Eduardo Cordero Wins His 4th Worlds!

Hurricane Lenny is Spoiler

Eduardo Cordero overcame the most bizarre conditions ever at a World's to win an unprecedented fourth championship. Hurricane Lenny formed in the western Caribbean and moved east as the sailors arrived in Puerto Rico. The island was in the projected path of the Category 3 hurricane for the first three days of the regatta. In Ponce, effects were limited to some blustery winds Tuesday night. Lenny's damage to the regatta consisted of wiping out the trade winds and inundating the sailors with huge shifts between periods of glassy calm.

The best conditions occurred Monday when two races were completed in constant, but highly variable wind. The first race was a rout by the South Americans as they took six of the first seven places. They were led by el padrón Cordero, and followed by Andreas Flebbe and Pedro de los Rios, all Venezuelans. Sebastian Figuera won the second race but the locals were abuzz over the performance of Ponce's own Jorge Santiago. At the end of the day, Jorge was leading the regatta by two points over Eduardo Gonzales of Venezuela.

Tuesday morning all eyes were nervously locked on the weather channel as Lenny showed signs of strengthening and was forecast to move into the Ponce area. At that time there was barely any wind but the sailors headed out to the course since they needed five races to complete the regatta. The prospects did not look good for the next couple of days.

Eventually the wind filled in enough to get a race off but did not last long. A period of calm took over and the boats drifted west in a strong current. Zephyrs filled in from random directions as the sailors struggled to keep moving in the right direction. Cordero pulled off his second bullet. Santiago was eighth, putting him in the lead by seven points.

The weather bureau predicted the hurricane to strike Ponce early the next morning. The Sunfish were sent ashore where they were packed up and moved inland to a warehouse. Boats in the harbor were lifted out with travel lifts and placed on blocks in the parking lot with assembly line precision. Everyone scrambled for a place to hunker down in preparation for what was predicted to be a very ugly night.

Wednesday morning dawned with a light rain and no wind. Lenny continued to confound the experts as he trekked relentlessly eastward showing no inclination to make any turn to the north. Ponce luckily was unscathed. The sailors and club members brought the Sunfish out, put the RC boats back in the water, and were ready to go again Thursday.

A light easterly provided enough wind to start the fourth race. Three quarters of the way up the first beat, a southeasterly filled and launched the boats on the right. Another Ponceño, Efrain Lugo, came out on top of the bunch but Santiago was buried. That left Cordero ten points ahead of Andreas Flebbe. Fickle wind precluded any more races Thursday.

On Friday, one race was necessary for a regatta and two for a throw out. Conditions looked good early, as a moderate northerly filled across the course. The first beat was sailed in the best wind of the regatta. Halfway down the first run it began to die. On the second beat, the leading boats chasing breeze showing on the left were hammered by a righty that came out of nowhere. Somehow Cordero managed to extricate himself from trap that snared most of the leaders. He won his third race of the series and clinched a much deserved championship.

Consistency was key. Eduardo averaged 8 points per race and second place Andreas Flebbe averaged 11. Former World and North American Champions often found themselves deep in the fleet at the finish line. In spite of all the trials and tribulations, the cream rose to the top.

The people at the Ponce Yacht and Fishing Club and Thornton from Vanguard deserve highest praise for an excellent job. As much as the weather conspired against them, they made sure the races were run, everyone had a good time, and arrived home safely. Charlie Clifton
The World Champs!

Innovative Ways to Get A Sunfish to the "Hurricane Shelter"

John Blanton and Sioghan MacColgan "roll" their boats to the warehouse!

Patrick and dad, Joe Wilson will take notes on the way.

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World's Beachside . . . by Cindy Clifton

Hurricane Lenny did nothing to dampen the spirits of World participants, but it made for very frustrated organizers of the 29th World's Sunfish Championship. Years of planning were dashed as "wrong way Lenny" made his presence known in the Caribbean, with waves crashing from the west onto the southern islands and moving east across the Caribbean towards the Virgin Islands and Antigua. Racers and families spent much time in front of the big screen TV at Ponce YC watching for weather updates.

The activities began Sunday with an impressive presentation by the Ponce City Band followed by welcoming speeches by local dignitaries and race officials. A terrific hors d'oeuvres banquet followed and everyone began to call "our" Don Q girls by name. Don Q, Finlandia Vodka and Coors Light were sponsors and were ever present during our stay in Ponce.

Then came Lenny. For more than 24 hours we were in the middle of the projected path for the Category 2 Hurricane. However, it never came close enough to the Southwestern coast of Puerto Rico to cause any major problems. It just made for an unbelievable amount of work for RC and yacht club members who "battened down the hatches" and hoisted boats out of the water. The sunfish were "dollied" to a warehouse Tuesday night, still rigged, and many of the participants were moved to hotels on higher ground for the evening. A few hours of shopping in Ponce's Walmart produced items like flashlights, styrofoam coolers, and drinks of all kinds.

A hurricane party ensued at the Hilton & Holiday Inns, with card playing, weather monitoring and bun darts being the main activities. An episode of Match Game, featuring a few "bachelors" hiding behind a curtain and answering questions from Liza Clinton caused some hysterics, with Donny Martinborough being the "winner". Folks at the Hilton really battened down with storm doors being put in place and all activity ceasing in the Casino. Wednesday came in a little breezy, with seas a bit rough. For many it was the day to sightsee which we did on the Western coast. "Four wheeling" in our two wheeled rental took us to the abandoned lighthouse at Cabo Rojo where we were high enough for a beautiful view of several bays and the Caribbean. It is unlawful in PR to sell alcohol during national emergencies but a few friendly merchants were found for those interested in a brewski. Lunch in picturesque Boqueron was delicious and we got back in time to head out for an evening at the Hilton, where most of us managed to lose all of our extra cash in the casino.

Sunfish were dollied back and some of the RC boats went back in the water on Thursday and the racers were ready for another race.

Thursday night's activity was a wild school bus ride to a disco for dinner and another wild bus ride to a ferry boat to see Phosphorescent Bay. The water had been stirred up by the storm and the phosphorescence was minimal but the boat ride was beautiful with a full moon lighting up Puerto Rico's magnificent coastline.

Friday's activities included a few hours spent in old Ponce, sampling the local water holes and generally carousing. The Ponce YC on Saturday was decorated beautifully for the Awards Banquet, with the Don Q girls and Youth Violinists entertaining the sailors before the awards and dinner.

Jaime Purcell, Freddie Sambolin and their crew of hundreds ran a terrific regatta despite the hurricane preparations. They are to be commended heartily for their great hospitality. All through Puerto Rico we were greeted with warmth and friendliness and hope to return soon. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this regatta a success!!
### World Championship Results

1. Eduardo Cordero, Venezuela  
2. Andreas Flebbe, Venezuela  
3. Paul Jon Patin, USA  
4. Solmar Bermudez, Colombia  
5. Oscar Johansen, Canada  
6. Malcolm Smith, Bermuda  
7. Peter Stanton, USVI  
8. D. Fernandez, Puerto Rico  
9. Jonne Weiler, USA  
10. Camilo Salcedo, Colombia  
11. Don Bergman, USA  
12. Vincenzo Scagliali, Italy  
13. Sebastian Filip, Colombia  
14. Bill Brangfors, USA  
15. Pedro De Los Rios, Venezuela  
16. Eduardo Gonzalez, Venezuela  
17. Leo Perez, Puerto Rico  
18. Hector Vidal, Venezuela  
19. Charlie Clifton, USA  
20. Todd Edwards, USA  
21. Augusto Vidales, Colombia  
22. Kathy Remmer, USA  
23. Rich Chapman, USA  
24. Efrain Lugo, Puerto Rico  
25. Alejandro Berrios, Puerto Rico  
27. Carlos Abesamis, Colombia  
28. Ash Beattie, USA  
29. Cor Van Aalten, Curacao  
30. Steve Dickinson, Bermuda  
31. Jorge Santiago, Puerto Rico  
32. Ken Mockridge, USA  
33. Samuel Navarro, Colombia  
35. Roy Shaw, USA  
36. Jim Koehler, USA  
37. John Swan, USA  
38. Jeff Pilster, USA  
39. Hank Saurage, USA  
40. Anne Bucella, USA  
41. Donnie Martinborough, Bah.  
42. Chris Stanton, USA  
43. David Connolly, USA  
44. Brian Weeks, USA  
45. Dan Feldman, USA  
46. Dick Timman, USA  
47. Patrick Wilson, USA  
48. Michael Serralles, Puerto Rico  
49. Eliza Clinton, USA  
50. Steve Stanton, USVI  
51. David Van Cleef, USA  
52. Philip Searns, USA  
53. Ricardo Fontanet, Puerto Rico  
54. Nick Ford, USVI  
55. Freddie Sambolin, Puerto Rico  
56. Manuel Torres, Puerto Rico  
57. Sioghan MacColgain, Ireland  
58. Manuel Aviles, Puerto Rico  
59. Carlos Martinez, Puerto Rico  
60. Mike Oriti, Puerto Rico  
61. David Tomkins, USA  
62. Nestor Parra, Colombia  
63. S. Stapert, Bonaire  
64. Win Van Der Giebank, Canada  
65. Bill Betts, USA  
66. Paul Cusin, USA  
67. Gail Turluck, USA  
68. Tiffany Baranowsky, USVI  
69. James Murphy, USA  
70. Rod Koch, USA  
71. Francisco Bonnet, Puerto Rico  
72. Malcolm Jordon, USA  
73. Athos Castro, Puerto Rico  
74. D. Vassard, Martinique  
75. Alex Roose, Curacao  
76. Vic Manning, USA  
77. Yin Luna, Puerto Rico  
78. Karen Sanderling, USA  
79. B. Krause, Bonaire  
80. L. Alain, Martinique  
81. B. De Lavall, Martinique  
82. Phil Spleeters, USA  
83. D. Van Der Giebank, Curacao  
84. Pedro Quintero, Puerto Rico  
85. William McClain  
86. Rebel Bouvan, USVI  
87. R. De Luca, Italy  
88. Jean Bergman, USA  
89. Devon Bouvan, USVI  
90. Courtney Young, USA  
91. A. Martinez, Bonaire  
92. Larry Malanga, USVI  
93. Joel Furman, USA  
94. John Branton, USA  
95. Jaime Purell, Puerto Rico  
96. V. Van Der Geiss, Aruba  
97. M. Arora, Aruba  
98. Kevin Reynolds, USA  
99. C. De Lavall, Martinique  
100. F. Sisansio, Bonaire  
101. Jacki/Davide/Joanne Van Zuylen, Curacao  
102. Tim Pitts, USVI  
103. G. Dufend, Martinique

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**1999**

**WORLD CHAMPION**  
Eduardo Cordero  
Venezuela  

**SECOND PLACE**  
Andreas Flebbe  
Venezuela  

**THIRD PLACE**  
Paul Jon Patin  
USA  

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### Right, Hank Saurage and Rod Koch enjoy a moment in the PYC pool.

All photos CC
The Women’s Sunfish North Americans were held May 8-9, 1999 at Bay-Waveland YC in Bay St. Louis, MS. Saturday was sunny and warm with SE winds 12-18. Sunday was sunny and warm with SE winds 6-10. Six races were sailed with one throwout over mixed courses: WL, Gold Cup and Olympic. Five former champions participated. Nancy Haberland dominated, going away.

1. Nancy Haberland 7
2. Joanne Weberlein, 14
3. Gail Heausler, 19
4. Leslie Weatherly, 19
5. Lee Parks 20
6. Micki Gramm 25
7. Anne Patin 34
8. Mindy Katz 36
9. Constance Miller 51
10. Linda Tillman 53
11. Miles Bailey 55
12. Trin Ollinger 56
13. Melissa Warren 58
14. Gail Turluck 59
15. Patricia Manning 65
16. Courtney Hazlett 73
17. Sara Wilkinson 78
18. Amanda Palmer 82
19. Skeeter Chilton 84
20. Pam Brierre 97
21. Pam Brierre 97
22. LeeAnn Kaigler 108

Top Five from left are: Lee Parks, 5th, Leslie Weatherly, 4th, Gail Heausler, 3rd, Joanne Weberlein, 2nd and Nancy Haberland 1st.

See Notice of Race for the 2000 Women’s Champs on page 17.

Putting Stuff in the Leg...
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Remember that most readers like to see hometown and per race results as well as a synopsis of the race conditions or antidotes about the regatta. Pictures are great to add to the story, please include the photographer’s name so he or she may be credited. If you put the results on the listserv they may not reach my attention so please send them to me as well so I know you want them to be included in the Leg. If you email your information, it really helps me to have a print out of your story, in case the information gets lost in cyberspace. Thanks for all the great news and results! CC

Call Jeff Linton for more info or the latest speed tips!
US Masters
Rod Koch - Master Sailor
Hosted by Lewes YC in Lewes, Delaware, this regatta used an alternative scoring system. Competitors had points added to their score for each race depending on their age.

40-49: +3
50-59: +2
60-69: +1
70+: no points were added.

Five of the six races scheduled were completed. There were no throw outs. Current was a factor in every race.

The I Flag (Around-the-ends) was used for every start due to current and breeze filled in from all directions.

Two general recalls.

Windward Leeward twice around.

Fifth Race: Breeze 12 and shifty.

Fourth Race: Breeze 15 and shifty.

Third Race: Breeze 15 and building.

Second Race: Breeze 12 and building.

First Race: Gold Cup shortened to Triangle-Windward. Drifter where the breeze filled in from all directions.

Two general recalls.

Windward Leeward twice around.

Lighten up closer to shore.

Fourth Race: Breeze 15 and shifty.

Windward Leeward twice around.

Fifth Race: Breeze 12 and shifty.

Olympic. Everyone finished within an 8 minute window.

2000 US Sunfish Masters Host: Bay-Waveland Yacht Club, Bay St. Louis, MS.

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Upcoming Regattas...

Int. Masters · Sarasota Sailing Squadron, March 10-12, 2000
Midwinters · Fort Walton Beach, FL, March 16-19, 2000
North Am. Women’s Champs, Austin, TX May 5-7, 2000
US Masters · Bay-Waveland YC, Bay St. Louis MS, Date TBA

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Is it possible that Rod Koch does not really think he is a Master?

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Windward Leg · Fall/Winter 1999-2000
Welcome to the Next Century of Sunfish sailing. This year's schedule is already well into the planning phase and one area the Class has been working on, is to insure strong leadership for the Class. To help accomplish this task we have talked about voting by mail for election of officers, updating the by-laws to allow for wider response and providing written job descriptions to define the tasks to be accomplished. In the next issue of the Windward Leg there will be a slate of those interested in being a Class Officer and a mail-in ballot will be available for your selection of next year's Class Officers and Regional Representatives. In this issue the Nomination Committee has outlined those positions available to be elected in June. If you would like to be considered for one of these positions, submit a written request to Tom Katterheinrich who will put together a slate of nominees for election. Your mail-in ballot must be postmarked two weeks prior to the North Americans and sent to the Class Secretary, Betsy Schmidt for counting prior to the NA's. However, if you attend the NA's your mail-in vote will be pulled and you can vote at the annual meeting. If you are interested in a position and are unsure of the requirements for that position, contact me and I will give you a job description to review. If you have other items of concern or issues you feel the Class should consider, please send a written response to me.

With the Mid-Winters, International Masters' and Women's North Americans coming up in just a couple of months, now is the time schedule your travel and go to these events. All three are absolutely great opportunities to sail in a large fleet and race with some of the best people in the world. If you have not attended a Worlds or North Americans event then try the Mid-Winters in March, where you will get the same type racing, the same level of competition plus a fleet of 100 boats and a chance to meet and talk with the champions you read about.

As you plan your season of sailing, don't forget that now is the time to get involved with your club's junior program where you will have the chance to influence our next generation of sailors and show them the fun we are having in Sunfish. I encourage each of you to see how many juniors you can get involved in a Sunfish, get them to join the Class and attend this year's Junior North Americans in June. While planning your fleet events add some fleet building activities to encourage new membership, both in your fleet and in the class. Help educated fleet members on how to make the boat go fast by having training sessions, both in the classroom and on the water. Encourage fleet members to travel to other regattas so they can see how different conditions affects their sailing, plus giving them an opportunity to test their skill against other sailors. Advertise your local sailing events with boat dealers and marine stores to develop community interest and show people interested in sailing a Sunfish an opportunity to sail with the fleet for a day. Talk to skippers in other fleets at your clubs and show them how easy it is to get a crew, then challenge them to beat the fleet.

I look forward to seeing each of you this year at local and national regattas so come out and sail your Sunfish, bring a friend and let's have some fun.

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Annual Advisory Council Meeting

November 16, 1999
Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club,
Ponce, Puerto Rico
Advisory Council members present: Paul-Jon Patin (USA), Artie DeVries (Bonaire), Brian Weeks (Chief Measurer), TWJ. Thornton (Builder Representative), Eduardo Cordero (Venezuela), Alex Roose (Curacao), Brian Weeks (Chief Measurer), TWJ. Thornton (Builder Representative), Eduardo Cordero (Venezuela), Alex Roose (Curacao), Andres Santana (Dominican Republic), Eduardo Cordero for Luis Teofilo Ninet (Venezuela). Terry Beadle (ISCA Secretary) attended as a non-participating member.

The Chairman Paul-Jon Patin called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present. The members introduced themselves.

The minutes of the previous meeting as published in the Windward Leg were approved.

Proposed Changes to the Rules:
Brian Weeks explained the idea of adding a small deck eye to the forward portion of the mast for the sole purpose of using it as a fairlead for the hay lard when sailing with the "Jens Hookansen Rig". He mentioned that it's easy for Juniors and also easy to change the Rig on the water. A discussion ensued. It was determined that more input was needed from the various NSCA's. It will be discussed again at a later time when more input is available.

Old Business:
The tiller universal crimp being insufficient to contain the tiller extension was discussed. This has been and continues to be an occasional problem with some tillers. This is a purchased product by Vanguard. Chairman Patin will discuss this with the Builder and report his findings to the Advisory Council members.

Rudder blade problems (splitting, etc.) were discussed. The option of replacing the wooden blade with a "glas" blade was discussed. "Glas" would be at least twice as expensive as wood. Faulty rudder blades should be returned to the dealer or Chairman Patin for replacement.

New Business:
Sail problems were discussed. Sail spec's were sent to Sri Lanka. Unfortunately, a bad lot of sails was produced. Bad sails should be returned to the dealer for replacement. Chairman Patin is willing to assist anyone who is having a sail replacement problem.

Foam blocks breaking loose was discussed. It was noted that the blocks eventually come loose in all Sunfish. Isolated problems should be handled by the dealer. If its not resolved by the dealer, Chairman Patin will intercede on behalf of the Class.

Spar flexibility was discussed. It's felt that the flexing has increased due to the racing sails, non-stretch lines, "Jens" rig, etc. No action was taken on this item.

It was mentioned that it's important to keep the boat and equipment prices to a minimum. Generally, it's felt that the boat and equipment quality is good based on the current price. It was also noted that some compromises must be accepted based on keeping the price to a minimum.

Notice of Race:
It was mentioned that when there are 100 boats starting at one time, the first leg should be at least a mile long so that the rounding of the first mark is not cluttered with boats. In a 50 boat fleet, the first leg should be at least three quarters of a mile long. Chairman Patin will address this at the World Council meeting.

Summary of Advisory Council Report:
Chairman Patin will prepare the Summary of the Advisory Council Report for the World Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,
Terry A. Beadle
ISCA Secretary
World Council Meeting

WORLD COUNCIL MEETING
November 19, 1999
Ponce Yacht & Fishing Club
Ponce, Puerto Rico

World Council members present: Jean Bergman (President), Andres Sastre (Vice President), Terry Beadle (Secretary), Paul-Jon Patin (Advisory Council Rep.), Artie DeVries for Leonel Martijn (Advisory Council Rep.), Vic Manning (USA), Eduardo Cordero for Luis Teofilo Nunez (Vin), Brian Weeks (Chief Measure), Artie DeVries for Leonel Martijn (Bonaire), Jaime L. Purcell (PR), T.W.J. Thornton (Builder), Malcolm Smith for James Stewart (Ber), Nestor Parra (Col), Andres Santana for Hector Duval (DR), George Dufel for Dr. Henri Pied (Martinique), Donnie Martinborough (Bah.), Artie DeVries for Leonel Martijn (Bonaire), Anne MacColgain (Ireland) were elected as members. Additional chapters are being written. The initial manual is to be completed by the next Worlds. Many people are expected to contribute to the manual.

Old Business: No motion was made to change the annual dues. Various methods of paying membership dues were discussed.

President Jean Bergman called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present. Each NSCA with at least 20 members was entitled to one vote. Additionally, the USA with 1509 members was entitled to an additional 3 votes, making their total 4 votes.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the Windward Leg.

President’s Report: Pres. Bergman noted that the Class is growing and it is very exciting. We have 15 member countries represented. We finished 1998 with a small net income, the first in many years.

The World Championship in 2000 will be in Bonaire. There will be 100 boats and it will be held December 2-9, 2000. We believe the 2001 Worlds will be held in Sicily. The venue and dates have yet to be chosen. We do not have a bid for 2002 yet. Martinique has indicated that they would like to host the 2003 Worlds because it’s the 30th anniversary of the last time they had the World. They have offered to hold the 2002 Worlds if we don’t find another bid for 2002.

We need desperately to get email addresses. It is the most effective way for us to talk to each other. If you don’t have an email address, please give us an email address of someone in your area who we can communicate through. The Internet is growing and there is both a Sunfish Web Page and a Sunfish Forum known as the Listserv. The Web Page and the Windward Leg describe how to join the Listserv. The Web Page is available to all and its address is on your membership card.

Pres. Bergman also stressed the need of the NSCA’s to get their membership dues in by a certain date. This will be addressed again later in the meeting.

Vice Presidents Report: VP Santana indicated that it has been a very active year. He attended the South American Sunfish Championship in Columbia. It was a real success. Argentina, Venezuela, Peru, Columbia, Ecuador, Curacao, Dominican Republic and Cuba attended. This was the first time for Argentina. Cuba needs a lot of support from us. They need equipment to help develop the Sunfish Class in their country. The next South American Championship will be in Peru the first week in February at the Club De Las Regatas Lima. It’s a large club with 15,000 members. They have a large Sunfish fleet of 250 boats. They have 15-18 knot winds in the summer.

A meeting was held in Columbia to constitute a new organization called the South American and Caribbean Sunfish Class Organization. Its purpose is to help develop the Class in that area. There is much work to do. The goal is to have a regional championship like the North Americans.

Peru had 10 participants in the South Americans. They’re not participating here because they are having problems in their country. We may see them next year.

Regarding the CAC games last year, it was important to have the Sunfish in the CAC Games for the first time and also in the Pan Am’s. The Dominican Republic will host the next Pan Am Games in the summer of 2003. There is much work to do to be sure the Sunfish Class stays in the Pan American Games.

1) (VP Santana) visited Lydia and her family in Palermo, Sicily, Italy. Cafalu, one of the proposed sites for the World’s is, beautiful, has plenty of good hotels and it has good winds.

I also visited Greta in Holland. We discussed developing the Class in Europe. Holland is buying new boats to renew their fleet. The Irish will also buy boats from the Bonaire Worlds. The Sunfish Class activity in Europe will increase in the next 2-3 years.

Regional championships are developing in South America, the Caribbean and now Europe. The Class is growing internationally and the future looks very good.

I also visited Puerto Rico to answer questions about running a World’s.

Treasurers Report: Secretary Beadle read the Treasurer’s report in the absence of the Treasurer. The report accepted as read.

A motion was passed to have the Treasurers report accepted as read.


A motion was made and amended to give the Advisory Council a directive to investigate a high density injection molded rudder and a fiberglass rudder that would be in the same shape of the current rudder. The motion was seconded. A lengthy discussion ensued. The amended motion was passed.

Membership Committee Report: Secretary Beadle read the report in the absence of the Chairperson Furman. This year’s membership is 1,868 made up of 16 NSCA’s from Aruba (27), Bonaire (21), Bermuda (20), Bonaire (24), Canada (21), Columbia (20), Curacao (32), Dominican Republic (24), Martinique (20), Ireland (20), Italy (20), Peru (20), Puerto Rico (39), United States (1509), U.S. Virgin Islands (30), and Venezuela (21).

ISAF Committee Report: President Bergman read the report in the absence of Chairperson Parks (see attached report).

NSCA Reports:

Artie Devries reported for Bonaire. We are busy working on the Worlds. He also mentioned that they need the Worlds Manual. The Worlds host hotel is on the water where the boats will be beached.

Eduardo Cordero reported for Venezuela. Luis Nunez is moving to Florida and I am in charge of the Class in Venezuela. Teresa Lara, President of the Sailing Federation in Venezuela, was named President of the Pan American Federation. She wants ISCA to promote Sunfish sailing in the Miami Olympic Regatta. She also wants ISCA to help the Pan American Sailing Federation Committee to promote putting the Sunfish in the Miami Olympic Regatta.

Donnie Martinborough reported for the Bahamas. There are now 10 boats in Abaco. Nothing is happening in Nassau in any sailing class. They are trying to get something going.

Vic Manning reported for the USA. The Class grew this past year. However, Juniors are growing slowly. We need more intensity in the Junior fleets. Next year there will be many events in the South. We are writing many articles for the Leg. There were discussions at the NA’s and articles were written for the Leg.

Malcolm Smith reported for Bermuda. We haven’t been showing up at the Worlds. Our fleet is inactive. Within the next six months we will get our NSCA active. We’ve got 8-12 boats activated. Our boats are old and beat up, our dealer is not supportive and we haven’t seen any Class growth.

Anne MacColgain reported for Ireland. We are trying to get an active fleet. There is no media continued on page 10
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exposure. We need to get media exposure so that our juniors will see it and get active in the Sunfish.

Georges Dufeal reported for Martinique. George is the representative for the Sunfish Class in Martinique. He mentioned the Worlds they held in 1973 and considers it a privilege to host the Worlds in 2003, their 30 year anniversary.

Alex Roose reported for Curacao. Our NSCA was using an open class and a restricted class for their regattas. Now we are using Class A and B. Old or new equipment can be used. The non-racing sails are better in heavy air and small waves. We will need to use a qualification series for the Worlds in Bonaire.

Andres Santana reported for the Dominican Republic. After the Worlds in the Dominican Republic, they kept many of the boats. We have a fleet of 85 boats. It took a long time for the club to recover from Hurricane George. Now the Yacht Club is providing service. They will be the host for the next Pan Am’s. The government has a big budget for sailing. We will be receiving two coaches from Cuba that will live with us through the Pan Am’s. They will prepare a program that will be financed by the government to teach sailing for children and teenagers. We will have money to work with Sunfish and many other classes. I believe this will help a lot. Things are looking good for next year.

Antonio Aneri reported for Italy. The main problem in Italy is the lack of boats. We have 20 year old boats. Every time we run races some boats become submarines. We are buying new boats to renew our fleet. We are trying to extend the Sunfish Class up to continental Italy. Right now the main activities of the Sunfish Class are limited to Sicily. We are trying to promote the Class in Italy. Lydia Gaziano and Mario Migneco are working together to organize the Sunfish Worlds in 2001. They are getting commitments from local authorities to have their support for the event. They are willing to have everything in perfect condition for the Sunfish Worlds.

Lydia Gaziano of Italy also addressed the World Council. My dear friends of the World Council, it’s the third time I am present here at the World Sunfish Council. In these years I have got to know the International Sunfish Class and now I know some of its problems and purposes. My love for the Sunfish is not reduced, on the contrary! I hope we, in a short time, will be able to organize the Worlds in Italy and will contribute to bring the two shores of the Atlantic Ocean nearer (America and Europe). With the help of my husband Germano, who is a journalist, of my associates and of my friends, we have already begun to work at this project. 1) We have awakened the people with the articles published in many newspapers and magazines. We have also spoken about the Sunfish boat on Italian television. 2) We are in touch with the politicians (Mayor, Province-Area, Region) of Sicily. 3) We have the support of FIV (Italian Sailing Federation), both National and Sicilian. 4) We have organized a regatta this year in Cefalu which had more participants that the Italian Championship in 1999 (which took place in Bolsena Lake, near Rome in July). 5) We are organizing the purchase of the Sunfish boats and the transport of them to Italy. 6) We have already some sponsors. Of course nothing is perfect in the life and there are also some difficulties. For example, we would be happy if we had already bought the boats, but we have postponed purchasing them. Now, however, we are solving this problem. We have a sponsor who can help us to buy the boats and who can also help us transport them to Italy. We propose to have a large number of boats in Italy. We are also thinking of the possibility of organizing in Italy a European Championship Open in 2000, with hopefully participants from Holland, Ireland, France, Malta and perhaps some other countries. But this project is not yet finalized. Thank you. Some observations. We can make the Italian Sunfish Association more important and well known. Many Italian people today are interested in sailing this boat and we must make this possible. We must relate what the Italian Sunfish Association is doing and what it would like to do. We must speak about the Sunfish through the newspapers and in magazines. Television can help us also. Now we have two towns as candidates, both in Sicily, Cefalu and Messina (Cefalu is in Sicily the second tourist resort after Taormina). However, for me, the most important thing is to have the Worlds in Italy, particularly in Sicily. If the town chosen will be the first or second, it’s not important. I just want it to be successful. In any case, it will be the President of the Italian Sailing Federation to decide to which town the Worlds will be held in. I think Messina is a beautiful town, but it has too many currents in its waters.

Nestor Parra reported for Columbia. We had a busy year this year. We had nationals in different cities. We had people from three or four other cities that had never sailed Sunfish before in really old boats made down there. This year we will have Optimists, Sunfish and Lasers in the Nationals. This is the first time sailing has been included as a national sport. The government will have good money next year for the sport of sailing.

Jaime L. Purcell reported for Puerto Rico. We have 39 members with a 34 boat fleet. It is my belief that membership will grow as well as the number of boats, mainly because we are keeping 50 boats on the island. We sent four sailors to the Mid-Winters, one sailor to the Masters and five sailors to the NA’s. Alejandro Berrios won the top Junior award. We were represented in the Pan Am Games. Locally, we had 14 races during the year with 20-34 people sailing. I cannot complete this report without mentioning the now famous Don Q Rum Runners. Thanks to the sponsorship of Rums of Puerto Rico and Don Q we are able to compete in the US in our own boats. They sponsored boats, travel and a lot of expenses. We now have three boats in the states. Because we have been receiving donations from the World sponsors, some of the boats were given to the Class. We will now have ten more boats so we can keep on promoting the Class. We look forward to a great year 2000.
Meeting, continued

New Business:
Honorary Lifetime Memberships:
No motion was made to grant an honorary lifetime membership in ISCA.

Holding Worlds every other year: This idea was discussed because of the increasing number of regional championships being held. It was felt that we were not ready to start this yet. It was suggested that we talk about this again next year.

No motions were made.

Send one free copy of Windward Leg to all NSCA's: This idea was discussed as a means of promoting the Class. It was suggested that all NSCA's and other organizations should be sent a copy of the Windward Leg. A discussion ensued. This idea will be given to the Membership Chairperson to handle.

Reduce Pan Am wildcards to two countries increasing the qualifying countries to twelve: This suggestion would allow more countries to participate in the Pan Am's. A discussion ensued. The NSCA's need to decide how they want this done.

Promote and support the creation of Regional Sunfish Class Associations: This topic was discussed earlier in the meeting and therefore it was not addressed here.

Rule the dates of Worlds, Pan-Am's, CAC Games and regional events to prevent conflicts and promote participation: A discussion took place and it was agreed that a Council should coordinate the sailing events. No motions were made.

A motion was made to modify Section 7.5.1.1 of the Constitution to add "whose basic membership dues must be paid by May 1 of the membership year". It was seconded and discussed. The motion passed.

Several additional items were discussed:
* What can we do to help NSCA's get their money to the Class Office.
* How do we limit the number of Worlds competitors? This year there were more competitors than boats.
* How should unused World boats be allocated.
* "No Shows" boats should go to the host country.
* How do we promote Junior's and Ladies competition.

World's information must be gotten out very early.

A motion was made to limit all the non-US NSCA's to five entries in the World's based on the basic membership of twenty boats and each additional ten memberships would qualify that NSCA for one additional entry up to a maximum of ten entries. The host country would still get five additional entries. The motion was seconded, discussed and passed.

President Bergman asked the Council to think about how they can help Cuba become a NSCA. A discussion ensued.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry A. Beadle
ISCA Secretary

A Few Words from the Chairman of the Advisory Council, Paul Jon Patin:

First, I would like to thank Terry Beadle who kindly helped assemble the troops for the meeting at the Worlds. (Hurricane Lenny made that no easy task). Second, thanks for his notations for both the World and Advisory Council meetings. I encourage you all to review the minutes Terry took at the 1999 Worlds in Ponce because they are the official record of the class business.

Below, please find a brief overview of some of the subjects confronting the class currently. The Advisory Council resolved to have inquiries channeled through the Chairman. Therefore, if there are any questions, feel free to forward them to me at Email: PJP1717@AOL.COM. Please subject title: Official Sunfish Business.

My focus was to bring to the table all the issues that have been raised over the past year. In terms of manufacturing and upgrade possibilities, sails, spars, hulls and rudders were the topics most frequently brought to my attention by competitors. Here, I might add that the World and Advisory Councils overwhelmingly support the philosophy for the Sunfish Class to remain an "entry level-priced" sailboat with world class stature. In this regard, the relationship we have with our manufacturer is a balance that allows us to conduct our World Championship and maintain the quality of our new boats and to provide a boat with broad-based appeal.

Over the course of the year, I have had numerous conversations with Vanguard representatives regarding a variety of important design and quality-related matters. Vanguard handled all of my suggestions on behalf of the class professionally. Although there have been some isolated problems with equipment, most have been dealt with successfully. I am hopeful that the class and Vanguard will continue their relationship and teamwork to help support the class for many years to come.

You will read below that there are a few proposals in the process. These issues will be taken up with Vanguard in the upcoming year, specifically the possibility of developing a cost-effective, non-wood rudder. That's all for now... so see y'all down south at one of those regattas, way down there. - pjp
Dear Sunfish Friends,

Welcome to Sunfish sailing 2000! A slight lull in sailing at this time of year, at least for those of us in the North. But, come March, we start again in full race mode. There is nothing nicer than heading down to Florida towards the end of February or first of March for the Mid-winters and the International Masters. Any of you who can possibly work these regattas into your busy schedules will not be disappointed. The Notice of Race for these events should be in this "Leg".

A huge thanks again to the Ponce Yacht and Fishing Club for hosting the 1999 World Championships. They did an incredible job under the most difficult conditions possible. I hope Jaime Purcell, Freddie Sambolin, and Dr. Martinez and all his team managed to get a little R and R in over the holidays. They really deserved it. No group of people ever worked harder.

The Spring 2000 Windward Leg will have a ballot for voting on our USSCA officers.

Voting positions this year are:

- President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Regional Representative positions this year are:

- New England
- New York
- Mid-Atlantic
- Southeast
- Florida Peninsula

Voting will be by ballot also at the USSCA class meeting at the Sunfish North Americans Championship.

If you wish to be on the ballot please contact the Nominating Chairman, Tom Katterheinrich at 419-753-2289.

Please be sure to read through the minutes of the World Council meeting as published in the "Leg". It will bring you up to date on what is going on within the Sunfish Class Associations around the world.

Representatives from 15 countries were present, the most participation we have ever had. Thanks to all for their patience, it was a long meeting. But, it shows the level of commitment and concern for the class. We can't do anything without all of you.

South America is holding their National Championship in February in Lima, Peru. Good luck and great sailing to all!

See you in Florida or somewhere else on the Sunfish circuit. Remember, it's all in good fun and good sportsmanship is the key to making it fun for everyone. There is nothing much better than racing Sunfish!

The Treasurer's Report indicates that in the year ending 12/31/98, the ISCA actually had a small net income for the year, the first in many. May this continue.

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NOTICE OF RACE
SUNFISH INTERNATIONAL MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP
FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY - MARCH 10, 11, 12, 2000

HOST AND ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: The Sarasota Sailing Squadron, Sarasota, Florida

RULES: The regatta will be governed by the 1997-2000 Racing Rules of Sailing, the US SAILING prescriptions, The Sunfish Class rules, except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions, and by the Sailing Instructions.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:
Registration is $65.00 if postmarked by February 25. If you are a USSA member the fee is $60.00 (You must show your USSA card at registration for discount) The registration fee after Feb. 25, 2000 is $75.00. Membership in ISCA is required to participate in this world qualifying event (must show card). ISCA membership forms will be available at registration. You must be at least 40 years old to participate in this regatta.

Registration fee includes three days of racing, lunch Saturday, dinner Friday and Saturday nights, continental breakfast at the Squadron Saturday and Sunday mornings, regatta mementos, a few kegs of beer, soda and chances at terrific door prizes!

SCORING: RRS Appendix A2 lowpoint system with Masters’ handicap adopted at 6/24/99 General Membership meeting.
One race will be discarded if six races are sailed, 7 races are scheduled, one will constitute a regatta.

SCHEDULE:
Thursday, March 9 - Welcome keg and hors d'oeuvres - 6 p.m.
Friday, March 10 - Registration 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Skippers' Meeting - 12 noon
1st Race - 1 p.m. Additional races to follow.
Peel & Eat Shrimp & keg at the Squadron - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 11 - Continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at the Squadron.
First race of the day at 11 a.m. Additional races to follow.
Keg and BBQ at the Squadron - 6:30 p.m. Game/Card Party to Follow.
Sunday, March 12 - Continental Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at the Squadron.
First race of the day at 10 a.m. No races will be started after 2 p.m.
Lunch may be purchased at the BBQ Pit. Awards to follow at the Squadron.

Sarasota Bay is a great place to sail and spend some time. Join us for this regatta, and wind your way around Florida until the Midwinters the next weekend in Fort Walton Beach in the Panhandle. Sarasota is 2 hours from Disney World - etc., 1 hour from Tampa-St. Pete., we have beautiful beaches on the Gulf, lots of tourist attractions for non-sailing family members and a club full of friendly sailors! The Sarasota-Bradenton Airport is about 15 minutes from the club.

See next page for housing, boat rental information and directions to the SSS.

Make check payable to the SSS and send with registration form to: Ursula Olson, 4111 Higel Ave. Sarasota, FL 34242. (941) 349-8698.

REGISTRATION FORM 2000 SUNFISH INTERNATIONAL MASTERS

NAME ____________________________________ SAIL # ____________________________
ADDRESS _____________________________________________________________
PHONE # __________________________________ BIRTH DATE: _______________________
REGISTRATION AMOUNT ENCLOSED: __________________ See above for correct amount.
EXTRA DINNERS - SAT. _______ x $15.00 = ____________
TOTAL ENCLOSED: $ __________________________
Staying in Sarasota

There are many motels/hotels in Sarasota, listed are those that have given a discount to sailors. Mention the Sarasota Sailing Squadron to get the discounted price listed by their name.

There is ample camping at the Squadron, for no charge, and hookups for motor homes for a small charge. Please call Pat Murphy, SSS Manager, if you plan on staying in a motor home. (941) 388-2355.

There are also a limited number of host homes available to those of you who would like to stay with a local sailor. Please call Ursula Olson (41) 349-8698 to sign up!

BOAT RENTAL: Please call Doug Fisher of Ullman Sails of Florida for boat rental. A limited number of new and used boats will be available. Make your request early. (941) 951-0189.

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Remember... USSCA Class membership entitles you to race at these World qualifying events:
All Regionals (16 yearly),
Midwinter Championship,
Master's National Championship (age over 40),
North American Championship,
Women's NA Championship
Junior NA Championship (not 18 yrs. old in that year).

The qualifying races in 2000 qualify one for the Worlds scheduled for Messina/Palermon, Italy in 2001.

Please note: there is a possibility that if you have not joined the class by the time a qualifying regatta starts, you jeopardize your finish in that regatta and can not be invited to participate in the worlds as an USSCA sailor. Please join & support the Sunfish Class! ISCA rules state that you must be an ISCA member to compete in Class sanctioned international events including the World Champs(Rule 10.5).

Some Observations on Masters' Scoring by Ray Buchanan

The championship held at the Lewes YC in Delaware in great fashion on Sat-Sun., Oct. 2-3 with 42 boats was run with an experimental handicap based on the skipper's age group.

Age Group Handicap
40's +3 points per race
50's +2 points per race
60's +1 point per race
70+'s no points

In my opinion, it didn't work well in this regatta... in the top ten...
1. All remained in the top ten with or without the handicap.
2. Positions 1-4 and 7 held their position with or without. Positions 5, 6, 8, and 9 were scrambled by the handicap.
3. There were four 40+ year olds, three 50+ year olds, two 60+ year olds and one 70+ year old. Look like age still matters.
4. With no points, I was the only one materially helped. I moved up three places. Chris Houston lost three places.

Don't get me wrong... I looooove this handicap.

PS ON shore and on the water, the club members did an absolutely fabulous job. My thanks. RB

Note: We will be using this same formula at the International Masters.
Notice of Race
SUNFISH 2000 MIDWINTERS
Ft Walton Yacht Club
Ft Walton Beach, Florida
16 -19 March 2000

Rules:
The regatta will be governed by the 1997-2000 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including US SAILING prescriptions; the Rules of the Sunfish Class Assoc.; this Notice of Race (except as any of these are altered by the sailing instructions), and by the sailing instructions.

Advertising:
The regatta is designated as Category A in accordance with RRS Appendix G.

Eligibility and The regatta is open to all International Sunfish as defined by the class rules.

Entry:
Enterants shall meet all requirements including: ownership, class membership, and yacht and sail measurement. Entrants shall complete registration and pay all fees before becoming official competitors.

Schedule of Events:
The Race Committee reserves the right to change the racing schedule due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

Thursday, 16 March
9 -10 AM Annual Team race registration
1130AM Racing begins
5PM -8PM Midwinters Registration
6PM Welcome keg and Hors D’oeuvres

Friday, 17 March
8 -10AM Midwinters registration
10AM Skippers meeting
1130 First Warning
Races 2 and 3 to follow immediately
At leisure (YC offers dinner at additional cost)

Saturday, 18 March
8 -10AM Continental breakfast
11AM First Warning
Races 5,6, and 7 follow immediately
Dinner and keg

Sunday, 19 March
10AM First Warning
Races 9 follows immediately
No race will start after 1PM
Awards Ceremony following races

Advance:
Yachts may register in advance by completing the entry form and sending it. Registration with payment, to Sunfish 2000 Midwinters, Ft Walton Yacht Club, 180 N. Ferry Road, Ft Walton Beach, Florida 32548. Checks should be made out to Ft Walton Yacht Club. Entrants must submit a photocopy of their current membership card for USSA and the Sunfish Assoc. Advance registration will not be accepted after 18 February, 2000.

Fees:
Enter fee is $55 if postmarked before the 18 Feb. The entry fee after 18 Feb is $65. If you are a USSA member then deduct $5 from the entry fee. All sailors will present their USSA membership card at registration. Membership in the US Sunfish Class Association is required to participate in this world qualifying event. Membership forms will be available at registration.

Measurement:
Yachts and sails may be inspected or measured during the regatta at the discretion of the race committee.

Sailing Instructions:
The sailing instructions will be available at registration.

Regatta Site:
The regatta headquarters will be Ft Walton YC, Ft Walton Beach, FL. See our website (www.fwyc.org) for directions.

Racing Area:
The racing area will be located on the waters of Choctawhatchee Bay. Courses will be set in the area east of the regatta site.

Courses:
The courses will be windward/leeward, triangles, or variations thereof.

REGISTRATION FORM 2000 SUNFISH MIDWINTERS

NAME ________________________________ SAIL # ________
ADDRESS ________________________________
PHONE # ________________________________ BIRTH DATE: ________
REGISTRATION AMOUNT ENCLOSED: ________ See above for correct amount.
TOTAL ENCLOSED: $ ________

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Scoring:
The Low-Point scoring system, rule A2, will apply, modified such that each boat's series score will be the sum of her race scores with her worst score discarded only if seven or more races are completed. If six or fewer races are completed, each boat's series score will be the sum of her scores for all races (no throw out). This changes rule A2.1. Nine races are scheduled, of which three races shall be completed to constitute a series.

Protests:
At its discretion, the jury may use an arbitration hearing wherein a single juror questions each party and offers a non-binding opinion on the merits of the protest. The respective parties are then given the opportunity to withdraw the protest or accept a 20% scoring penalty. If the matter remains unresolved, it shall proceed to a full hearing in accordance with rule 63. The arbitration procedure amends rule 61.

Prizes:
Prizes will be awarded to boats placing first through tenth. A number of special prizes may also be awarded.

Lodging:
A limited amount of camping space is available at FWYC. Availability will be on a first-come, first-served basis. In addition, the hotels listed below are located within a 20 minute drive of the regatta site. See website for directions to Yacht Club: www.fwyc.org

Contacts
Regatta Co-Chairmen
Steve Capps
850-651-7047 (evenings)
dbscapps@fwb.gulf.net

Sunfish Association
Gulf Coast Rep
Clinton Edwards
c.edwards@fgh.com
228-463-9871

Regatta Headquarters
Ft Walton Yacht Club
850-243-7102
180 N. Ferry Rd
Ft. Walton Beach, FL32548
www.fwyc.org

 Classified:
Second Wind, A Sunfish Sailor's Odyssey by Nat Philbrick - $28.00. The Sunfish Bible by Will White - $28.00. Add $1.00 for priority mail. A 284 page collection of everything significant that has been written about the Sunfish. Successful Sunfish Racing by Derrick Fries - $18.95. Send check to The Sailboat Garage, c/o Peg Beadle, 4204 South Shore, Waterford, MI 48328-1157. 248-673-3563. MI residents add 6%.

Midwinter Motels
Travelodge -209 Miracle Strip Parkway, FWB.
tel: 850-244-5137 · 800-578-7878

Days Inn -135 Miracle Strip Parkway, FWB.
tel: 850-244-6184 · 800-329-7466

Howard Johnson's -203 Miracle Strip Parkway, FWB.
tel: 850-244-8663

Best Inn -100 Miracle Strip Parkway, FWB.
tel: 850-244-0121 · 800-237-8466

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**Women’s North American Sunfish Championship 2000**

**May 6&7, 2000 Austin Yacht Club, Lake Travis, Texas**

**Notice of Regatta**

**Host.** Sunfish Fleet 70 and The Austin Yacht Club, Austin, Texas.

**Rules.** The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, the rules of the International Sunfish Class, (except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions) and by the Sailing Instructions. The regatta is classified as a Category “A” event in accordance with RRS 79, Event Classification: Advertising, and Appendix G.

**Eligibility & Entry.** The regatta is open to all female current members of the International Sunfish Class. Membership cards must be presented at check-in. Membership applications will be available at registration. Although the event is open to women of all ages, a contestant shall not race as a junior if her 18th birthday falls in the calendar year of the regatta. Completing a registration form and paying the required fees will enter eligible yachts. Sailing instructions will be available at check-in beginning on Friday, May 5th. A practice race is planned during the afternoon on Friday, May 5th. The courses will be around-the-buoys and will be shown in the sailing instructions. Racing Rules regarding 720 degree penalty turns will be in effect.

**Scoring & Prizes.** The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A of the racing rules will apply, seven (7) or more races are scheduled, of which one shall be completed to constitute a regatta, except as modified in the sailing instructions with regards to boats not competing in one or more individual races. Each boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores, discarding her worst score if six (6) or more races are completed, except when prohibited in rule A1.3. Because this is a qualifying event for the Sunfish Worlds, the top finisher will be qualified to receive a bid to the 2001 Sunfish World Championship. Also, prizes will be awarded to the top six (6) finishers.

**Schedule of Events**

**Friday, May 5, 2000**
12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.  Registration and check-in.
2:00 p.m.  First signal for practice race.
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  Registration and check-in, Dinner.

**Saturday, May 6, 2000**
8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  Breakfast, Registration and check-in.
11:00 a.m.  COMPETITOR’S MEETING.  Sandwich Lunch.
11:50 a.m.  Warning signal for First Race.
  Additional races to follow.
  Dinner to follow racing.

**Sunday, May 7, 2000**
8:00 a.m.  Breakfast
9:50 a.m.  Warning signal for first race of the day
  Additional races to follow, if needed
  Awards as soon as reasonable after racing.

**Lodging & Charters.** Housing will be provided by nearby Sunfish Fleet 70 members to out-of-town competitors. To request housing contact Pat Manning 512-266-7255. For boat charter information contact Joanne Weberlein 512-266-7668.

**Regatta Entry Fees**
Regatta entry fee will be $45.00, which includes racing, all meals and beverages, souvenir and prizes for the top finishers. Current Sunfish Class membership is required. Application or renewal forms will be available at registration. **Current Membership Card must be presented at registration.**

For further information contact Pat Manning phone: 512.266.7255  fax: 512.266.2776  email: ManningVP@aol.com

**Registration Form**

Name: ___________________________________ Address: ___________________________________

Phone:  HM(____) WK(____) __________ City __________ State Zip __________

Sail #: __________ Age (to determine Junior or Master eligibility) __________

I agree to be bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing and by all other rules that govern this event. In consideration for its sponsorship of the event, I hereby release the Austin Yacht Club, Sunfish Fleet 70, its officers, employees, agents and members from any and all claims for damages for death, any personal injuries or property damage in any manner related to this event or the operation of the Austin Yacht Club. I hereby acknowledge that it is always the individual responsibility of each skipper to determine whether to start or to continue racing.

Signature: ___________________________________ Date: __________

Make $45.00 checks payable to: Pat Manning, SW Regional Coordinator

Mail to: 5805 Lakeside Trail, Austin, TX 78734

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It really began as a simple revelation—as sometimes occurs after walking a path a thousand times only to make note of something very important on the very next trip. For me, it occurred at the 1998 Texas Sunfish Championship at the Houston Yacht Club. I had only recently returned to racing the Sunfish after selling my J-29 and rejecting the whole handicap racing scene. It was good to be back racing in the boat of my youth. As I prepared to enter the room the skippers’ meeting was to be held, I was filled with uncertainty as to what to expect. The meeting was promptly called to order, and this could perhaps be overlooked. But on that day, at that event, I really began to realize how badly things had gotten in terms of youth sailing. My fellow sailors, as a leader in our Council that I began to think that we could do more than what had been done to teach sailing. The traditional means that sailing has been taught, through yacht and sailing clubs, was not sufficient to reach all who wanted to learn to sail. Could we use the Sunfish as a boat to teach a sailing camp for Scouts in our region? How could we get the boats? Where and who would teach the course? All these questions and more were in need of answers, and in the spring of 1999, time was running short. The following is a summary of how in 2 months a small group of people from scratch put together a program that taught 84 kids how to sail.

Boats for the program were procured through the local sailing community and the general community by word of mouth and an advertisement placed as a classified ad which stated our need for small boats. It was amazing to see how many people were willing to donate. Either sailors were donating a boat in order to move up into a newer boat or someone had a boat they were no longer using and were happy to donate to the cause. Many were nothing more than a “lawnmower hazard” to the owner. Some came with holes in need or repair, while others needed spars or sails or blades. We also had spare Sunfish equipment donated, usually just as a need arose. When we were finished, we had 9 functional board boats ready to be used for sailing, all of which were otherwise likely headed to the landfill except for our rescue and a super group of people to help us keep the program safe.

The location for the program was also found fairly easily. Naval Air Station Corpus Christi had a great location in protected water, extra gear and watercraft to run the school. As a result, none of our boats were out of commission for gear repair and replacement, the program would go nowhere without an experienced director who would be responsible for the hiring of instructors and development of course curriculum. Terri Ellis, who is an active local Sunfish racer and certified instructor, agreed to take this responsibility. With help from the other instructors and volunteers associated with the program we were ready to go. With corporate financial support, we were able to keep our tuition costs to $35/student for a week long, 20 hour course.

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In summary, we had an outstanding summer of sailing. The feedback from parents was very gratifying. We will continue to sail on weekends this fall and have plans for an expanded program next summer.
Will the Real Sunfish Dealer Please Stand UP? by Daniel E. Dick, Worcester, MA

While I've owned a Sunfish for 24 years, I've never joined the association or raced. However, my interest has been revived by the most hospitable and welcoming treatment given to me by Vic Manning at the Harwichport regatta. I sent in my membership check today. But there's more to my revival of interest than the above. For a couple of years, I've been thinking about replacing the original sail. However, the local dealers I contacted didn't seem that interested in sharing the range of selection. My hull is a Tango...yellow deck with diagonal orange-red stripes and matching sail. A pattern that is no longer made, quite.

Then, there was the complication of the transitions of Sunfish builders plus I made the mistake of trying to find a sail this past winter. The one local dealer who stays open all year had discontinued the Sunfish line. The other two more or less local dealers I knew of were closed in the winter, understandably so, given our climate.

So, I called Vanguard's 800 number but was never able to talk with a person or get anywhere. Then, on the Web, my luck was no better until I came across a sailing center in California who said they could sell me a Sunfish sail. Since this outfit only offered me 4 choices, I was a little concerned but thought that maybe the Sunfish was a declining class. And I was tempted by a relatively low price.

The sail came and I looked at the little illustration that was included in the plastic bag. I never got around to putting it on the mast and boom because I just wasn't completely happy with its colors. And, I neglected to examine the logo closely.

Then, this June, I happened to be at Cape Cod during the Harwichport regatta. I went over to it and happened to run across Vic Manning who gave me a copy of the Spring 1999 WL. Obviously, the Sunfish class was very much alive and well! And there were dealers galore. I went to the nearby Cape dealer and found that the 1999 sail color card was out and there were many choices of color combinations.

I called Vanguard and asked for a color card. I also asked about the outfit that sold me the sail I bought in the winter. No, they were not a Sunfish dealer and I was advised to check the logo on the sail. Shucks, it was not the Sunfish!

Talking with the CA dealer, I learned I had purchased an "aftermarket" sail and that a new sail to match my choice from the Sunfish color card would cost a little more than double what I had paid for the "aftermarket" sail, this new price being $375 to be exact!

They did agree that I could return the sail for full credit. Now I can purchase an official Sunfish sail from an authorized dealer. All's well that ends well, I hope.

What have I learned from this experience of trying to buy something by email and the web?

1. There is considerable value in being a member of the official Sunfish sailing association and in contact with its entire dealer network. Going it alone to locate and transact with a supplier can have unfortunate results.

2. It is important that one use complete and accurate terminology when attempting to convey one's desires and wants. If I had asked for an "official" Sunfish sail I would not have ended up with "a sail for a Sunfish"

3. When dealing with a business for the first time, an email transaction might well be consummated only after a personal phone call with a real person in order to check and double check the details of the transaction.

4. A catalog and related printed material is worth requesting. If such is not available, then caution is the order of the day!

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Wequaquet Lake YC Centerville, MA
July 24-25, 1999

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3. Brendan Sprinkle & Griffin Butler 2-3-3-3-3-3-3-17 163

Chris Williams is Winner in Wequaquet by Paul Fendler

The 1999 Northeast Regionals held at Wequaquet Lake Yacht Club attracted a competitive fleet of 37 open sailors along with 5 juniors. The 2-day event was sailed in unusually warm, humid conditions with moderate, shifty winds. Chris Williams made a triumphant return to WLYC after a lengthy absence. Consistency was the key for Chris who never finished worse than 5th in the 7-race series.

Chris never faltered throughout the regatta despite enormous pressure from New England ace Bill Brangiforte and up and coming Alan Buttner. Bill Brangiforte recovered from a 10th and 6th in the first 2 races, to win the last 3 races of the first day and put himself in a position to win his first WLYC regatta. The 6th race proved to be the turning point of the regatta as Bill faltered slightly to finish 7th while Chris jumped out to an early lead and never looked back. Bill still had a chance to win the regatta going into the last race if he could beat Chris and put a boat in between them but Chris got a small lead and never relinquished it as he finished 2nd and Bill 3rd. Long-time sunfisher Steve Langford sailed a brilliant second upwind leg to leave everyone in the dust and win the final race. Alan Buttner also shrugged off a poor start and finished 12th. Everyone in the future.

Preparations are already under way for next year's regatta. An open doubles division is planned which promises to be a lot of fun. Hope you can make it.
Seary Takes Upstate NY!

by Tom Casey

Canandaigua Yacht Club hosted the 1999 New York State Upstate Sunfish Regionals, August 7-8. Despite light conditions on Saturday and a cold, rainy Sunday, 7 races were sailed (1 throwout) as planned.

Congratulations to George Seary, 1st overall, Bill Betts III (1st Jr), Donna Faust (1st Women's Div.), and Derek Stow (1st Sr) on their outstanding performances in a wide range of wind and weather conditions!

Many thanks to all the sailors and volunteers that made the Regatta fun and memorable.

1999 New York Upstate Regional
Canandaigua Yacht Club
August 7-8, 1999

1. G. Seary 8-4-2-7-3-4-4 24
2. B. Betts III, Jr 11-6-8-1-4-7-1 27
3. B. Schmidt 3-1-2-2-4-5-6-8 32
4. M. Forman 12-8-6-2-10-1-8 35
5. G. Schmidt 10-14-9-5-2-5-5 36
6. S. Owens, Jr 24-5-10-3-6-19-2 45
7. D. Donkin 1-11-11-14-8-11-3-11 45
8. D. Faust, W 15-3-7-21-11-3-10 49
9. D. Stow, Sr 9-13-3-10-1-13-14 49
10. J. Williams 23-10-5-11-9-9-6 50
11. J. Kaukeinan 2-7-1-16-4-14-17-12 52
12. B. Betts 4-2-14-6-17-10-17 53
13. A. Glos 6-9-17-12-18-12-7 63
14. K. Stewart 7-12-6-8-21-8-9 65
15. P. Owens, Jr 16-17-13-9-5-2-11 66
17. N. Clements, W 18-16-4-13-16-25-22 89
23. S. Skewes 21-18-18-24-25-16-24-121
24. S. Gullen, Jr 26-26-25-20-12-18-21-212
25. M. Howland 25-21-21-25-26-26-26-137

Kenny Takes Downstate

by Anne & PJ Patin

The New York Downstate Regional is always one of the most heavily attended regattas of the year, notwithstanding the shift out of the anonymous attended events. This year an impressive 54 sail outside of the venue. The regatta typically sailed on Long Island. This year’s event was held at the Moriches Yacht Club, in Moriches, New York, in August.

The event began the way it ended but that was about the only predictable thing about it. The northerly breeze was light and shifting through 40° both days. RC, including Tony & Regina DiResta, Linda & Kenny Mockridge, Sr. and Chris Cuttone, sweated out the annoying shifts to perform admirably along with the onshore committee who made a delicious dinner.

Several times the fleet spread out only to turn inside out again. Kenny Mockridge, sailing at home consistently rose back through the fleet. The fleet had its depth with visitors from Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Jersey including David Van Cleef (Pam Am Trial winner) and Bill Brangiforte (NE regional champ 98). Brian Weeks and Jim Koehler (who won the event in 1998 at the Southold YC) made strong showings.

Anne Patin dominated one of the races on Saturday from wire to wire and went on to take top Woman, finishing seventh overall in the regatta. Bill Betts, Jr. (New Jersey) sailed to top Junior.

Felicity Ryan, in her first full season of Sunfishing, was unanimously voted to win the Sportsmanship award by her competitors. Veteran Sunfish sailor 1996 Regional Champ, Christine DiResta convinced her long time friend and Flying Scot sailor, Ralph Coffin, to join the class at the Regional. Christine and Ralph recently announced their engagement and are planning a summer 2000 wedding. Oh, another Sunfish couple....

With the regatta coming down to the last race between Brangiforte, PJ Patin, Van Cleef and Mockridge it was Kenny who pulled out the consistency from the shift dying northerly. In winning, Mockridge was also awarded the Frank M. Weeks memorial awarded to the top Great South Bay competitor. Congratulations to Kenny to a long in coming victory at home!

The Moriches YC has graciously put in a bid to host the 2001 Women’s North Americans. Thank you again, Moriches YC, for a terrific event.

NY Regional Results

Canandaigua Yacht Club
August 7-8, 1999

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From left, The Downstaters:
Regional Results

Rod Koch All Smiles In Florida Regional by Cindy Clifton

Florida's Regional was sailed in Charlotte Harbor from the YMCA site. Winds were shifty for the 23 boats that battled it out in cloudy weather. Rain was always imminent and winds sometimes came with threatening squalls. Rod Koch dominated with all firsts and seconds while Charlie Clifton and Rick Pantall fought it out for third. Strong current from the Peace River made for some rough mark roundings and long time between finishers but race committee, headed by Viking Dave Hanson did a great job under changing conditions.

John Babson was the first junior and Mindy Strauley came on strong on Sunday to beat out Cindy Clifton for first woman. Rod was first master as well as winner.

Put together by Jay Montero, Rick Pantall and their families, a Saturday BBQ & pizza after the races Sunday were eaten between laughs. Great trophies made by Jay were much appreciated and all in all it made for a great weekend for Florida Sunfishers.

Watch out for those "children", from left:
John Babson,
Tony Elliott,
Rod Koch,
Charlie Clifton,
Mindy Strauley,
John Spray and
Rick Pantall

Stan Hasserger, Wins SE and is also Jr. Champ!

This year’s SE Regional was sailed out of the Hasserger home in Oriental, NC and included local and out of town sailors. The Neuse River in Oriental served as a perfect location for the regatta. There were two boats from Virginia, two from South Carolina, and one from Florida in addition to local sailors. Eleven boats headed out to the Neuse Saturday, June 12th in about a 17 knot, shifty NW wind. The race committee did an outstanding job in each of the six races Saturday. Everyone was worn out after a tough day of sailing and the BBQ dinner at regatta headquarters was a welcomed sight.

Sunday promised to give a reprieve from Saturday’s heavy winds. A postponement was necessary to wait for the shifty winds to fill in from the south. Eventually, three slow races were sailed in 1-6 knot winds.

After everyone was packed and ready for the road, the awards ceremony took place. 3rd went to Peyton Hasserger, 2nd to Kenny Krawcheck and 1st to Stanley Hasserger. Stanley was also the top junior.

Southeastern Regional
Hasserger Home, Oriental, NC
June 12-13, 1999

1. Stanley Hasserger, NC 1-2-2-1-2-8-4 13
2. Ken Krawcheck, SC 4-1-1-2-3-3-2 14
3. Peyton Hassinger, NC 3-6-4-5-8-1-1-7 27
4. David Connolly, FL 2-5-3-3-7-9-5 28
5. Nathan Nussbaum, SC 5-3-5-6-4-6-7-1 30
6. Paul Welles, NC 7-8-8-9-6-5-2-3 39
7. John Meyer, VA 6-4-7-4-9-6-9 43
8. Jonathan Bean, NC 9-9-11-10-14-4-6 54
9. Jack Clayton, VA 8-11-9-7-5-10-5-10 54
10. Ted Odell, NC 10-10-11-11-8-10-8 69
Lovell wins Gulf Coast
by Clinton Edwards

This was one of the most intense and fun regattas to sail. What was on the line...Regional Championship...Circuit Championship...Worlds Bid. Modified courses were used for all six races. In the last race on Sunday, rounding the last leeward mark and sailing the short windward leg to finish, the fleet looked like this: Bishop in first, Johnny in second, Clinton in third and finish, the fleet looked like this: Bishop in first, Johnny in second, Clinton in third and Hank in fourth. All within a two or three boat lengths of the boat just ahead. Clinton fouled Johnny (Port Starboard). Clinton did Hank in fourth. All within a two or three circles and finished circles very well. Finishing in tenth instead of third, had he tacked, cost Clinton second place overall in the regatta and first place in AL. Lots of new faces.

Regional Results

Southwest Champ is Phil Spletter!

Southwest Regional
Northern Location
Cheney Reservoir, Wichita, Kansas
July 17 & 18, 1999

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Regional Results

Fries Takes Devils Lake
Midwest Regional #2
Devils Lake YC,
Manitou Beach, MI
September 18-19, 1999

1. Derrick Fries 4-1-1-1 8
2. Jean Bergman 2-4-2-8-2 18
3. Rich Chapman 8-3-4-3-5 23
4. Dan Feldman 1-2-14-10-4 31
5. Don Bergman 13-5-3-4-7 32
6. John Wedemeyer 15-8-9-2-3 37
7. Ron McHenry 3-16-8-5-8 40
8. Gwen Hillburg 10-12-5-7-9 43
9. John Buttine 6-20-7-9-10 52
10. Linda Tillman 5-14-28-6-6 59

This fall I went to Michigan for my first regatta. I was sailing with one of my best friends.
We were going there to sail on Devil's Lake. The kind of boat we were sailing was a Sunfish.
When we got there we started to put our boat together. It didn't take us very long because it is a small boat.
We were on the shallowest lake I have ever been on. Right in the middle of the lake was a huge sand bar.
It was about one foot deep at the shallowest part.

Once we got out to the starting line we sailed around. The older people started 10 minutes
before us so we had to wait a long time. There wasn't much wind that day so we didn't go very fast.
Once we started we were in the lead. We kept it for about half the race. Then we got passed and
couldn't regain the lead. In our second race we didn't do any better and we got another second
place. On the second day we only raced twice again. In the first race we had the lead for three
quarters of the race but then lost it. In the second race we figured out a way to go faster and we
won! We were so happy! We had won our first race! In the end we finished in second place out of
two boats! Our trophies were t-shirts with the yacht club logo on them. My first regatta was so
much fun that I hope to go to other regattas and this one again.

MY FIRST REGATTA by Matt Chapman

This fall I went to Michigan for my first regatta. I was sailing with one of my best friends.

"Windward Leg - Fall/Winter 1999-2000"
Wadewitz - Fairhope YC, Fairhope, AL.

Twenty two boats and seven races later, first place was still up for grabs. Clinton Edwards won the tie breaker against Hank Saurage. Fluky winds and luck were the keys for the morning races as the breeze came off the land. Big puffs and even bigger holes made the sailing exciting and frustrating. Once the "doctor" filled in at 15+., the big boys had their speed trials. Mindy Katz of Florida was Top Woman, David Blouin was Top Junior. A drop race was included.

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Chris Evans 15-12-10-9-8-10 57
Ray Long 4-13-15-11-11-7 70
Tony Chavers 3-10-14-13... 100

1999 Galloway Regatta, Gulfport YC, Gulfport, Ms
August 14-15

This regatta determines the Gulf Yachting Association Sunfish Championship. 18 boats competed in five races with 4 -15 knots of breeze. Six juniors, four women, four masters, and four seniors duked it out. Todd Edwards defeated his younger brother, Clinton, and two time defending champion to win his 4th GYA Sunfish Championship.

Three races were held on Saturday followed by huge squall which took out the power in some neighborhoods and even flipped over a non-racing Sunfish. The first race was in light air as GYA Jr Champion, David Blouin, took the bullet. Races 2 and 3 were held in 12 -15 knots and Todd showed his downwind technique as he surged to two bullets. Sunday's racing was in very variable, light wind, coming from all directions and with lots of holes to sail into.

The first race was captured by Ash Beatty as he passed Finley Ward on the last leg. David Blouin, took the bullet. Races 2 and 3 were held in 12 -15 knots and Todd showed his downwind technique as he surged to two bullets. Sunday's racing was in very variable, light wind, coming from all directions and with lots of holes to sail into.

On Sunday the RC set up a WL-2. Todd and David were OCS and had to re-start. Hank Saurage and Clinton took an early lead. At the first windward mark, the leader board read like this, Todd, David, Sam ,Clinton. Hark had sailed into a hole on the left side of the course and was last around the mark. Starting the last leg of the race, the leaders were David, Chris Friend, Todd, Clinton, and Hank. Hank sailed thru everyone's lee to win the race. Clinton followed Hank's lead to pass Todd and Chris, but couldn't catch David. So Hank actually held every position possible in the last race: first to last to first.

Todd Edwards 3-1-1-3-5 13
Clinton Edwards 8-4-2-5-3 22
Hank Saurage 10-3-3-6-1 23
Leslie Weatherly 2-4-2-12-13 33
Katy Lovell 7-5-5-8-8 33
Micki Gramm 4-6-6-7-11 34
David Blouin 1-10-11-11-2 35
Chris Friend 6-7-10-10-4 37
Peter Wuechsler 14-9-7-4-10 44
Finley Ward 9-12-12-2-9 44
Ash Beatty 12-8-19-1-6 46
Ann Edwards 5-14-13-9-7 48
Sam Waller 13-11-8-13-12 57
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Regatta Results

Todd Edwards, 1999 Texas Circuit Champ

Todd Edwards won the 1999 Texas Circuit easily as he took top honors in the first 3 regattas of the circuit. Todd followed his Midwinter Championship by winning the Texas State Championships, the Southwest Regional Championship and the Galveston Boat Club Annual regattas. Hank Saurage took second place for the circuit not only as he took top honors in the Midwinter Championship by winning the Wurstfest regatta to honor the contribution to sailing and his impact on the Sunfish class in Texas. Earl has been a part of Sunfish sailing and the Wurstfest for over 30 years. Earl is no longer able to sail competitively and his presence on the water is greatly missed. Earl continues to be a part of the class and manages to make most of the Sunfish regattas in Texas.

| R1 | Southwest Regional Championships |
| R2 | Governors Cup Regatta |
| R3 | Texas State Championships |
| R4 | Galveston Boat Club Annual |
| R5 | Wurstfest Regatta |

Best 3 out of 5

Chris Houston Dominates PA Championship in Fall Light Wind Conditions by William McLaughlin, Jr.

In contrast to the 1998 series that was marked by fall blasts of wind in the twenties, this years championship series was dominated by winds that barely exceeded five miles per hour. Nevertheless, Chris Houston, March Creek Sailing Club member, again dominated the series through skillful starts and very good boatspeed. On Sept. 19, 1999, nineteen boats showed up to take a shot at the annual event held in a state park lake north of West Chester Pennsylvania, on a bright sunny day. In the first race, Chris got fooled by a slowly developing southerly that would hold weakly during the rest of the day and finished sixth, with Bill Betts III, a Junior, in first which carried him to a lead on the fleet. At the end the winner had a 20 point lead. When asked for the reason for his performance in these conditions, Chris simply said that it was more "attitude" than anything else: "I decided that I would relax, get a good start, and see what would happen." He did, and it "happened" to near perfection.

The third place finisher was Bernie Klawans, a Marsh Creek member long in the tooth and renowned for his light air skills. Lee Schaeffer had a fourth and the top woman was former Marsh Creek fleet captain Sue Huffington, finishing fifth. Bill Betts III was the first Junior with his second for the series.

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Windward Leg - Fall/Winter 1999-2000
Jim Koehler Takes First Overall in the 7th Annual Connecticut Senior Olympics Sunfish Regatta

Norwalk, Connecticut.

For those skeptics who decided that this prime annual Sunfish competition was at the mercy of hurricane Floyd, think again. Instead, it was Jim Koehler of Amityville, NY who posed the biggest obstacle to the other 26 Sunfish competitors. Koehler took first place overall in the 7th annual masters/senior Sunfish Regatta held off Sprite Island on Sept. 19, 1999. Joel Furman from Bellport, NY came in second overall and Steve Mehl of Cape May, NJ finished a close third only one point behind Furman. Jim Cummings took first place for the Sprite Island team. 27 Sunfish sailors, ages 40 through 76 years young enjoyed a perfect day with winds averaging 10-12 mph. For the third year, this well attended regatta was hosted by the Sprite Island Yacht Club. The morning began with registration, coffee and bagels at CalF Pasture Beach in Norwalk, CT. The '99 T-shirts bore a new motto in keeping with the spirit of the group - "the older I get, the faster I was." When the competitors left the beach for the race course on the North side of Sprite Island, the shuttle boats provided transportation for the support crew and land lubbers out to Sprite Island where they spent the day cheering on the racers.

After two races, lunch was served compliments of Helen Klein and her crew from Sprite Island Yacht Club. Thanks to the generous donation of Stew Leonards, the sailors and volunteers were greeted with hamburgers hot off the grill. Everyone gathered at the picnic tables on the island to enjoy the good food, good company and discuss the afternoon strategy. Afternoon racing proved to be fast and fun thanks to the excellent race management of the Sprite Island team headed by Al Staufferman.

Awards were presented by Sprite Island Yacht Club officers. The Old Salt Award was again presented to Norton Hutchinson of Oyster Bay, New York who was the oldest competitor at 76 years young. The honorary Best Capsize Award goes to Carol Simko of Norwalk, CT. Simko capsized on the way to the race course which prevented her from getting to the start line but she made it to Sprite Island in good spirits. Carol, let's see you there next year! Those of you who were hoping to get one of the custom created "Odie" awards such as the Hang In There Award, The Barnacle Award, the Geratol Award, the Mini-America's Cup, the Silver Fox (Centrum Silver) award and more, will just have to join us in the September Senior Olympics Sunfish Regatta 2000!

Our thanks to the Sprite Island Yacht Club for hosting the event and providing professional race management as well as a unique atmosphere for the spectators. It was greatly appreciated by all. A special thanks goes to Sunfish sailor from Boston, Rob Loisel who skillfully handled the computerized race results and to Mike Tanquay of Sprite Island for his help in coordinating the event. Also, thanks to our generous sponsors, Vanguard who provided first prize of a new racing sail, The Layline, The Sailboat Garage, West Marine, Harken, MBS,Inc. and the International Dinghy Shop for providing great prizes! Flo Millette and Stanley Breyezicki of CT Senior Olympics provided that much needed moral support and encouragement to the attending competitors.

The CT Senior Olympics Sunfish Regatta 2000 will prove to be an unforgettable experience! It will be held in September at Sprite Island Yacht Club. Be there!

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Overall Results
1. Jim Koehler, Amityville, NY 5
2. Joel Furman, Bellport, NY 12
3. Steve Mehl, Cape May, NJ 13
4. Court Young, Monroe, NY 16
5. Dave Davies, Middletown, NY 20
6. Ken Charles, Manchester, CT 22
7. "Rapid" Buttner, Plymouth, MA 23
8. Larry Cochran, Manchester, CT 28
10. Keith Lyman, East Marion, NY 34
11. Don Echevarria, Avalon NJ 35
12. Bill Cash, Catskill, NY 38
13. Derek Stow, Mountain Lks, NJ 41
14. Mark Buruchian, Highl. Lks, NJ 43
15. Dick Heinl, Manhasset, NY 50
16. Mark Hutchinson, Syosset, NY 56
17. Peter Beckwith, Wayland, MA 59
18. Tom Doris, Sparta, NJ 64
19. Nort. Hutchinson, Syosset, NY 73
20. James Cumming, Norwalk, CT 78
22. Peter Feick, Wilton, CT 88
23. Mike Wheeler, Lk. Parsippany, NJ 89
24. Keith Tomlinson, Norwalk, CT 97
25. James Carone, Ridgefield, CT 99
26. Richard Stroud, S. Windsor, CT 100
27. Carol Simko, Norwalk, CT DNS

Apprentice (40-49)
1. Jim Koehler 5
2. Steve Mehl 113
3. Ken Charles 22

Masters (50-59)
1. Joel Furman 12
2. Dave Davies 20
3. "Rapid" Buttner 23

Grand Masters (60-69)
1. Court Young 16
2. Joe Sullivan 30

Sr. Olympian (70+)
1. Larry Cochran 28
2. Keith Lyman 34
3. Dick Heinl 50

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1. Jim Cummings 78

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Champs from the CT Senior Olympics

Above: Grand Masters (age 60-69)
Courtney Young (Gold),
Joe Sullivan (Silver)

Center top: Apprentice (age 40-49)
Steve Mehl (Bronze),
Jim Koehler (Gold),
Ken Charles (Bronze)

Center bottom: SR. Olympians (age 70+)
Keith Lyman (Silver),
Larry Cochran (Gold),
Dick Heil (Bronze),

Correction: Joe Sullivan writes that there was a mistake in his Texas Odyssey story. He writes: "In my article in the last WL, the phrase "I served in the Korean War," should have read "I served in Korea after the war." Joe reminds us that he was in high school during the Korean conflict.

Joe would also like to see an article each issue featuring one of our Sunfish Fleets. It would be interesting to see how other fleets are organized and operate. If you would like your fleet to be "Fleet of the Month", please send in an article and pictures, with history, some of your outstanding or hard working members or other info. CC

John Meyer Wins Blackwater Regatta
by Robin Giles

The Blackwater YRA held its 4th Annual Sunfish Invitational Regatta on June 26-27, 1999 on Smith Mountain Lake in Virginia. 13 boats participated in the event. Winds were light to moderate both days with moderate power boat chop. We had a wonderful cookout Saturday evening with plenty of delicious food and drink for everyone. The days racing provided plenty of war stories & excuses for entertainment. Many thanks to our Race Committee and Social Committees and Pelican Point YC for the use of their beautiful facility.

Annual Sunfish Invitational
Blackwater YRA
Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia
June 26-27, 1999

1. John Meyer 1-1-2-1-4-1-2-6 18
2. Jack Clayton 3-7-4-2-5-1-2 29
3. Glenn Cliborne 5-2-3-3-1-2-11-3 30
4. Robin Giles 2-9-1-3-3-9-3-7 39
5. John Breckinridge 4-8-5-6-2-5-5 41
6. Tom Hardy 9-4-7-7-8-4-1 47
7. Kirk McGuire 7-6-8-4-8-7-6-4 50
8. Bill Cox 10-10-9-8-9-3-12-8 69
9. Charlie Manning 6-5-11-12-10-11-8-9 72
10. Kurt Lindquist 8-3-6-13-11-10-13-10 74
11. Bob Groopin 11-12-12-11-6-4-7-11 74
12. Seth Ogies 12-11-10-9-13-12-9-12 88

Winners at Smith Mountain Lake include
Jack Clayton,
Virginia Beach, VA, 2nd;
John Meyer,
Lively, VA, 1st;
Glenn Cliborne,
Smith Mountain Lake, VA, 3rd

Above: Masters (Age 50-59)
Rapid Buttner (Bronze),
Joel Furman (Gold)
DAve Davies (Silver)
Fall/Winter 1999-2000

Northern Neck Sailing Assoc. held their 2nd annual Lower Potomac River Championship Regatta off the beach at Lewisetta, VA, Aug. 14-15. Winds were light to medium, seas were relatively calm, and temperatures were mild.

We knew we were in for a great time as a school of dolphin swam through the course just as our sailors were leaving the beach. It was their welcome to some of our fresh water sailors. By the way, they do look large from the helm of a Sunfish.

We had six races Saturday, with a break for lunch, and a cookout on the beach that evening. Sunday we had four more races, finishing up just after noon.

Meyer Wins Potomac Regatta

Sunfish Fleet #690 of the Northern Neck Sailing Assoc. held their 2nd annual Lower Potomac River Championship Regatta off the beach at Lewisetta, VA, Aug. 14-15. It was their 2nd annual Lower Potomac River Championship Regatta off the beach. It was their 2nd annual Lower Potomac River Championship Regatta off the beach. It was their 2nd annual Lower Potomac River Championship Regatta off the beach.

Results with one throwout are:

1. John Meyer, Lively, VA 2-2-1-3-1-4-1-T-2 19
2. Glenn Cliborne, Moneta, VA 3-T-4-3-2-1-3-1-1 22
3. Ted Odell, Morehead City, NC 1-T-5-1-6-5-4-4-2-3 31
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13. Andrea Turnage, Lancaster T-9-8-2-7-7-10-11-11-11 76
16. George Biles, Vienna, VA 2-2-1-3-1-4-3-2-1-3-1-1 22
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SANJL Series Won

By Steve Manson

This year's four-regatta series held by the Sailing Association of the North Jersey Lakes (SANJL) went off well, with all 16 races sailed as scheduled. The series consists of one regatta in April, one in May, one in September, and one in October. The 1999 results are: (Total less 4 throwouts)

1. Steve Manson, Denville, NJ 27.25 15.25
2. Courtney Young, Jr., Monroe, NY 208.25 52.25
3. David Davies, Middletown, NY 140 65
4. Bob Griswold, Newfoundland, NJ 138.5 69.5
5. Mark Buruchian, Highland Lakes, NJ 144 80
6. Jim Liggett, Pompton Plains, NJ 133 84
7. Jim Milnes, Lake Hiawatha, NJ 240 130
8. Ralph Grossmann, Green Pond, NJ 240 140
9. George Barrett, West Milford, NJ 275 143
10. Bill Betts III, Kinnelon, NJ 310 154
11. Frank Henninger, Jr., High Lakes, NJ 263 154
12. Dave Rogers, Morristown, NJ 320 164
13. Kevin Buruchian, High Lakes, NJ 277 169
15. Brian Weeks, Patchogue, NY 339.75 183.75
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17. Bill Cash, Catskill, NY 355 199
18. Frank Whitescarver, Kinnelon, NJ 284 187
20. Tom Doris, Sparta, NJ 351 219
21. Larry Polye, Allendale, NJ 363 231
22. George Sloan, Newfoundland, NJ 360 234
23. Bruce Cattanach, Rockaway, NJ 359 24
24. Frank Blesso, Sr., Paterson, NJ 356 242
25. Derek Stow, Mountain Lakes, NJ 399 243
26. Bill Betts Jr., Kinnelon, NJ 408 260
27. Bob Tomsey, Highland Lakes, NJ 394 280
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29. Jeff Beatty, West Milford, NJ 437 306
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35. Michael Wheeler, Lakewood, NJ 494 358
36. Jim Carter, West Milford, NJ 506 371

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Potomac Winners Top Photo, left to right: Ollie Knight, Race Chairman, Jack Clayton, 4th. Ted Odell, 3rd, Glenn Cliborne, 2nd, John Meyer, 1st and Bob Kane, Commodore, NNSA.
At the start, bottom photo. Photos by Mike Geissinger.
Regatta Results

Kevin Buruchian wins Junior SANJL! by Liz Roberts

The sailors who came out in the fog, cold temps, rain and lots of water in their hulls were a very young bunch of competitors. This annual four race event had an excellent turnout of 15 sailors whose average age was only 12 years old. The winner who toughed it out to return the America’s Cup (whoops, SANJL Cup) back to Highland Lakes, was our very own Kevin Buruchian, also age 12. The winning sweatshirts created by Sue Buruchian from OnLine Embroidery, were won by the following: 1st Kevin Buruchian, HL, 2nd Erika Rodger, HL, 3rd Ralph Grossman, Green Pond, 4th Adam Levine, Mt. Lakes, and 5th Kevin Murphy, HL.

Other finishers were in order, Mike Passaretti, 6th; Greg Wolski, 7th; Dan Wells, 8th; Brian Caine, 9th; Kayla Murphy, 10th; Joe Sweeney, 11th; Mike Napolitano, 12th; Alan Napolitano, 13th; Matt Taggart, 14th and Lauren Harper, 15th who won an award for sticking it out to the end. Note that all 15 sailors were fortified by a filling lunch between races two and three, and every one of them toughed it out for all four races in extreme conditions. I was especially pleased by the knowledge of the rules that these kids had mastered. Look for them in the future to be sailing stars.

SANJL Champs
From left, Adam Levine, Kevin Murphy, Kevin Buruchian, Ralph Grossman, Lauren Harper
missing: Erika Rodger

1999 Midwest Junior Champs

1999 Midwest Junior Championship
Front L-r:
1st Linnea Nordeen
2nd. Dave Brode
3rd Nathan Zeigler
4th Noah Litton
5th Laura Turluck
Back Row
6th Eric Swanson
7th Kim Swanson
8th David Walters
9th Kyle Lyke
10th (not Pictured)
Ainsley O’Connell
11th Neal Turluck

Congratulations to the kids! Gail Turluck took this picture but I may have lost the no accompanying story ... it's possible it is out there in cyberspace, my apologies. CC

Hunter’s Moon Regatta

Edgewood Yacht Club, Edgewood, RI
October 23, 1999

The Hunter’s Moon Regatta provided a brisk day to end the summer racing season and the annual wake-up call for the Frostbite Fleet. The weather was a sunny but blustery 55 degrees with a 12-18 knot Westerly. Five races were completed and two boats retired to shore with breakdowns. After the races we repaired to the warm clubhouse for hearty sandwiches. We held the traditional Hunter’s Moon prize auction, with a table of prizes enough for all. The winner got his choice of prize, the second place chose his favorite from the remaining ones, and so on. Next year’s regatta will be on Saturday, October 14, 1999, 1 day after the full Hunter’s Moon (the Harvest Moon is in September). The Farmer’s Almanac predicts morning showers ending by race time, 62 degrees, wind SSW at 12-14 knots.

1. Bill Beangiforte, Weymouth 1-1-1-1-1 4
2. Liza Clinton, Nahant, MA 7-2-3-2-4 11
3. Peter Barnes, Framingham, MA 5-4-2-4-2 12
4. Will Nye, E Greenwich, RI 3-3-4-3-3 12
5. Kate May, Edgewood, RI 4-7-5-6-5 20
6. Pete Beckwith, Wayland, MA 6-8-6-5-6 23
7. Ann Buccella, Quincy, MA 2-5-d-d-d 31
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It is the primary intention of this article to have each Sunfish class member and every Sunfish fleet consider what can be done to promote sailing in your area using the Sunfish and our experience as a paradigm. It was only until our organization had a chance to use the Sunfish as a trainer to teach sailing did we realize the opportunity that was available to the Sunfish class to get people sailing. Unused Sunfish are everywhere! They can be either bought for almost nothing or can be acquired as a donation to a nonprofit organization for nothing. Yes, the boats you get will never race at a high level of competition again, but they will be quite satisfactory to teach sailing. All it takes is three or four people willing to get involved. I challenge the members of the Sunfish class to get together, both at a national and fleet level, to develop an outreach program and work with your local community sailing organization or local youth organizations like the Boy or Girl Scouts to plan and execute a program in your area. My fellow sailors, there is more to sailing a Sunfish than simply racing—and so much more as an organization we can do to teach our youth how to sail.

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