the Sunfish World Championship and Sunfish Women’s North American Championship as well as all the world-qualifying regattas in between.

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**Congratulations to Rich Chapman**

**Sunfish Sailing Skills Adapt Well to Other Boats**

Rich placed 2nd (only 1 point behind the 1st place finisher!) in this year’s Force 5 North American Championship. So what Rich does well on his Sunfish, he does equally well, if not better, on a Force 5! And this was after a hugely successful racing experience at this year’s Sunfish North Americans where Rich placed 4th overall.

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A Special Thank You to Paul MacMenanin, Sayville Yacht Club’s Commodore, for providing us with so many beautiful photos of this year’s Sunfish North American Championship. Paul was a most-gracious and welcoming host. And a very gifted photographer as well!

**Thank You from All of Us!!**
Letter from the USSCA President …

As the summer winds down, I’d like to take a few minutes to reflect on some conversations I’ve had recently with a few Sunfish sailors. I always tell them that they should become a Class member and they often ask why. I tell these people that it’s important to support the Class because there are many things that the Class does for them. Although it may not be readily apparent, the Board of Directors works very hard to make USSCA a great organization.

For instance, Regional Representatives are out there encouraging new sailors to get out and sail the boat. One example of this is New York rep Lee Montes who spends much of his summer at Wet Pants Sailing Association organizing regattas and fun events for anyone who wants to come out and play. His presence on Facebook also keeps many of us up to date on his efforts, and it’s great to see the results he gets.

Down in Florida, Lynne Randall and Gail Murphy-Heausler have been organizing Sunfish sailing events such as the Women’s Florida State Sunfish Championship which had 23 women participating! On the national level, regatta coordinators Fritz Hanselman (Masters events), Gail Murphy-Heausler (Women’s events) and Marguerite Koehler (USSCA regatta coordinator) are constantly working to find quality venues for our marquee events and many of them are already scheduled two or three years in advance. Finally, our wonderful Windward Leg editor, Vicki Palmer, spends countless hours compiling information and photos to produce this great newsletter, all on a volunteer basis!

On the international level, this past year has been a particularly challenging year with ISCA and the World Council working with Laser Performance on a trademark agreement. These volunteers have given up many hours of their time participating in conference calls and following email threads. These negotiations have also involved attorney’s fees. Without the support of our members’ dues, we would not be able to afford these costs. All of this is being done to ensure that the class remains strong and our relationship with the builder is one that benefits all parties.

Personally, I have been working with Eduardo Cordero in the class office standardizing NOR’s and updating the regatta guidelines. We hope that this will make everyone’s regatta experience more enjoyable. It’s always exciting to see these volunteers working hard for you, the class members, even though they may not get much recognition!

As you can see, there’s a lot going on behind the scenes in the Sunfish Class. Your membership and those of your fellow sailors, whether they race the boat or not, allow us to remain a strong and active international class. I hope to see you on the water soon!

Rich Chapman
USSCA President

Sunfish Youth Foundation Off to a Good Start …

Monies have been donated for many reasons such as:

In Linda Tillman’s memory,
To thank a fellow Sunfish sailor for the use of his boat at the North Americans,
In lieu of a wedding gift for a family member who requested “no gifts,”
Instead of postage reimbursement for a mailed item left behind at the Sayville Yacht Club,
And so on and so on.

Every reason helps; every dollar donated helps. So what will be your reason for adding to the $1,361 already collected?!?! Your donation can be mailed to:

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Letter from the ISCA President …

The International Sunfish Class Association World Championship NORTH Sails have arrived in Brant Beach! The boats are on two separate ships at sea as I write this. It has been an evolution to get the boats here but they are on their way. I want to point out that we are one of the few International Classes that have new charter boats for the World Championships. I intend to continue this tradition as long as possible.

LP is now making Sunfish Class test boats in their factory in Banbury England (Laser Factory). The quality of these boats seems to be very good. LP is still fine tuning the process, and mass production has not started yet. Many of you saw one of these boats at the North Americans. Paul Jon Patin has been testing two of these boats for LP and providing feedback to them on improvements and quality. LP has said that they will now have two factories capable of turning out Sunfish Class Boats, one in the UK and one in China. They expect to get production up to 600 plus boats in the coming year. This comes off a year of LP purchasing only 167 plaques from World Sailing. Each Class legal boat produced must have a World Sailing plaque.

Sails and Parts are still a challenge. These issues will be addressed at the World Council (WC) meeting in Brant Beach.

LP has extended their arbitrary deadline for the Class to sign the Trademark Agreement until the International Sunfish Class Association World Championships are over. As most of you know LP has wanted the Class to sign a restrictive Trademark Agreement. Most recently LP had laid claim to the International Sunfish Class Association name and the ISCA (initials). The WC Board has decided that we will not sign our name over to LP. I have been negotiating with them and have hired a Trademark attorney for the Class who specializes in Marine Trademark issues. Most recently, World Sailing has become involved with this agreement and will be assisting the Class in solving some of TM, Construction and parts availability issues.

There are many moving parts to this equation. World sailing has concerns about the lack of a construction manual and WS regulation 10.3. Let me be clear in saying that the International Sunfish Class Association has the full support of World Sailing in keeping this boat an International One Design Class. Our Last agreement with World Sailing and the Builder goes back to 1990 and that was two builders ago. It may be time for a new agreement with World Sailing and the builder.

I have also negotiated a generous support outline with LP in which the class membership would receive discounts and the class would receive some monetary support to run the World Championships. This would be a separate agreement and would be contingent on the Trademark Agreement being signed.

To date we have 18 Youth competitors from 7 different countries registered for the International Sunfish Class Association Youth World Championships. There are 57 Championship competitors from 9 different countries registered for the International Sunfish Class Association World Championships.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the World Championships in Brant Beach later this month.

Fair winds and Following Seas,

Laurence H. Mass

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Paul-Jon Patin, ISCA’s Past President, Honored at the Sunfish North Americans

You know … most of us are always following behind Paul-Jon’s transom on the race course. What most of us don’t follow or know enough about are the years and years he has dedicated his time, energy and love for the Class serving on the ISCA Board of Directors in some capacity. From 2010-2016, Paul-Jon reigned as ISCA President and retired last year with Larry Mass becoming our new ISCA President. Years before that he served on the Advisory Council using his knowledge to help make the decisions that would best serve the Sunfish Class members in general. Those years weren’t always easy either. As a matter of fact, they might have been some of the most difficult years we’ve ever had largely due to new ownership of Laser-Performance, where Sunfish and Lasers are manufactured. Major changes such as that always present more challenges. And Paul-Jon handled these highly challenging times with diplomacy, dignity, knowledge and hard work.

We chose to honor Paul-Jon at the Sayville Yacht Club, Paul-Jon’s home club, because his parents, also members there, and his sons, Nicholas and Andres in attendance, could see Paul-Jon being honored. A family tradition at its best!

At the start of the award ceremony, Sonya Dean, ISCA Treasurer, presented Paul-Jon with a monetary gift from the ISCA Class – enough to perhaps purchase a new rudder assembly or sail! A more personal gift, thanks to donations from a few Class members, was a beautifully framed piece of art that contained three hand-drawn sea creatures done by our own Connie Miller. Also included was a hand-made thank you card that was signed by many Sunfish Class members at the NAs.

There isn’t an award or thank you big enough to show our appreciation for all that Paul-Jon has done for the Sunfish Class and continues to do such as hosting sailing clinics prior to events, coaching the Sunfish Youth and acting as consultant for everything the rest of us are doing and need help with.

Many, many kudos to Paul-Jon Patin … a true champion both on and off the water. A champion that we, the Class, are indebted to.
Moriches Yacht Club rolled out the red carpet to host the 2017 NY Downstate Sunfish Regionals. People started arriving early on Friday to set up tents and drop off their boats for what was going to prove to be a challenging and fun regatta. The forecast for the weekend looked light and hot for day one. 2010-2016 ISCA President and former Sunfish World Champion, Paul-Jon Patin, figured out the light shifty winds and strong Ebbing tide to take an early lead only to get an 8th on the last race of day one.

Coming out of Sunfish Retirement, hometown favorite, Christine Coffill took the last race and the first race of the second day, to get into a virtual tie for the regatta. Five-time Longest Sunfish Race Around Shelter Island winner, John Condon, sailed extremely well to second after day one, three points behind PJ. The Koehler sisters, Marguerite and Katie, showed uncanny sister rivalry by ending day one with 26 points each for 5th and 6th, respectively.

After a hot and trying day on the water, the pool was opened for the sailors to enjoy. Shortly afterwards a seafood raw bar was opened with shrimp cocktail, little neck clams on the half shell and fresh oysters. The membership of MYC joined the sailors in celebrating the event. A delicious dinner with Jerk Lime Chicken, local Roasted Corn on the cob with flavored spices, burgers, salads and baked beans were enjoyed with fellow sailors and friends. Desserts of ice pops and homemade chocolate chip cookies complimented the fresh watermelon. A reggae band played until sunset during cocktail hour and dinner. Corn hole was being played on the lawn, too. MYC set up an outdoor movie night on a huge screen for kids and families. The party made for a lot of full stomachs and smiles. The shuckers worked all dinner and even the hungriest of sailors could not eat all the seafood. This was a great party that all enjoyed.

The next day started in a postponement with no wind. The southerly that was developing was not in the forecast, but Race Committee Chairman Dave Hulse sent us out and got the races started when the breeze was consistently on the course. Christine battled to her second win. The forecast then came true when the wind shifted to the ENE and along came the velocity. Everyone was hiking and several sailors shifted among the score board. SANJL ace and former Boston University sailor, Simon Bertocci was pushing to pass John for second place.

Junior NA Champion, Billy Sesack’s (12th) good Sunday was not enough to catch Griffin Sisk, who finished 11th. Nick Patin was the Top Junior and finished 7th overall, including a 2nd the last race. He was in first place leading his dad, PJ, around the leeward mark and described how his dad overtook him. “I rounded the leeward mark in front of my dad, and then he did some magic move and all of a sudden he was ahead of me,” Nick explained shaking his head in disbelief. This rivalry is sure to heat up in the upcoming years.

Anne Patin, four-time Women’s NA Champion, Nick and PJ sometimes were all in the top group together at the windward mark and they both are proud to be able to sail and now compete with Nick. Having a great day with a 2,4,4 was Professional Sailing Coach, Larry Suter who jumped a few spots and captured 5th overall. When the wind picked up, MYC’s Kenny Mockridge showed the speed he was searching for all weekend by scoring a second (he sailed in to change his mainsheet after he was called OCS, only to sail back out to find out that was the last race).

MYC’s Kiley Castellano, University of Rhode Island incoming freshman and Katlyn Lindahl showed why MYC is such a cool Sunfish Club. The night before they rigged both their boats and put lights and Glow Stick Bracelets on the spars and went out for an early evening-night sail. It was good to see them race, and great to see them have some fun in the Sunfish. The McKeons of MYC had three members race, Daniel, Aden and Connor. New racer Suzanne Hulme of Westhampton Yacht Squadron continues to improve and have fun, “I just love coming out and sailing with everyone. I find it very exciting to see how everyone sails.”
Billy Sesack of the Wet Pants Sailing Association Wins the 2017 Sunfish Youth North American Championship

Alonso Collantes of Peru Wins the 2017 Sunfish North American Championship

Sayville Yacht Club, Blue Point, NY – Not to take away from any top championship wins, but everyone who braved the challenging wind conditions (15-20++) at this year’s Sunfish North American Championships deserves a trophy! Youth and Championship sailors alike fought hard to stay upright and sail fast with the safety boats keeping a vigilant eye on all competitors at all times.

The Youth sailors were the fortunate ones who actually had one light-air race day which helped mix up the final results. Top Youth winner was Billy Sesack with Nicholas Patin 2nd, Griffin Sisk 3rd, Nick Reyes 4th and Nora O’Donnell 5th. Congratulations to Terrance Bymes who was only 2 points behind Nora for the 5th place winning spot. And it was so nice to see Joel Furman’s daughters, Jocelyn and Jennifer, join us at this special event. We look forward to seeing all these youth sailors at more Sunfish events. They are our future champions!

Following the Youth portion of the Sunfish North Americans, 69 registered competitors from 13-70+ yrs prepared their rigging to handle the heavy winds. Paul-Jon Patin gave a well-attended clinic prior to the racing and shared his rigging/go-fast tips. All eyes and ears were focused on all the tips that could help competitors meet the heavy air challenges. Some competitors even went so far as to try the reefed sail technique which seemed to help at least keep them from being totally over-powered. See Paul Odegaard’s article and photos in another section of this Windward Leg about this interesting technique.

But the main secret to placing near the top of the fleet went to the sailing prowess of the individuals involved regardless of how their boats were rigged! Boat speed, body strength, boat handling skills and smart/tactical sailing, in general, were the keys.

Alonso Collantes of Peru was the overall champion with 6 first place finishes out of the 10 races total; his throwout was a 5th place! According to Paul-Jon Patin, 2nd place winner overall, “I didn’t beat myself; Alonso beat all of us.” Very well said. Alonso is one of the nicest people you’d ever want to meet. Gracious. Helpful. A champion sportsman as well as a highly skilled; highly competitive sailor.

Although the final day’s winds calmed down somewhat, 13-18+, the waves and chops still made for some very challenging conditions. Doug Kaukeinen, Rochester Canoe Club, fought hard to keep his overall 3rd place standing against 4th place finisher Rich Chapman, USSCA President from the Lake Bluff Yacht Club. Eugene Schmitt of the Bay Waveland Yacht Club was the 5th place finisher who recently won the Sunfish Midwinter Championship in Port Charlotte, FL. Finishing 6th overall was Dan Hesse of the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club; 7th was Martin Willard, Carolina Yacht Club; 8th was Lee Montes, Wet Pants Sailing Association; 9th was Angello Giuria Far As, Peru, and the 10th place finisher was Kenny Mockridge, Moriches Bay Yacht Club.

The Top Female finisher was Gail Murphy-Heausler, Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, FL with a 25th overall. Gail was also the #1 winner of the 2016 Women’s Sunfish North American Championship raced at Shelter Island, NY.

The Top Youth award went to Angello Giuria of Peru who finished 9th overall. Angello was also our 2016 Sunfish Youth World Champion.

The coveted Sportsmanship Award went to Gustavio Alayon Rasario of Puerto Rico who voluntarily withdrew from his best race when he learned that hitting the committee boat prior to the start required a penalty turn which he didn’t do.

The Top Apprentice Master was Paul-Jon Patin, Sayville Yacht Club, and 2nd overall. Top Master was Doug Kaukeinen, Rochester Canoe Club and 3rd overall. And Top Grand Master was Mark Weider, Rochester Canoe Club, and 14th overall.

Not to be forgotten is the Marco Polo Award to the individual or team who traveled the farthest. This year’s winner was Team Peru!

There was no trophy for the camper(s) who had to move their tents when really, really heavy air hit at night. Did I hear 40+ winds at one point? Yowsa.

Another huge factor that played into this being a very special regatta was the hard work and dedication of Regatta Chair, Ted Cremer, and his committee of helpers along with Sayville Yacht Club Commodore, Paul MacMenanin, who provided all the fantastic photos. Ted kept all of us up-to-date with step-by-step instructions for every item coming up in the schedule. He sailed well on a Sunfish too even though he’s a Las ... Lase ... Laser sailor too. But he looks better on a Sunfish! And staff at the Sayville Yacht Club outdid themselves providing outstanding service, all with big smiles. Sayville Yacht Club is a very special place with very special people. We can’t wait to be invited back again. We will be invited back, won’t we?
And although the Race Committee couldn’t wave their magic wands and calm down the heavy air, PRO Steve Kelley and his team provided world class racing in some very difficult conditions. Thank heavens for all the safety boats out there too. Thank you! Thank you to everyone at the Sayville Yacht Club who made this a very special North American Championship!

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Sailing hard to the mark.

Hmmm, I’ll try that strategy next time.

Sharing ‘fish stories.
Sunfish North American Championship
Sayville Yacht Club
Photo Gallery of Memories
### Sunfish Youth North American Championship

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Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association Mid-Atlantic Regional Regatta ... by Nancy Hastings-Jaywork

June 17-18, 2017 -- Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association held the third and final Mid Atlantic Sunfish Regional Championship Regatta on June 17-18 in Dewey Beach, Delaware. Rehoboth Bay is one of the best dinghy venues anywhere. While participation was lower than expected (six sailors) it was quite a successful and competitive regatta. All six races were sailed on Saturday, due to high winds on Sunday. Dave Racine, the PRO, ran a great regatta; with straight starting lines, several different courses throughout the day, triangle, Olympic and windward-leeward, and managing to get the necessary number of races on the first day to allow for a throw-out. Many thanks to Dave!

The wind started out light and shifty, and the first two races had all six boats crossing the finish line within seconds of each other. There were multiple wind shifts, a few ‘holes’ and lots of jockeying for position early in the day. As the winds built, the courses were longer, and there was more separation in the fleet. During the last race, ominous looking clouds from the southwest end of the bay brought a rain squall right through the fleet on the last leg. The wind blew a steady 25, and gusted to 35 mph, and the rain was so hard it felt like hail. Some boats even had trouble seeing the finish line. Everyone managed to finish the race with no mishaps or broken parts, and that ended up being the final race of the regatta.

A special highlight of the weekend was Shelly’s famous gourmet dinner at her house. Shelly and her husband Steve fed and entertained all the sailors, Race Committee, and volunteers at her house; just as she did for the Women’s Sunfish NA’s in Sept. 2015. Thanks Steve and Shelly!

The final finishes were so close that 2nd thru 5th places were all a point apart, with one tie thrown in.

Sixth place went to Connie Miller, the renowned Lewes Yacht Club sunfish sailor and regatta guru, with 24 points. John Barrere from Severn Sailing Association came in fifth place (tied for fourth) with 17 points. Fourth place went to Dave Thompson from Lavelette YC in NJ with 17 points. (Special thanks to Dave for persevering after a wheel came off of his trailer on the drive down to Delaware.) Rick Struse, also from Severn S A, came in third place with 16 points. Local Lewes/Rehoboth sunfish and laser sailor JR (June Rose) Futcher came in second place with 15 points, and first place went to RBSA local Nancy Hastings Jaywork with 5 points. With such a small fleet, there were enough trophies for everyone!

Photo (L to R)
Back Row : Dave Racine (PRO/Race Committee), John Barrere, Connie Miller, Rick Struse
Front Row: Nancy Hastings Jaywork, JR (June Rose) Futcher
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De-Powering On-The-Water ... by Paul Odegaard

Back in the days when we raced with small/flat Ratsey sails, the Sunfish was manageable in heavy air with just the aid of heavy water jackets plus tight vangs/outhauls. With the introduction of the larger/fuller “Racing” sail back in the 80’s (thanks Gordie Geick!) additional de-powering rigs became necessary to survive in a blow. To the rescue came the “Jens Rig” and later the “Odie Rig.” “Jens” rigging methodology has been well documented over the years, but few are familiar with the benefits of the “Odie Rig.”

Remember how you can point higher with less heeling/leeway while on port tack? This characteristic can also be partially achieved on starboard if the halyard is led down the port side of the sail to flatten the leading edge like the mast does on port tack. This simple change can be accomplished on-the-water without dropping the rig by simply moving the taut halyard forward around the tack to the port side of the sail. When it really gets honkin’ (>20 mph+) reefing the sail to reduce the area and lower the center of effort (C.E.) is also needed for lightweight youth/seniors and the faint-hearted. Reefing on-shore is, of course, no problemski; but when the 10 MPH morning air later builds to 20+ (Sayville NA’s), reefing on-the-water via “dropping trou” can be real SPORTIE!

Fortunately, innovative Class sailors have developed an easy way to reef on-the-water without the inconvenience of dropping the rig. As shown in the accompanying flicks, a long (~25’ with a 2:1 purchase) uphaul line is led from the sail head down (inside sail ties) thru a tack fairlead to a Clam Cleat on the boom. With this rig reefing can be easily accomplished by un-cleating this line and hauling down on a replacement tack line attached to the Cunningham grommet. With this #1 reef arrangement, the sail luff can be lowered a modest ~9” reducing sail area by ~6% while still exposing the full window. Should still more de-powering be needed, a #2 reef can be rigged (total ~12% reduction) by using the grommet above the Cunningham grommet and hauling down ‘til only ~4-5” of the window remains.

Of course, one or two luff attachment lines/clips must be removed above the halyard attachment knot to facilitate lowering of the sail. When the wind abates, these reefs can be easily shaken out by reversing this procedure. For extreme conditions and super lightweights a combo of these rigs (Jens/reef/Odie) may be warranted. The versatility of the Sunfish lateen rig makes it easy for lightweights to enjoy the thrill of heavy-air sailing.

If you have additional de-powering schemes, please share with the Class via the Leg.
**Sunfish Michigan Open Championship ... by Gail Turluck**

June 4, 2017 – Richland, Michigan—Fourteen sailors gathered for the 2017 Sunfish Michigan Open Championship held on Gull Lake, Michigan, through the courtesy of the Gull Lake Yacht Club, out of Sail Away, Jim Richter’s residence on the lake. A great Sunfish sailing site, with a long beach and lots of room, it was the last regatta to be sailed there, as the home is being sold.

In spite of a threatening weather forecast all week, Saturday proved to be partly sunny, 84 degrees, with southwest winds of 2-6 miles per hour. There was an hour and a half postponement while the fleet waited for the wind to build. Three races were sailed. The first race suffered a bit from very light air, and after the lead boat was half way down the leeward leg there was a 180 degree windshift. It didn’t change many positions but it did make finishing the race more of a challenge, so much so that two boats missed the finishing time limit. The wind built slightly for the next two races, the last of which finished at 5pm. Due to the late hour, the planned fourth race was abandoned for the day.

Overnight the threatening weather moved through, much to the relief of the sailors. Sunday morning was scheduled for a 0900 race start, which held. The 4th race was sailed in light winds of 4-7, still southwest. The 5th race was started in southwest winds of 4-7 that had a few puffs of 10. Near the end of the race the wind shifted more to the west. The first 5 races were Windward-Leeward courses, all the the first, twice around. The course was re-set for the 6th and final race. The wind was West-Northwest, 6-11, with a couple of puffs of 15. Skies were partly sunny again, and temperatures warmed to near 80.

Returning to the Class with a Sunfish he acquired early in the week, after more than 45 years in other boats, was Mark Kastel. The finishes do not necessarily reflect how tight the racing was; overlaps at mark roundings were common, order changing leg-by-leg was routine, and toot-toot-toot signals by the Race Committee finishing overlapped boats in bunches was common. It was close, fun sailing! When there are two ties and five boats involved in those ties in spite of a throw out, you know it was tight.

Racers enjoyed meatloaf sandwiches, with sides and fruit on Saturday, grilled chicken sandwiches with sides and fruit on Sunday, post race snacks and libations, and a nice cookout style dinner at the club Saturday. Consistency was key for the eventual champion. Skill transferred from years of Laser sailing in light air put Mark Kastel on top. The 2018 Michigan Open Championship will be contested out of the club facility.

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**In Memory of Daniel Turluck**

Husband to Gail Turluck

The Sunfish Class members extend their deepest sympathy to Gail Turluck upon the passing of her beloved husband on June 26, 2017 after his courageous battle against pancreatic cancer.

Gail has been part of our Sunfish family for many years, and we share her loss.

Our hearts are with Gail and her family.

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As the starting whistle sounded for the 10th and final race of the 2017 New England Regional Championship at Lake Wequaquet (MA), a buzz ran through the 29-boat fleet: Dan Hesse, who had taken control of the regatta, was called over early.

It took what had to have been more than a minute for him to extract himself from the fleet, round the end of the line and get back moving upwind. He rounded the windward mark deep. Mid 20s-deep. He had a 5-point lead over Bill Brangiforte going into that race and Brangiforte was in his familiar spot near the front of the fleet. Hesse passed a handful of boats on the broad reaches then hit the right side of the course upwind. He ground up another half dozen boats on that leg and several more on the beat downwind.

He clawed his way all the way back to 5th at the end, to hold off Brangiforte to win a competitive and fun weekend.

Simon Bertacci was 3rd, Amanda Callahan finished 4th and Matt Duggan was 5th.

Conditions were fantastic: Saturday saw a stiff North-Northeasterly that started out relatively light before building into the high teens and 20s (knots). Sunday saw similar conditions, with a steady northerly.

Wendy Johnson, Donna Killoran and the whole crew at Wequaquet Lake Yacht Club continued to raise the bar on running a great regatta (shrimp cocktail in the bar after racing on Saturday!). As always, it was great to see the fleet of youth sailors competing in their own Sunfish regatta.

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**2017 New England Sunfish Regional**  
**Lake Wequaquet**  
**July 29-30, 2017**

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3 | 4350 | Simon Bertacci | 10-16*-5-2-8-3-7-2-6 | 44
4 | 80876 | Amanda Callahan | 3-8-18*-6-7-2-11-3-6-2 | 48
5 | 70269 | Matt Duggan | 1-23*-6-3-1-3-1-3-7 | 51
6 | 55900 | Alan Beckwith | 16*-3-4-2-12-6-5-4-11 | 51
7 | 4355 | Will Kresic | 5-11-3-11-4-5-5-19*-12-4 | 60
8 | 40725 | John Fonseca | 7-6-7-5-13*-10-8-8-11 | 63
9 | 54311 | Scott Greenbaum | 9-4-3-15*-9-4-9-10-13 | 77
10 | 40728 | Andy David | 2-2-12-2-9-13-4*-10-13-8 | 81
11 | 58984 | Eric Woodman | 8-7-15-22*-12-7-15-4-10 | 95
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16 | 29629 | Les Johnson | 12-18-22*-17-20-11-12-8-22 | 142
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19 | 1962 | Jack Campa | 22-13-14-16-22-19-20-11-4-23* | 151
20 | 89034 | Lyndsay Stockwell | 17-20-21-19-24*-16-12-20-14 | 159
21 | 3868 | Drea Staniar | 6-19-16-18-DNS*-DNS-17-DNS-15-20 | 171
22 | 124 | Mira Char | 23-25*-19-21-18-25-17-16-19 | 176
23 | 80972 | Maggie Borden | 26-26-DNS*-23-17-20-22-21-21-17 | 193
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27 | 9102 | Rapid Buttner | 24-24-DNS*-DNS-DNS-23-DNS-DNS | 245
28 | 885 | Joe Callahan | DNS-29-28-DNS-DNS-DNS-27-25-26-26-DNS | 255
29 | 813 | Jonathan Lee | 28-28-DNS*-DNS-DNS-DNS-DNS-DNS |

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**Barrington Yacht Club**  
**June 10-11, 2017**

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47th Annual World’s Longest Sunfish Race Around Shelter Island, NY

As told by 2017 Winner, 62-year-old Jim Koehler, to Reporter Joe Sullivan.....

Like life, the Around Shelter Island Race this year had its challenges. Traffic and other logistical problems caused me to be three-minutes late for the Start. I was discouraged but part of the event is the love of doing it, and sailing with approximately 30 other boats around Shelter Island is a thrill. Fortunately, long-time Southold Yacht Club member, Peter Young, helped me get to the Starting Line and encouraged me by saying, “Jim, it’s a long race. You have plenty of time to catch up!” So, off I went.

The outgoing tide was favorable and we had a trailing wind of about 6-mph. The Race Committee chose a counter-clockwise direction and I could see the other boats about 300 yards ahead of me. I sailed up the middle left past Paradise Point. With the ebb tide, this paid off and I picked up four boats. By the time I got to the South Ferry, I had pulled even with several boats, which had stayed out in the channel. The breeze picked up to approximately 10-mph as we headed on a broad-reach, still on starboard tack, toward Mashomack Point.

As I gybed at Mashomack, I was in sixth place not far behind last year’s winner and New York Regional Rep Lee Montes, and Rob Eberle, who hosts the Around Harker’s Island Race in North Carolina, and was sailing around Shelter Island for the first time.

This is when I made my move to the outside. The breeze had freshened and favored all the sailors close to the Island. This had merit as the angle of the breeze wasn’t blocked that much by the island, and it was flat, fast water. However, I felt strongly that I needed to be in the outgoing current so I favored sailing offshore.

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The outgoing tide was favorable and we had a trailing wind of about 6-mph. The Race Committee chose a counter-clockwise direction and I could see the other boats about 300 yards ahead of me. I sailed up the middle left past Paradise Point. With the ebb tide, this paid off and I picked up four boats. By the time I got to the South Ferry, I had pulled even with several boats, which had stayed out in the channel. The breeze picked up to approximately 10-mph as we headed on a broad-reach, still on starboard tack, toward Mashomack Point.

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That’s when I knew that I had won “The RACE!” The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away so I just kept sailing.

The big side note with this is that my left hip had been injured during the post-Sandy reconstruction at the Dinghy Shop. Recently, I had Stem Cell therapy done and it has enabled me to keep doing what I love best.... Sailing my Sunfish!

I have competed in this event several times and have had moments when I thought “UGGHH!” But, it’s a long race and anything can happen. This was my time to have everything fall into place.

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The first finisher from the host Southold Yacht Club was 53 year-old Jeff Anderson, who incidentally capsized his boat off Hay Beach Point when the wind lessened and he attempted to hitch up his pants. Cat-like, he righted his craft in a matter of seconds and passed some more boats on the beat to the finish to place Fifth overall.

In addition to the ferries, the one to two-foot waves, adverse current and 12-15 mph headwind during the beat back to Southold Bay, other distractions included four or five what I would call “Parachute sailboats” on foils, which traveled across the waves three-four times the speed of a Sunfish, plus a fleet of 12 Herreshoff 12 1/2’s rounding their gybing mark, which was situated in the middle of our windward leg. Amazingly, all in both fleets abided by the Racing Rules of Sailing and there were no incidents.

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### Around the Island (cont’d)

**Three perpetual plaques, which remain at Southold Y.C. were presented, as follows:**

**WBAZ, 101.7 FM PLAQUE: Winner - Jim Koehler**

**PEGGY ANDERSON WAGNER MEMORIAL PLAQUE: First Woman - Kathryn Campbell**

**HEINL-LYMAN OCTOGENARIAN AWARD: First Master (50+) and Oldest Participant – Jim Koehler (62) & Dick Heinl (92)**

By winning in three hours & 54 minutes, Jim Koehler becomes one of only seven sailors to win "The RACE" in "Under 4 Hours." Two sailors have done it twice so Jim Koehler’s time is the eighth best winning time in the 47-year history of the event.
2017 Camptown Races -- Hueston Sailing Association

July 9, 2017 -- It was billed as something of a showdown between three of Hueston Sailing Association's best Sunfish sailors. The Young Gun vs. the Ex-Collegiate vs. the Perennial Champ. The Young Gun is Kevin DeArmon - the one who ran away with June's Founder's Day Sunfish Regatta and followed that with some nifty skippering in his dad's Y-Flyer the next weekend.

The Ex-Collegiate one (Miami University' sailing team) is Laura Beebe, last year's Sunfish Series champ who sails in the 2014 All World Blue and Gold boat that sends shivers of dread through her competitors' hearts. The Perennial Champ is none other than Bill Molleran - he whose name appears so much on HSA's OktoberFast Sunfish Regatta traveling trophy. The only year he didn’t win it, he wasn’t entered.

When all the July 8th Camptown Races Sunfish Regatta points had been tallied, Kevin the Young Gun had faltered, the victim of a 12th place finish in a disastrous race 2. The Perennial Champ Molleran won two of the four races but a sixth place in race 2 left him just one point ahead of the collegian after 3 of 4 races. He had to beat her in the last race to win it all.

And he was in great position to do just that going into the final leg to the finish after leading the whole way. With Roger Henthorn, Megan DeArmon and Beebe on both of his hips, Molleran succumbed to a wind shift that favored Beebe. She crossed just ahead of him. He fended off Henthorn and DeArmon by a literal bow nose but the damage had been done.

His 2nd place to Beebe dropped him into a tie for first. The first tiebreaker was indecisive since he and Beebe had taken two bullets apiece. It fell to the second tiebreaker, who beat who in the last race, and Beebe was Camptown Sunfish Champion.

(Hueston Sailing Association is near Oxford, Ohio and will host the 2017 Midwest Regional Championship #2 at the end of September)

Don Van Vechten Memorial Regatta
Rochester Canoe Club
June 24, 2017

The Rochester Canoe Club (RCC) in Rochester, New York, is an informal family sailing club that is interested in promoting one-design sailboat sailing and racing. The Canoe Club is very family oriented with members of all ages. Contrary to popular belief, the Canoe Club does not have any canoes. The name, however, has historical significance, so the name of the club has been kept.

The most common interest down at the club is One-design sailboat racing, on Irondequoit Bay and Lake Ontario. We have many members who are not active racers however, and just sail on the bay. At the club, we have 4 different types of boats, that are all competitive for all levels of sailors. If you don’t know how to sail, we offer a learn to sail program for people of all ages to learn how to sail.

The Rochester Canoe Club is located on the western shore of Irondequoit Bay which is connected to Lake Ontario just east of Rochester, New York. We have a beautiful property and good sailing facilities.