USSCA North Americans Recap and more!

United States Sunfish Class Association

June 20, 2019

Another image from the Sunfish "Way-Back" machine.
See another vintage photo from Sailing World at end of newsletter.
One of the most important things a good sailor must know is how to balance his boat. In the popular Sunfish sport sailboat best performance is obtained when the sailor uses his weight to keep the boat level as shown in the accompanying photo.

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**US SUNFISH CLASS NAMES CONNER BLOUIN 2019 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPION**

Sailing on Charleston (SC) Harbor out of the James Island Yacht Club, the US Sunfish Class Association's North Americans saw nine races sailed over the three-day weekend. When the dust settled, it was local Mt. Pleasant resident and College of Charleston Yacht Club sailor **Conner Blouin** who sat atop the leader board of this 54-boat regatta.
“My strategy for this regatta was to sail well, but conservatively. Starting in the middle so I could avoid the crowded ends of the line, sailing fast, and striving to finish every race in the top five,” Conner noted. That strategy worked as Blouin dropped a seventh with only one sixth in his final scoreline. With a three-way tie
for third, just three points back from the lead, and fifth only two points behind this trio, this event could have been anyone’s championship.

Top Woman finisher - Gail Murphy-Heausler  
Top Youth - Emily Loring

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From left  Gail Murphy-Heausler, Martin Alsogaray, Jonathan Martinetti, Eduardo Cordero, Conner Blouin, Augustin Lazaro-Lugo, David Loring, Rich Chapman, Eugene Schmitt, Carter Cameron

EIGHT BELLS FOR WILL WHITE AND LARRY COCHRAN

Will White

Although our hearts are filled with sadness at Will White’s passing on May 16, 2019 at age 88, there won’t be a day that goes by when we won’t have something to thank him for and something to remember him for. We, the Sunfish Class Association, are who we are because of Will’s dedication, enthusiasm and ability to inspire others to love and sail the Sunfish sailboat.

Will learned to sail from books and in 1944 started his racing career on Lake Winnipesaukee, the largest lake in New Hampshire, learning from the son of the sailing master of the famous America’s Cup J-Boat Ranger. He never stopped sailing/racing/winning trophies throughout his college years.
Then he took a break and didn’t sail again until 1963 when he bought a used Sailfish. He traded it in a year later for a Sunfish and won the first regatta he entered.

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(L to R) Will White, Jean Bergman, Don Bergman, Paul Odegaard ... photo taken during a 1996 cruise to the BVI’s. (Photo courtesy of Paul Odegaard)

**Larry Cochran**

Another passing of someone so influential and important to our Sunfish Class ... John “Larry” Cochran passed away on May 5, 2019 at the age of 94. How sad that all of us couldn’t have met Larry, enjoyed his intelligence and quiet demeanor, and sailed with him at Sunfish regattas.

Fellow sailors used Larry as the yardstick to judge their position on the racecourse! “If you finished close to Larry,” said Paul Odegaard, “you were doing pretty well.”

Larry was a long-time Bolton Lake (CT) competitor. Employed at Pratt & Whitney in CT with a mechanical engineering degree from Texas A&M, Larry served as a consultant when it came to technical matters with the Sunfish. Larry championed the new design of the racing dagger board and spent endless hours researching hydrodynamics and consulting with experts on the design.

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Paul Odegaard expressed our fond farewell the best, “Class members will always be indebted to Will and Larry for their love, dedication and efforts to eternalize our beloved Sunfish. May you both sail into eternity with fair winds and favorable shifts. We all miss you so.”
LASERPERFORMANCE SUNFISH CLASS SURVEY

Seeking to better serve the Sunfish Class!

As the Sunfish Class continues to strengthen its relationship with our builder, LaserPerformance, we have been asked to help LP determine how better to serve you and other Sunfish sailors. Please click on this link and take this quick 8-question survey for our partners, LaserPerformance.

TAKE SURVEY

New England Regionals
Hyannis Yacht Club

New England Regional – Hyannis Yacht Club World Qualifying

June 8-9, 2019

Day one was a beautiful day with winds mostly from the ESE with something for everyone’s favorite conditions. Day two had light southerly breezes. When the dust cleared, it was Dan Hesse (Saratoga Lake Sailing Club) atop the leaderboard with 22 points (1 bullets) followed closely by Amanda Callahan (Bristol Yacht Club) with 26 points and two firsts, and Alan Beckwith (Medfield) with 30 points.
(L to R) - PRO Charlie Cooper, Bill Brangiforte (4th), Amanda Callahan (2nd), Dan Hesse (1st), Simon Bertocci, (5th) Alan Beckwith (3rd), HYC Commodore William Abbott

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Sunfish Regatta Hosting Update
by Gail M. Turluck, Scheduling Coordinator

Be sure to download and save or print the PDF 2019 schedule at www.sunfishclass.org > Regattas > 2019 Printable Regatta Schedule. If you have suggestions for improvements, please email me right away.

If you are hosting a regatta and it is not yet listed on our web page schedule, please send the information (event name, dates, host, host web page URL, host address, contact person with phone and email, and as available, how to register/registration form, and Notice of Race) to me at sunfishschedule@gmail.com and the Class Office at sunfishoff@gmail.com.

Once your regatta is over and the awards handed out, there is still one EXTREMELY important thing to do. Prepare a quick regatta report with a description of the sailing conditions, hopefully a photo or two including at least one with the winners (identified and photographer credit), and complete results
with sailor’s name, hometown/state, race by race scores, final score. Please email it as a Word document or a PDF document, no image files of race scores. Send this report to me at sunfishschedule@gmail.com and the Class Office at sunfishoff@gmail.com by the day after the regatta. Wait any longer and doing this gets forgotten.

As you are travelling to events this season, talk up among your racing friends about the cool places you’d like to visit for 2020 US Sunfish Region Championships. Help your Region Representative with his or her job. If your club wants to host one, contact your Region Representative right away (https://www.sunfishclass.org/about/class-leadership/us-board)! Our goal is to have all the 2020 Region Championship dates and locations set no later than December 15, 2019.

We are working on setting hosts and dates for all 2020 Championships. With the World Championship not yet finalized, it is causing some delay. It is anticipated this will be cleared in the near future.

Invite new people to come sail and race Sunfish! Be welcoming and patient with new racers—no yelling or screaming, guide them to understanding the rules, and find a way to cause them to have the passion for our sport that so many of us thrive upon!

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1970 Sunfish National Team Championship
Weed Beach, Darien, CT
Winning Team: Cape Cod Plus
From left: Larry Lewis, Ted Moore, Wick Doggett, Gil Cox, Chuck Miwcan
Got Pix?

The Sunfish Class is always looking for great pictures of people enjoying the Sunfish lifestyle. This could be great on-the-water close-up shots (thanks, but we have enough pictures of small triangles on the horizon), people on and around the boats, and photos of awards ceremonies, parties, launching and generally people "Sunfishing."

High resolution photo files are preferred and send them along to the class office at sunfishoff@gmail.com.

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