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Wawasee Yacht Club Hosts Sunfish Women's Championship

Over the weekend of September 7-9, twenty-six women sailors gathered at Wawasee Yacht Club, Syracuse, Indiana to compete in the Sunfish Women's North American Championship. Competitors came from Arizona, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, Rhode Island, and Washington, with eight from the local fleet. Friday's rain and strong winds gave way to light to medium winds and overcast skies for the weekend. Four races were sailed on Saturday, and three on Sunday. The racing was close, and at times only a few seconds separated the finishers. Going into the last race, local sailor Linda Tillman and Anne Edwards of Baton Rouge, LA, were tied for first. Winning the 7th race, Edwards cinched the North American title, assuring her an entry in the 2008 Sunfish World Championship to be held in Ontario, Canada, next August. Awards, a print of a watercolor by Syracuse artist Susie Brandes and framed by Water Lily Art Gallery in Syracuse, were presented to each of the top five finishers. Wawasee Yacht Club's Linda Tillman was second overall, followed by Gail Heausler of Tampa, Fla., Anne Patin of Forest Hills, N.Y., fourth, and Jean Bergman of Holland, Mich., fifth. Individual race winners were Anne Edwards (Louisiana), Linda Tillman (WYC), Gail Heausler (Florida), Melissa Chapaton (Louisiana), Susan Berg (Washington) and Sally Gindling (WYC). www.sunfishclass.org.