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Upcoming Championship Dates

- ✓ **2018 ISCA Masters World Championship - Mar. 18-20**, St. Andrews Bay YC, Panama City, FL
- ✓ **2018 USSCA National Championship at Midwinters - Mar. 22-24**, St. Andrews Bay YC, Panama City, FL
- ✓ **2018 ISCA South American & Caribbean Championship - Apr 28-May 1**, Cartagena, Colombia
- ✓ **2018 USSCA Youth North American Championship - Jul 30-Aug. 1**, Lake Bluff YC, Illinois
- ✓ **2018 USSCA North American Championship - Aug. 1-4**, Lake Bluff YC, Lake Bluff, IL
- ✓ **2018 USSC Masters Championship - Sept. 14-16**, Canandaigua YC, NY
- ✓ **2018 ISCA Youth World Championship - Oct. 3-6**, Carolina YC, Wrightsville Beach, NC
- ✓ **2018 ISCA World Championship - Oct. 6-12** Carolina YC, Wrightsville Beach, NC

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2017 ISCA Youth World Championship

Aug. 23-26 -- Brant Beach YC, Brant Beach, NJ

Angello Giuria, Peru -- Youth Championship Winner



Youth Winners -- John Banbach, Commodore, Brant Beach YC, presented the awards. In order of place finishes (and not L to R) -- 1st Angello Giuria/PER, 2nd Ignacio Antequera Erro/SPA, 3rd Clemente Sequel/CHI, 4th Alejandro Mago/PER, 5th Miranda Paz/PER, 6th Adrianna Barron/PER, 7th Simon Gomez/COL

2017 ISCA World Championship

Aug. 26- Sept. 1 -- Brant Beach YC, Brant Beach, NJ



Alonso Collantes, Peru -- World Champion

(L to R) -- 10th Stewart Drabeim/USA, 9th David Mendelblatt/USA, 8th Martin Alsogaray/ARG, 7th Jean Paul de Trazegnies/PER, 6th Jonathan Martinetti/ECU, 5th David Hernandez/GUA, 4th Clemente Sequel/CHI, 3rd Edgar Diminich/ECU, 2nd Eugene Schmitt/USA, 1st Alonso Collantes/PER, Larry Mass/ISCA President, Sonya Dean/ISCA Treasurer



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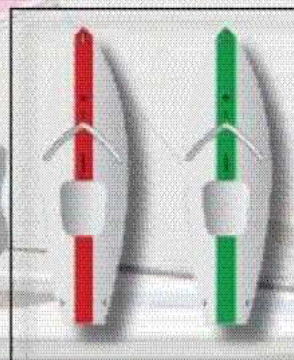
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Vicki Palmer

The Windward Leg is the official newsletter of the International Sunfish Class Association and will again be a digital publication. So be sure the Sunfish Class Office has your current email address.

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

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Let's hear from you!!!

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To be announced

Congratulations to Newly Elected Life Member Connie Miller

An Extraordinary and Dedicated Sunfish Member



If we could clone Connie Miller, all we'd have to do is sit back and watch events happen without a hitch ... even the events she didn't know would happen at Lewes Yacht Club until the last minute! She's a volunteer extraordinaire for whatever needs to be done ... organizing committees, handling emergencies such as Nor'easters blowing in which canceled any hopes of racing that day, finding housing for almost every competitor, providing everything that makes a major event special, racing in the event herself, hauling extra boats to out-of-town events for other competitors to use, cooking and providing overnight housing for those who can't leave until the day after an event. The list of her accomplishments is never-ending! In her "other life," Connie is a gifted artist, gourmet chef and volunteer extraordinaire for local organizations as well.

Letter from the USSCA President ...



As I'm sure all of you are aware but now, this is a critical time for the Sunfish Class. Now, more than ever, we need to do everything we can to get the word out to our Sunfish friends that, until World Sailing rules otherwise, ISCA is still the organizer of all legitimate class regattas. Your class officers are working overtime to ensure that we have parts that are available to maintain your boat and outstanding events for you to enjoy. I'd personally like to thank Larry Mass for the many, many hours he has spent working through these issues. He has truly gone "above and beyond" for each and every one of us!

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank the hosts of our 2017 major events for all of their dedication to the class. I'd like to thank Charlotte Harbor (Midwinters and International Masters), Pass Christian Yacht Club (US Masters), Sayville Yacht Club (NA's), and Fairhope Yacht Club (Women's NA's) for hosting our major events this year. I was lucky enough to be able to attend the NA's at Sayville Yacht Club and they put on an incredible regatta with rigging clinics, great race committee, wonderful food, free housing and wonderful hospitality. (They also did a great job of providing the 15-25 kts of breeze everyday!). It's events like these, filled with great times, great sailing and great friends that really make sailing the Sunfish special. Next summer, my home club, Lake Bluff Yacht Club, is proud to be hosting the 2018 Sunfish NA's. We are planning a fun and exciting regatta with lots of good food, plenty of free housing, camping and more. I hope that all of you will consider hosting or attending one of these events in the future.

As we move forward, know that ISCA and the World Council are doing everything they can to keep our class independent and strong. If you'd like to get involved, please contact Larry Mass or me. We would love to have you on board!

Rich Chapman
USSCA President



Fairhope Yacht Club, Mobile Bay, Fairhope, AL -- host of the 2017 Women's USSCA North American Championship

Letter from the ISCA President ...

As most of you know from my letter last week, LP is using deception to start their own Sunfish Class, ISCO. This was done in retaliation because the World Council would not sign over our rights to the ISCA initials and the name International Sunfish Class Association in a restrictive trademark agreement to LP. At our World Council meeting held in Brant Beach on August 30, 2017, we voted that we would not relinquish our rights to ISCA at any cost. Enough was enough.

The class is tired of being held hostage to LP. From threatening to withhold World Championship boat shipments, unless we signed the agreement, to not being able to get class legal parts for many years, created the need for the World Council to take action. The World Council has changed the class rules to allow ISCA, not the builder, to approve class legal parts for the boats. These rule changes have been submitted to World Sailing, and they have assured ISCA that they are working to approve this ASAP. Unfortunately, LP has left the Class with more problems than solutions, broken promises and few choices. It would be ideal if LP could just support the class make boats, and let us sail them.

Recently LP has notified many of you to sign an agreement with them. We caution you ... **DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING** from LP, Velum or ISCO! Beware; LP has many different layered companies. Although the letter stated it was signed by ISCA, it was not! ISCA had nothing to do with the letter. All of ISCA's letters will originate from the Class office.

This agreement is being done to benefit LP, not one-design sailing for our Class. Once again LP offers nothing. Where is their plan for charter boats? Since 2011 ISCA has to find a dealer to layout all of the money for the World Championship Charters. With all of the problems over the years this has become an increasingly difficult sell to dealers. Therefore, the 2018 ISCA World Championships will be a bring your own boat Regatta. (see NOR link below)

https://www.sunfishclass.org/documents/nor_2013/NOR_2018_ISCA_WORLD_CHAMPIONSHIP_Preliminary.pdf

This Class belongs to the members and not LP. Make no mistake about it, ISCO is LP and LP is ISCO. In order for ISCA to become a recognized Class by World sailing (ISAF) in 1984, the Class had to be independent from the builder for a year before being recognized. AMF spun the Class off to be an independent internationally recognized Class and now LP wants it back. The one caveat is that they want ISCA members to run it under their control.

Here is an update on the actions we are taking. We will do our best to keep all of you updated on a regular basis as things develop. We continue to fight for our Class and will not give up.

- 1 Our attorney issued LP a "cease and desist" letter telling them to stop using any information copied from our website. That includes our, Class Rules, Constitution, mission statement and personal information of our members. This is a clear copyright violation. The outrage expressed by many of you directly to LP has been a huge help. Thank you for your support.
- 2 The update from Hector Duval, our ISCA World Sailing representative who met with World Sailing at their annual meeting in Mexico last week, is quite encouraging. Please note that World Sailing has not made any public statements of support yet, but we feel it's important that you know what is currently happening there.
 - a. The general consensus of the World Sailing members, who Hector talked with, do not support ISCO's and LP's actions. World Sailing is run for the sailors not for the builders. World Sailing is very familiar with LP and their issues and, as a result, World Sailing currently supports ISCA not ISCO.
 - b. The consensus for approving our class rule change, giving us the right to approve class legal parts, is positive. It has even been hinted at that we should expect an approval letter quite soon.

Again, we await a public statement of support from World Sailing's within the next week. We all know we are not alone in our fight for independence. The International Laser Class Association (ILCA) has also had similar issues. LP has not been supporting our Class since 2011, but they are intent on starving us for parts and controlling us. Once World Sailing acts we will know what our next steps will be.

What we do predict is that LP will continue their fight to try to take control of our class. LP hopes to win by depleting the class's funds. Now more than ever, it is crucial that everyone renews their membership and supports the class with donations. We did not choose this fight, LP did. Donations will help with our legal expenses and with keeping the class independent. So you'll be hearing more from us about ways you can help.

Lastly, I want to thank Hector Duval for all his efforts at the World Sailing Annual meeting in Mexico last week. Hector was very busy and was able to get meetings on short notice with World Sailing's key personnel. Hector, I know I'm speaking for our entire class; *THANK YOU for all of your hard work this week. We would not have been able to move as quickly as we did without your help.* It is important to note that we are all volunteers, and Hector was at the World Sailing meeting on his own nickel. We did not pay his way; he does this because he loves this class like we all do!

Seas the day,



Laurence H. Mass

President ISCA





2017 World Council Annual Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

and approve that sail as Class legal. Jaime Torres translated to Spanish Chris Williams' Advisory Council Minutes stating how this Class rule change will be rewritten into our current By-Laws. A motion was made to approve the motion that the By-Laws will state that ISCA can approve any equipment changes. We will no longer be limited to equipment "as supplied by the builder" if that equipment doesn't meet our standards or can be improved with a similar item that is stronger and longer-lasting or more in keeping with maintaining our ONE DESIGN status. The motion was seconded and approved.

(3) Suspend Rule 42 during major world-qualifying events was proposed; no interest. Item was tabled.

(4) New rudder with different rudder hole so that rudder can be placed vertical to the hull instead of at an angle; Larry Suter provided an example of a rudder with one hole re-drilled to accommodate moving the cheek plate so that the rudder sits vertical to the hull instead of at an angle (demonstrated by PJ at the Advisory Council meeting). This proposed change was defeated in previous years due to the additional expense. By re-drilling one hole, the rudder can be modified so that the tiller straps go thru the pivot hole; no extra expense is involved except for the extra labor to re-drill a hole and move the cheek plate. (Eduardo translated this explanation in Spanish.) No vote was needed to permit this rudder change to be used in **non-qualifying World Qualifying** events to get feedback in a one-year experiment. Anyone wishing to participate in this experiment is welcome to do so and provide feedback as to whether this change was helpful or not and under what wind conditions. It was decided we will put a template on the website for those who want to drill a new hole in their rudder to experiment with this new vertical rudder placement.

The discussion of end-caps ensued. It was decided that Aqua-Finn End-Caps don't have enough depth and don't work as well as Opti End-caps which are deeper and heavier. Larry Mass told LP that Opti end-caps are an even better part to replace the original Sunfish end-cap. The Opti end-caps were used on the new boats provided for the 2017 Sunfish Worlds.

Everyone applauded Chris Williams for his 10+ yrs of exemplary service on the Advisory Council.

Membership Report/Paul Welles – Worldwide we have 1,074 members. But our membership numbers are trending downward. The Pan Am Games will help membership increase in 2018, however. We all need to spread our "LOVE" for the Class to those at our Clubs. Someone suggested we need to offer incentives – e.g., a printed *Windward Leg*. Funds to print a *Windward Leg* are the only reason we don't send out a printed version, however. At US Sailing, they offer a discounted membership fee with their Golden Anchor program. Perhaps we should think about doing something similar. All suggestions are welcome.

IMPORTANT: Jim Koehler suggested that for the new Sunfish Youth Foundation program, youth sailors eligible for support from SYF funds must be a member of a local Sunfish Fleet. This idea was already implemented into the approval process.

Someone else suggested that we sponsor more "sanctioned" events which require joining the Class. Stewart Draheim of Dallas, TX, pointed out that one problem is that younger sailors perceive the Sunfish as a non-competitive Class. To change that perception, we need to spread the word that our Sunfish champions are incredible athletes and sponsor events that promote this high level of championship status. Team racing, for example, could be one way to promote an event that gains the attention of a younger audience. Great idea. In general, we need to work on getting the average age of Class members down. To do this we can create some PR and marketing material to show the Sunfish as a championship boat sailed by incredible athletes who also compete in other boats as well.

World Sailing Report/Larry Mass – We need a new Agreement with World Sailing which is in the works.

Election of Advisory Council Officers — The members nominated, approved and listed here will serve on the Advisory Council for the next 2 yrs. Jim Koehler & Paul Welles/USA, Guy De Chavigny/Martinique, Willo Cappelleti & Alex Zimmerman/Peru, Jaime Torres/Puerto Rico, Martin Alsogaray (Argentina) & Juan Mazzini/Argentina, John Birkett (ECU), Jurgen Schneider (CUR) – A motion to approve all nominees was made, seconded and approved. The Advisory Council Chairperson will be Jim Koehler/USA. Jim and Paul Welles were nominated to be Chairperson, but Paul said he just can't take on that level of responsibility at this time.

Jorge Barreda (PASAF)– Jorge started sailing Sunfish in the 1970's. Since then he has remained one of our strongest supporters by participating as an International Judge at our World events and on the Committee that approves boats for the Pan Am Games. This Pan Am Games Committee meets every 4 years to select boats to be used. The Sunfish was ratified at the last meeting thanks to Cocoa's ingenious proposal of asking for a "non-confidence" vote if the Sunfish was not approved by committee members. The next Pan Am Games will be Paracas, Peru, a heavy air venue which is a high qualifier for locations of Pan Am Games. There will be 3 race courses with fleets alternating to different race courses. All races will start at 1 p.m. when the wind usually comes in. One hotel will be official hotel for this event. Peru has the largest Sunfish fleet outside the USA.

Pan Am Games Country qualifiers will be: the Sunfish South Americans & Caribbean Championship to be held in Cartagena (Apr 30-May 2, 2018); Midwinters & International Masters in Panama City, FL (Mar. 18-24, 2018); the Sunfish North American Championship at Lake Bluff Yacht Club, Waukegan, IL (8/1-4, 2018) and the 2019 Sunfish South American & Caribbean



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Championship in Peru, January 2019 (Host TBD) . The Sunfish South Americans & Caribbean Championship scheduled in Puerto Rico (Nov. 28-Dec. 2, 2017) was canceled due to the damage caused by Hurricane Maria in late September 2017.

We need to work hard to remain a qualified Pan Am Games boat.

Update on Future World Championships/Larry Mass – 2018 Worlds at Wrightsville Beach, NC – two organizers were here in Brant Beach to see what was done . In Wrightsville waters, there are no obstructions; no shallow waters; waters warm in October and good breezes. They are working on housing. Some meals will be provided. Everything is on track. But will it be a bring-your-own-boat Worlds? Or will LP supply boats? We don't know yet. Paul Welles is willing to be the dealer if LP will provide boats.

2019 Bonaire Worlds – no updates; boats will be a challenge. Bonaire wants to schedule the event in June. As a result, the 2018 and 2019 Worlds may be less than a year apart. This is something to keep in mind when planning.

2020 Worlds/Martinique – Guy De Chavigny said they are looking at June 15 because wind conditions are better then and there are only direct flights to Martinique in the summer season.

Honorary Life Membership Nomination/Larry Mass – Larry Mass nominated Connie Miller for a Life Membership – A motion was made; seconded and approved unanimously VERY QUICKLY!!! No one had to think hard about honoring Connie's achievements within the Sunfish Class ... racing in every North Americans except for Dallas in 2015; hosting major events at the last minute when another Club has bowed out; finding housing for almost every competitor; providing transportation to and from the airport for youth sailors; providing wonderful meals for all sailors (even after the event!) – and the list goes on and on. We are a better Class – a special "family" – because of members like Connie. We couldn't think of anyone who deserved this honor of a Life Membership more. Congratulations!

A motion was made to adjourn this regular World Council meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vicki Palmer

Vicki Palmer, Executive Secretary

ISCA Board of Directors

2017 Advisory Council Meeting

Annual Meeting Minutes

Brant Beach Yacht Club – Brant Beach, NJ, USA

Aug. 28, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.

Chris Williams (Advisory Council Chairman), Rob Eberle (Chief Measurer), Larry Mass for Hector Duval (ISCA World Sailing Representative), Alonso Collantes (World Champion), Paul-Jon Patin for Damien Payne (Bermuda), Lee Parks for Jurgen Schneider (Curacao), Jonathan Martinetti (Ecuador), Pablo Sanguinetti for Alvaro Martinez (Colombia), Chris Williams for Guillermo Cappelletti (Peru), James Koehler for Alex Zimmermann (Peru), and James Koehler (USA).

- I. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting.
- II. **Proposed Changes to the Rules:**

The following rules changes were approved:

- 1) Permit replacement of halyard bullseye with one of similar dimensions that has a metal sleeve.
- 2) Modify the following sections of the Class Rules:

"No addition or alteration may be made to the Sunfish as supplied by the Builder except as is specifically authorized by these rules."

Current Rule 1.1: ~~Unless specifically prohibited, any equipment that has ever been supplied by the Builder may be used on any boat.~~

Updated 1.1: "All equipment, including the hull, and sails, must be approved by the International Sunfish Class Association. This may include 3rd party parts."

Note to the World Council –the words that refer to "the builder" in the Class Rules will be changed to: **ISCA**

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III. **Old Business:** None

IV. **New Business:**

- 1) Puerto Rico requested ISCA makes fixtures available for measurement. The Advisory Council recommends that "ISCA will make approved fixtures for measurement. The NSCAs can purchase them from ISCA."
- 2) There was a brief discussion of changing Class Rules to suspend RRS 42 in more than 10 knots of wind. There was no interest by the Advisory Council in this change.
- 3) Rudder test. Permit a one-year test of the ability to make a rudder more vertical by drilling one new hole (sample drawing and instructions to make changes will be published on website). This would only be legal in events that are not worlds qualifiers. Advisory Council will assess feedback in one year.

V. **A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Chris Williams

ISCA 2015/2017 Advisory Council Chair

***Second Wind* by Nathaniel Philbrick**
USSCA North American Champion in 1978

by Louise Braverman, Publicity Director - Viking/Penguin & Vicki Palmer

"There had been something elemental and all-consuming about a Sunfish. Nothing could compare to the exhilaration of a close race in a real blow—the wind howling and spray flying as my Sunfish and I punched through the waves to the finish." (Excerpt from *Second Wind*)

In the spring of 1992, Nat Philbrick was in his late thirties, living with his family on Nantucket, feeling stranded and longing for that thrill of victory he once felt after winning a national sailing championship in his youth. Was it a midlife crisis? It was certainly a watershed for the journalist-turned-stay-at-home dad, who impulsively decided to throw his hat into the ring, or water, again.

With the bemused approval of his wife and children, Philbrick used the off-season on the island as his solitary training ground, sailing his tiny Sunfish to its remotest corners, experiencing the haunting beauty of its tidal creeks, inlets, and wave-battered sandbars. On ponds, bays, rivers, and finally at the championship on a lake in the heartland of America, he sailed through storms and memories, racing for the prize, but finding something unexpected about himself instead.

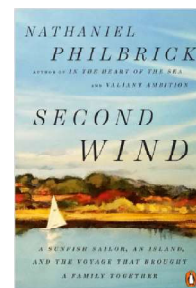
ABOUT THIS AUTHOR and former USSCA North American Champion ...

Nathaniel Philbrick (aka Nat to us Sunfish sailors who have watched his transom cross the finish line far ahead of us!) is the author of *In the Heart of the Sea*, winner of the National Book Award; *Mayflower*, finalist for the Pulitzer Prize; *Bunker Hill*, winner of the New England Book Award; *Sea of Glory*; *The Last Stand*; *Why Read Moby Dick?*; *Valiant Ambition*; and *Away Off Shore*.

Opinion from a voracious reader (that would be me! vep), Nat has a way with words that will keep you captured from page 1 to the end no matter what the subject. Books about history - normally not on my list of favorite reading subjects ... until I read every one of Nat's books, however! His words grab you and won't let go! His knowledge of the events give you a more accurate depiction and sometimes different perspective than what you learned in school. You get smarter while being blown away with some of the best writing style you've been exposed to in a long, long time.

Second Wind, his first novel which was published in hard cover, was of special interest to me because I'm mentioned along with Lee Parks and Pat Manning as having done some sightseeing in Springfield, Illinois, with Nat while bombing around in Lee's "mean green machine" at the 1993 USSCA North American Championship. What a fun experience!

Here's a direct link to Nat's website: <http://www.nathanielphilbrick.com/>. Keep track of Nat's events and be first on the list to get a copy of his latest books. *Second Wind* will be on sale 3/6/18 and published by Penguin Books.



2017 ISCA World Championship — Brant Beach Yacht Club

Angello Giuria of Peru Wins the Youth Championship — August 23-26

Alonso Collantes of Peru Holds onto the #1 Top Spot for the 2nd Year — August 27-Sept. 1

by Vicki Palmer

Brant Beach, NJ ... Siri, are you sure heading SE on Hwy 72 in NJ from the Philadelphia Airport will lead to an island called Long Beach? Really? There's an island off New Jersey? And a town called Brant Beach on this island? You were right on, Siri! And what a beautiful place it was! Add another benefit to attending an ISCA World Championship! Visiting new places, seeing long-time Sunfish friends and making new friends!

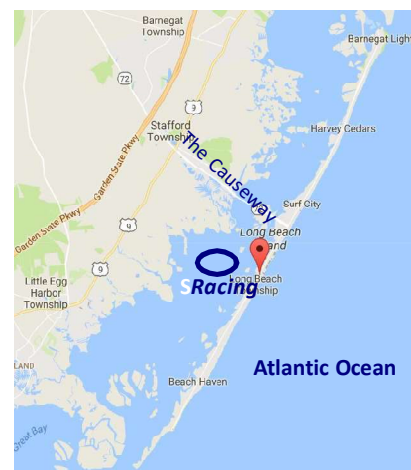
The Brant Beach Yacht Club was an awesome venue for Sunfish racing – a Club and its members who so warmly welcomed everyone. Excellent food, lots to drink (with warm temperatures this was so appreciated), beautiful yacht club, a super well-organized event, generous hosts/hostesses and awesome Race Committee work. Then there were the fun places to visit, excellent restaurants to try and a beautiful beach to walk along. And, of course, let's not forget the nice places to shop.

The 2017 ISCA World Youth Champion for the second year in a row, Angello Giuria of Peru, made all the right moves to earn this top spot once again sailing in a fleet of 21 competitors from 7 different countries. But not without other youth champions-to-be also sailing smart and fast enjoying the challenge to see who could outpace Angello. The second place finisher was Ignacio Antequera Erro of Spain who earned two bullets in the 9 races; one OCS was his throwout. In 3rd place was Clemente Sequel of Chile whose Dad was there to cheer him on. Clemente had a bullet in Race 6. Alejandro Mago of Peru whose steady finishes somewhere in the top 5 for 7 of the 9 races handily earned him the 4th place overall. And finishing in 5th place with a bullet in Race 5 to her credit was Miranda Paz of Peru, the Top Female, followed by Adrianna Barron of Peru in 6th place who scored a bullet in Race 7. Colombian Youth Sailor, Simon Gomez, finished in 7th place and had some incredible starts that helped him earn two 1st place finishes. According to Simon's Dad, Ariel Gomez, Simon teaches sailing for free to a group of kids (sons of farmers) near where he lives in Colombia. Mr. Gomez also said Simon gives them boats, equipment and a lot of respect and love. *I bet there's more to these champions than we see on the race course. I'm so glad Mr. Gomez shared this wonderful story with us. If any Sunfish sailor you know has "another life" so-to-speak, send your stories to the Editor of the Windward Leg!*

Santiago Canziani of Peru finished in 8th place and scored a top place finish in Race 9. Ernesto Sarrazin of Ecuador placed 9th. And Michael Andres Velez Soledispa of Ecuador was the 10th place finisher. Champions ... ALL!

And then there's Alonso Collantes of Peru who captured the numero uno spot at the ISCA World Championship for the second year in a row. And a Champion he will always be to the people who know him! Let me share my Alonso "story" before I continue with the other top finishers. Standing at the bulletin board after Day Three's races anxiously awaiting the results to be posted, Alonso seemed a little nervous and very determined to see where Day's Three results would place him. He hadn't been the #1 finisher after Day's One and Two so he seemed concerned. Well, getting four bullets on Day Three moved him up to 1st place, and the relief on his face was like watching the sun come out after a cloudy day! There's no doubt Alonso is pure champion through and through!

Speaking of "champions," Eugene Schmitt of New Orleans did his best to shoot for the top spot but, alas, Alonso just couldn't be beat. But to finish in 2nd place in this championship fleet of 54 competitors from 10 different countries ... WOW, impressive! Eugene won the Sunfish Midwinters in Florida earlier in the year and placed 5th out of a fleet of 64 competitors at this year's North Americans held at the Sayville Yacht Club. So he's been practicing, and he's getting harder and harder to beat! In 3rd place was Edgar Diminich of Ecuador who got a bullet in Race 11. Finishing 4th was Clemente Sequel of Chile, who scored two bullets in this impressive fleet. But his aggressiveness at the start line for two races caused two OCS scores to ruin the final tally. David Hernandez of Guatemala was the 5th place finisher with Jonathan Martinetti of Ecuador finishing in 6th place. Jean Paul de Trazegnies of Peru finished in 7th place, a young man who never fails to come by and say hello when he arrives at a regatta. Both Jean Paul and Alonso actually hung out on the PRO boat in between a couple of races just chatting away with all of us. What a pleasure that was! I told Paul Coward, the PRO, that he should feel quite privileged that these exceptional young men would even want to hang out with a bunch of "older" people on a committee boat. Paul's comment was, "That's because I didn't kick them off!" Oh, right. That's not true at all. Both Paul (the Championship PRO) and Bub Kovacs (the Youth Championship PRO) were two of the most competent and most entertaining PRO's I've had the pleasure of doing Race Committee with. Put me on their RC boat any time! ... just so many stories to tell!



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in 8th place was Martin Alsogaray of Argentina. David Mendelblatt of the St. Petersburg Yacht Club in FL finished in 9th place. And Stewart Draheim of the Rush Creek Yacht Club near Dallas, TX, was the 10th place finisher.

With so many wonderful competitors, champions and friends from afar to see at a World Championship, there are just so many happenings that added to making this 2017 ISCA World Championship a treasured memory.

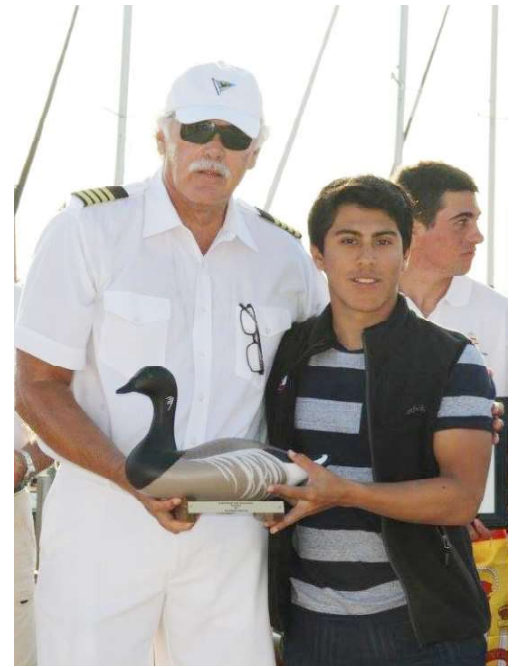
I just wish there was enough space to share one-tenth of what really went on at this event. Attending an ISCA World Championship is about more than racing. It's about the people you meet, the new places you experience, the new friends you make and the long-time friends you get to see again. It's about watching a Regatta Chairman, Dori Jo Gugliemini, who not only worked long and hard hours herself but also had a committee of helpers who showed up every day and did whatever it took to keep the sailors fed and happy. It's about seeing a businessman like Chris McClellan of SunfishDirect organize an incredibly efficient distribution system of assigning the new boats and sail numbers to competitors. And it's about Chris and his SunfishDirect team not hesitating to fix a rudder bolt problem on every rudder before the second day's racing – working late into the night to make sure it was done. It's also about seeing the dedication the International Judges showed every day and the genuine fondness they have for our Sunfish Class and the many competitors they meet year after year.

It's about the travel experience that got you to the event (hopefully a good experience!) such as having a 16-yr old Colombian sailor, Simon Gomez, waiting 5 hours for your flight to arrive and being so happy that a stranger from Tucson didn't forget to meet him at the Philadelphia Airport. His Dad was happy too! It's about the folks who opened up their homes to provide free housing for many of the sailors such as the Weinsteins – hosts/hostesses who will be remembered for a long, long time for their generosity and warm welcome. It's also about learning something new about rigging or about a better sailing strategy or about a sailing rule you might have forgotten about or just have never used before.

But most of all it's about spending time with our Sunfish "family" ... Seeing Nicholas Reyes share his ISCA Worlds experience with his Dad there watching. Hearing the laughter and typical "Dad" things between Paul-Jon Patin and son Nicholas who have become a traveling team. Watching Rob Eberle score a 3rd place finish in one of the races. Having dinner at a lovely restaurant with Gail Murphy-Heausler, Lee Parks, Tom Katterheinrich and getting to meet Chris Houston with his wife Lesley for the first time. Watching a group of South American Youth competitors from different countries share a table, laughing and kibitzing about what tactic on the race course worked and didn't work. Or maybe talking about girls? No! Walking to the Club each morning seeing the seagulls dive for their breakfast and hearing the waves hit the shore; we don't get a lot of that in Tucson.

What an incredible and interesting group of people to spend time with! And I can now say, without a doubt, that there really is an island off New Jersey; Hurricane Sandy didn't wash it away. But there was some evidence that repairs/renovations are still on-going. Thanks to having an event like the ISCA Worlds, we have the perfect opportunity to increase our geographical knowledge base, to add to our life's experiences, to enjoy what an area has to offer and to meet some very special people along the way.

Next year's Youth and Championship ISCA Worlds are being held October 3-18, 2018 in Wrightsville Beach, NC, at the Carolina Yacht Club. Quite a spectacular place and sailing venue from what I hear. The two 2018 ISCA World Chairmen were actually in Brant Beach so they could see what happenings make a successful World Championship. They couldn't have had a better model than what Chairperson Dori Jo Gugliemini set in motion to make the 2017 ISCA World Championship an event to remember. So we can expect another outstanding event to add to our "World" experiences (pun intended!).



Angello Giuria, PERU, wins the ISCA Youth World Championship ... a repeat of his winning performance at the 2016 ISCA Youth World Championship in Cartagena, Colombia.



Alonso Collantes, ISCA World Champion for the second year in a row. And a very happy and well-deserving winner indeed!

Photo Album of the 2017 ISCA World Championship



Lee Parks, Winner of the coveted Dave Thompson Sportsmanship Award ... receiving this prestigious plaque from ISCA President, Larry Mass, at the ISCA World Championship Award Presentation Ceremony. Elected by her competitors, Lee's helpfulness and can-do spirit for any request asked of her both on and off the race course earned her this high honor.



Photo Album of the 2017 ISCA World Championship (cont'd)



Angello Giuria/PER



Brian McGinnis/USA



Eugene Schmitt/USA



Simon Gomez/COL & Chris Williams/USA



Jonathan Martinetti/ECU



Nicolas Patin/USA



Simon Gomez/COL



Anne Patin Wins the Coveted Linda Tillman Championship Trophy at the 2017 Women's USSCA North American Championship

September 29 – October 1, 2017 – Fairhope Yacht Club, Fairhope, AL

by Vicki Palmer



Photos Courtesy of June Rose Futcher

Fairhope, AL ... Located on the eastern shore of Mobile Bay, the Fairhope Yacht Club was a beautiful sailing venue to host this very special Women's USSCA North American Championship with 26 competitors from 10 different states. This event was "a first" in two ways: (1) the first time honoring our beloved Linda Tillman who passed away earlier this year but who will be remembered forever in our hearts, and (2) the first time holding our Women's Championship in conjunction with 4 other fleets competing here but on separate courses with separate officiating. It all worked well!

Anne Patin of New York won this very special Women's Championship handily with four (4) bullets out of eight races total that included a second day of racing in some pretty hefty air! "Hefty" air? You know ... winds blowing 15-18 with gusts over 20. Day One's four races were held in near-perfect winds of 8-12 ... glorious! Our condolences to Anne and her family at the passing of her Dad just 2 weeks prior to this event.

Second place finisher, Anne Edwards from the Gulf Coast Region, had a bullet in the last race and kept us entertained the whole weekend alongside husband, Todd. And third place finisher, Gail Murphy-Heausler from Tampa, FL, and last year's champion and Women's Regatta Chair on the USSCA Board of Directors did a wonderful job with the special display at the award ceremony that included a renamed perpetual trophy and beautiful photo of Linda Tillman along with a special tribute to her memory. Susan Berg, Linda and Dick Tillman's daughter, was the 4th place finisher who sailed with a back injury but still managed to place in the Top Five. And 5th place finisher was Nancy Jaywork of Delaware who chaired this Women's event two years ago in Rehoboth Beach, DE, and whose husband Terry graciously came by after the last race (a tradition) with ice cold beers to help us "cool" down after a hot day of racing.

Katie Nelson, a 16 yr old youth sailor from FL who normally sails Lasers, did very well on a Sunfish. Placing 9th in this Sunfish experience shows that Katie is already working her way to win the Linda Tillman North American Championship Trophy if she sticks with Sunfish racing! And Katie did very well again placing 8th out of 32 competitors at the Florida Regional Championship held Nov. 4-5 at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron site that will qualify the top two winners for next year's ISCA World Championship at Wrightsville Beach, NC. Thank you to Lynne Randall, Florida's Regional Rep, for hauling Lynne's second Sunfish for Katie to use and to Gail Murphy-Heausler and Lee Parks for making sure Katie arrived safe and rested from the drive there from Tampa. Katie was a delight!

Although the one negative about this event is that not all 26 of competitors could spend our off-the-course time together

2017 Women's USSCA North American Championship (cont'd)

since housing was spread over quite a distance, there is one group of seven who shared a magical weekend at a very beautiful and stately vacation rental on Oak Street in Fairhope. Dick Tillman and his very beautiful three daughters – Laurie Ward, Libbie Fitzgerald and Susan Berg – couldn't have been more thrilled to see wife and Mom Linda being honored in such a special way. Sharing this beautiful rental with the Tillman's was Connie Miller of Delaware, Annie Lancaster of Austin, TX, and Vicki Palmer of Tucson, AZ, who got to experience this magical weekend with the Tillman's. Connie cooked a very special meal on Saturday night where the seven of us sat around an elegant dining room and reminisced about our memories of Linda. Between the tears and laughter we all shared, this will be forever a night to remember. Linda was so cherished and loved not only by her family but by many of us too. She will always be a part of us. I'm just sorry the other women competitors didn't get to share in this very special evening. To continue this new tradition, the Tillman family has already committed to being in Austin, TX, for next year's 2018 Women's Sunfish North American Championship to be held the last weekend in September.



No event is possible without the hardwork and dedication of lots of people starting with Chairman Scott Hartwell who had five (I think it was 5) different fleets to register. Not an easy job! But he did have help from Anne and Todd Edwards who helped find boats

and who helped with rigging and repairs needed, etc. And, of course, a special thank you goes to PRO Clinton Edwards, our new Gulf Coast Regional Rep, who knows his RC stuff backwards and forwards! Along with his trusted sweet puppy Bay they kept us all racing the right course and also helped with equipment and rigging on shore, when needed. Dick Tillman also helped Clinton on the RC boat with Vicki Palmer during Sunday's racing because she had a broken tiller that couldn't have been "repaired" well enough to survive the 15-18 winds on Sunday. Time to order the new fiberglass one for the 2nd Sunfish, I think! But one special moment during Sunday's RC work was Dick, a loving and dedicated Dad, who was heard to say during the heavier air races with some scary gusts on Sunday, "I'm worried about my girls." And he watched them carefully in case they needed help. But Laurie, Libbie and Susan were pro's out there despite not having been on a Sunfish in a while! So we think we're looking at some serious competitors by next year's Championship! Regardless of where they finished, all that mattered was that they were safe. Dick was one very proud Dad!



Anne Patin, NY, wins The Linda Tillman North American Championship Trophy in Fairhope, AL ... First Place!

Sail	Name	Races 8; One Throwout	TOT	
1	77715	Anne Patin	1-6-1-1-2-1-3-11*	15
2	77518	Anne Edwards	5-14*-7-3-4-2-2-1	24
3	60858	Gail Murphy-Heausler	6-4-4-4-1-14*-5-2	26
4	3746	Susan Berg	9-5-3-6-12*-5-4-7	39
5	88436	Nancy Jaywork	13-9-8-5-5-4-13.5*-3	47
6	49225	Leslie Dane	2-3-2-16-10-7-12-13*	49
7	75200	Lee Parks	8-13*-9.5-9-6-6-6-5	49.5
8	8	Marguerite Koehler	15-1-9.5-2-16-17*-1-6	50.5
9	81822	Katie Nelson	3-2-5-10-15-10-11-16*	56
10	4704	Lyndsay Stockwell	4-16-12-8-17*-3-15-4	62
11	4060	Sonya Dean	10-12-15*-7-9-12-9-14	73
12	4304	June Rose Futcher	17-10-19-22*-3-8-8-9	74
13	78797	Annie Lancaster	14-8-13-14-8-15*-10-10	77
14	3841	Libbie Fitzgerald	11-21*14-20-14-9-7-17	92
15	111	Ana Gay Christian	18-20*-17-12-7-13-16-15	98
16	4762	Constance Miller	20*-15-16-19-13-11-17-8	99
17	81022	Lynne Randall	22*-19-18-18-11-16-13.5-12	107.5
18	0	Trin Ollinger	7-11-6-11-26*-26-26-26	113
19	76443	Shelley Caplan	12-7-11-13-26*-26-26-26	121
20	76453	Laurie Ward	16-17-22-15-26*-26-26-26	148
21	81332	Martha Heausler	19-18-21-21-26*-26-26-26	157
22	1025	Vicki Palmer	21-22-20-17-26*-26-26-26	158
23	51	Nancy Marshall	23-23-23-26*-26-26-26-26	173
24	80693	Marian MacPherson	26*-26-26-26-26-26-26-26	182
25	55246	Bonnie Sevier	26*-26-26-26-26-26-26-26	182

Midwest Regional #1

Devil Lake
by Rich Chapman

Grab Some Friends and Go!

It's 3:30 on Friday afternoon and 4 Sunfish sailors are the Lake Bluff Yacht Club beach securing the final boat to the top of the pickup. Attached to the back of the black Silverado is an A-frame trailer holding the three other Sunfish that will be towed to Devil's Lake Yacht Club to compete in the first Midwest Regional Championship. Devil's Lake is a beautiful lake in south central Michigan that is housed in a grand building from the 1870's that was once a hotel for vacationers. The club has a long tradition of hosting major events including the Lightning North Americans and the Sunfish North Americans.

As the Lake Bluff contingent made their way down the crowded Tri-state tollway through the Chicagoland suburbs, there was plenty of time to talk sailing. Boat rigging (do I really need 2 halyards?), tactics (it's a small lake with potentially huge shifts, how do we handle that?), goals for the regatta (top ten, finish ahead of a certain sailor), and other sailing talk were popular topics. Arriving at the VRBO late in the evening, the sailors settled in for the night.

Morning on Devil's Lake broke with glassy waters and cool temperatures. After a breakfast of bagels, cream cheese and homemade lox (thanks Lou!), it was time to unload the boats, connect with old friends and try to predict what the wind was going to do.

Racing began in the early afternoon with a fleet of 20 Sunfish starting after the 12 boat Lightning Fleet. The winds were around 4-6 knots with 20 to 60 degree wind shifts that are typical of this lake. Those conditions put a premium on finding good pressure and staying in phase with the breeze. Mark Kastel, Josh Kerst and Rich Chapman seemed to have it figured out as they each won a race and ended the day just 3 points apart. 13-year-old Jake Vanderhorst sailed well finishing the day in 5th, just one point away from 4th!

With three races in the books, the sailors returned to shore for the club's famous chili cook-off dinner. With their appetites sated, the Lake Bluff team retired to their rental to enjoy a

wonderful campfire at the lakeside and a rehash of the day's events.

Day 2 began with light winds that were forecast to build and the sailors were not disappointed. The wind gods provided 8-10 knot breezes and some nice oscillations for all three races. The new conditions gave

some of the sailors who struggled on day one a chance to get back into the game. Local sailor Dan Norton had a strong showing winning race 4 and placing 2nd in race 6. Jack Vanderhorst had a great pin end start in race 2 right next to Rich Chapman. The two of them tacked over to port right after the gun, crossed the fleet and never looked back. Rich sailed a very

Sail	Name	Races 7; One Throwout	TOT
1	59541 Rich Chapman	2-4*-1-2-1-1	7
2	7500 Mark Kastel	1-3-5*-3-3-3	13
3	80021 Dan Norton	8*-8-4-1-5-2	20
4	4909 Josh Kerst	3-1-6-8*-6-5	21
5	78829 Jack Vanderhorst Jr.	5-6-7-5-2-8*	25
6	76356 Ron McHenry	9-5-3-13*-9-11	37
7	11111 Lawrence Carter	16*-2-11-6-13-7	39
8	79620 Scott Schappe	12*-7-8-10-8-6	39
9	82412 Leland Brode	11-12-12-14*-4-9	48
10	75417 Tom Katterheinrich	7-11-2-15-16*-14	49
11	78557 Michael Stratton	4-13-14-4-14-18*	49
12	4410 Laura Beebe	14*-9-13-7-12-10	51
13	81130 Sandy Rapp	15-15-16*-12-7-4	53
14	81107 Michael West	6-17-10-9-11-19*	53
15	80361 Gretchen Seymour	10-14-9-16*-10-12	55
16	81386 Geoff Moehl	17-16-15-17-19*-13	78
17	110 Louis Gordon	18-19-21*-11-15-17	80
18	79407 Donald Fritz	21-10-21*-19-17-15	8
19	46108 Kevin Mitchell	13-18-17-18-18*-16	82
20	80024 Tyler Jacobs Jr.	19-21*-18-20-20-20	97



Photo of Winners: The winners picture shows the top 5 finishers, one of which is youth sailor Jack Vanderhorst (5th) and the other youth sailor, Tyler Jacobs.

consistent regatta throwing out a 4 and ending with a total of 7 points over 5 scored races. When all was said and done, the sailors from Lake Bluff loaded up the trailer and headed back to the beach on Lake Michigan for an quick unload. Overall, the trip was a great time. Traveling with friends, getting to know each other better, reconnecting with old sailing friends and making new ones all contributed to a very memorable regatta. As always, DLYC put on a great show and made everyone feel very welcome.

Next time you're planning to go to a regatta, grab some friends and go. You won't regret it!



Western Regional Championship

Mission Bay Yacht Club - Aug. 19-20

Sail	Name	Races 6; One Throwout	TOT	
1	4333	Les Piehl	1-2*-2-1-1-1	6
2	3503	Brian Pracon	2-1-1-2-3*-2	8
3	33	Luis Madrid	3-6*-3-5-2-3	16
4	8330	Allen Peugh	6*-4-5-3-5-4	21
5	81219	Craig Storms	5*-5-4-4-4-5	22
6	93997	Robert Lamoureux	4-3-7-9*-9-9	32
7	82592	Mike Jensen	8-8-6-9*-9-9	40
8	81808	Paul Catinella	7-7-8-9*-9-9	40

Wurstfest Regatta

Lake Canyon YC, TX - Nov. 3-5

Sail	Name	Races 6; One Throwout	TOT	
1	80749	Stewart Draheim	1-2*-1-2-1-1	6
2	80640	Annie Lancaster	2-1-5*-5-5-3	16
3	80967	Coleman Terrell	9*-3-2-4-4-5	18
4	79344	Ed Hill	12*-6-4-1-7-2	20T
5	93282	Ravi Subramanian	6*-5-6-3-2-4	20T
6	80319	Chris Besch	3-8*-3-8-3-7	24
7	14	Mike Brown	5-14*-8-7-6-6	32
8	80387	David McCary	4-10-10-10-8-11*	42
9	98	Wendy Froelich	8-4-12-13*-13-8	45
10	80999	David Smith	7-9-15*-14-9-10	49
11	80119	Victor Manning	14-16*-7-6-12-14	53
12	81300	Keith Denebeim	13-15*-13-12-10-9	57
13	77463	Richie Amato	11-7-14-17*-14-12	58
14	88395	Patrick Laurie	10-12-16*-11-15-13	61
15	8	Dave Sanford	15-11-11-9-DNC*-DNC	65
16	80120	Patricia Manning	16-13-9-15-DNC*-DNC	72
17	81338	Dallas Grant	17-17-17-16-11-DNC*	78
18	81075	Kerry Mollere	18-RET*-DNC-DNC-DNC-DNC	94

AuGusto! USSCA Regatta

August 20, 2017

Name	Races 5; No Throwouts	TOT	
1	Laura Beebe	2-2-1-2-2	9
2	Bill Molleran	3-1-2-6-1	13
3	Rose Schultz	6-4-6-1-8	25
4	Roger Henthorn	9-5-3-5-3	25
5	Jerry Brewster	1-8-8-7-9	33
6	Pete Peters	7-3-5-8-10	33
7	Ken Wright	5-6-9-3-12	35
8	Megan DeArmon	10-7-4-9-5	35
9	Kevin DeArmon	11-9-10-4-4	38
10	Mike Stratton	4-11-7-11-6	39
11	Kayla Draper	8-12-12-10-13	55
12	Charlie DeArmon	12-10-11-13-11	57
13	Domic Everaet	13-13-14-12-7	59
14	Jack Cooper	14-14-13-14-14	69
15	Eli Rovito	15-15-15-15-15	75

2017 USSCA Southeast Regional Championship

58th Midlands Regatta

Columbia Sailing Club - Nov. 4-5

A regatta that experienced the light-air doldrums resulting in only one race:

- 1) David Parshall
- 2) John Butine
- 3) Gavin Parker
- 4) Glenn Walker
- 5) Bill Smith
- 6) Paul Welles
- 7) John Young
- 8) Matthew McCoy
- 9) Alex Dean
- 10) Tom Payne
- 11) Sonya Dean
- 12) George Sechrist
- 13) Tom Katterneinrich
- 14) Gary Hodo
- 15) Emily Loring
- 16) John Fragakis
- 17) John Meyer
- 18) Ashton Loring
- 19) Johnny Meyer
- 20) Michael Kapp
- 21) Andrew Clarkson
- 22) Margaret Clarkson
- 23) Brian Swan

Camptown Races

Hueston Sailing Association - Jul. 9

Name	Races 4; No Throwouts	TOT	
1	Laura Beebe	4-1-4-1	10
	Bill Molleran	1-6-1-2	10
3	Mike Stratton	2-3-3-6	14
4	Roger Henthorn	3-5-8-3	19
5	Ken Wright	5-2-6-13	26
6	Kevin DeArmon	6-12-2-7	27
7	Megan DeArmon	10-4-9-4	27
8	Jerry Brewster	8-7-5-8	35
9	Pete Peters	7-9-12-10	38
10	Julie Molleran	12-11-11-5	39
11	Charlie DeArmon	13-10-10-9	42
12	Kayla Draper	9-14-7-14	44
13	Iam Mahoney	DNS-8-14-11	48
14	Dominic Everaet	11-13-13-12	49
15	Brett Hart	14-15-15-15	59



Massapoag Yacht Club 68th Annual Regatta

Massapoag Yacht Club | September 08-10, 2017

by Eric Woodman

Bill Brangiforte narrowly beat out Andy David and a 25-boat fleet at the 68th-annual Massapoag (MA) Yacht Club Regatta.

The outcome wasn't decided until the last leg of the 10th, and final, race, which Brangiforte won. He finished with a net of 29 points to David's 32. John Fonseca (42 pts) was 3rd, Scott Greenbaum (44 Pts) 4th and Simon Bertocci (52 pts) was 5th.

With 25 boats the Sunfish class was by far the largest fleet of the six classes that set a record for most boats to ever compete in the regatta (67 boats).

Conditions were fantastic for the most part. A shifty N-NW wind that ranged from 5 to 12 knots ruled 8 of the ten races, with extremely light air for the final 2 races on Saturday.

Diane Kampf and the entire Massapoag Yacht Club were terrific hosts, with their usual great time (and eats/drinks) ashore. PRO Gary Werden did a particularly great job managing all those boats/fleets on a small lake!

Pos, Sail, Boat, Skipper, Yacht Club, Results, Total Points

1. 61299, , Bill Brangiforte, Barrington Frostbite, 2-10-1-1-2-3-[14]-5-4-1- ; 29
2. 40728, , Andy David, Barrington Frostbite, 5-1-3-2-7-1-[15]-1-6-6- ; 32
3. 40725, Lucy, John Fonseca, SailNewport, 1-5-7-4-[10]-4-6-6-5-4- ; 42
4. 54311, , Scott Greenbaum, none, 6-[11]-6-9-1-9-4-2-2-5- ; 44
5. 4350, , Simon Bertocci, East Granby, 3-6-5-3-3-2-[18]-12-7-11- ; 52
6. 12, , Ken Charles, BLSC, 7-7-[13]-7-6-6-9-3-3-10- ; 58
7. 4355, , William Kresic, UConn, 8-[21]-9-8-5-5-11-4-1-9- ; 60
8. 3276, , Lee Montes, Wet Pants Sailing Association, 9-3-8-11-4-[26/DNF]-2-16-9-2- ; 64
9. 5785, , Lee Parks, Newport YC, 14-2-[22]-14-12-12-1-7-11-3- ; 76
10. 58984, Old Shovelnose, Eric Woodman, Barrington Frostbite, 10-4-10-12-8-8-3-[13]-13-13- ; 81
11. 43433, , Liza Genovese, none, 13-13-[16]-6-11-7-8-8-8-12- ; 86
12. 4704, Big Tuna, Lyndsay Stockwell, UConn, 11-8-14-5-14-[15]-5-10-15-7- ; 89
13. 78518, , Paul Dierze, Topsfield Yacht Club, 16-9-4-13-13-[20]-10-11-10-17- ; 103
14. 9102, , Robert (Rapid) Buttner, Chetolah yacht Club, 4-17-11-[20]-9-10-19-9-17-8- ; 104
15. 79161, Slowdive, David Nielsen, Bolton Lake Sailing Club, 15-14-2-15-15-11-[17]-17-12-15- ; 116
16. 898, , Marta Chlus, Bantam Lake Yacht Club, 12-18-12-[21]-19-14-7-18-18-20- ; 138
17. 4411, , Bernadette Levesque, Massapoag Yacht Club, 19-[22]-17-10-16-17-13-21-16-18- ; 147
18. 111, S.S. Mola Mola, Kimmy Jackman, Bantam Lake Yacht Club, 17-16-21-[24]-21-18-12-14-19-16- ; 154
19. 4331, , Andrew Silhavy, UConn, 20-12-23-16-17-13-16-20-22-[26/DNS]- ; 159
20. 80737, Sunny, Ruth Hakanson, ., 22-15-15-17-[26/DNS]-26/DNF-20-15-21-14- ; 165T
21. 14, , Mary Charles, BLSC, 18-20-18-18-18-[26/DNF]-21-19-14-19- ; 165T
22. 2752, , Rick Schlosser, Myc, [24]-19-19-22-23-21-22-22-23-21- ; 192
23. 613, , John Houstle, MYC, 21-23-20-19-22-19-23-23-24-[26/DNS]- ; 194
24. 81289, , Shannon Nardi, UConn, 23-[24]-24-23-20-16-24-24-20-22- ; 196
25. 3901, Skip's, Skip Russell, MYC, 25-25-25-25-24-[26/DNF]-26/DNS-26/DNS-26/DNS-26/DNS- ; 228

2017 Tim Dowling Memorial

Clear Lake Yacht Club, Michigan

	Name	Races 4; No Throwout	TOT	
1	LaFarge, WI	Mark Kastel	1-1-1-1	4
2	Hickory Corners, MI	Jim Richter	2-2-2-2	8
3	Clarklake, MI	Richard O'Boyle	3-3-3-3	12
4	Richland, MI	Gail Turluck	DS-DS-DS-DS	24
5	New Knoxville, OH	Tom Katterheinrich	DS-DS-DS-DS	24

2017 NY Downstate Regionals

Moriches Yacht Club | July 22-23

Sail	Name	Races 7; One Throwout	TOT	
1	1717	Paul-Jon Patin	1-2-1-8*-4-1-1	10
2	4350	Simon Bertocci	9*-1-4-6-3-6-3	23
3	77173	John Condon	2-3-8-2-6-3-9*	24
4	28	Christine Coffill	4-5-6-1-1-14*-10	27
5	75451	Larry Suter	7-9*-5-9-2-4-4	31
6	71	Marguerite Koehler	13*-6-2-5-7-8-11	39
7	1818	Nicholas Patin	10-13*-3-13-11-7-2	46
8	3276	Lee Montes	8-16*-12-12-8-5-5	50
9	9	Katie Koehler	5-10-7-4-15-12-24*	53
10	81334	Griffin Sisk	3-7-16-18*-10-16-6	58
11	80018	Peter Wells	6-8-10-16*-9-11-14	58
12	4353	William Sesack	16*-12-14-14-5-9-7	61
13	55461	Kenny Mockridge Jr.	12-11-11-10-17-2-24*	63
14	79161	David Nielsen	17*-17-9-3-13-10-13	65
15	77715	Anne Patin	19*-14-13-15-14-13-12	81
16	79271	Daniel McKeon	21*-15-15-7-16-15-17	85
17	49615	Chris Williams	14-4-17-11-24*-24-24	94
18	55402	Kiley Castellano	11-19*-19-19-12-19-15	95
19	411	Aden McKeon	15-18-21*-17-19-19-19	107
20	4114	Connor McKeon	23*-21-20-21-21-17-16	116
21	86115	Jim Ranker	24*-24-24-24-23-20-24-18	116
22	80562	Katlyn Lindahl	18-22-24*-23-20-24-18	125
23	80726	Suzanne Hulme	20-23*-22-22-22-21-20	127
24	11	Scott Stuart	22-20-18-20-24*-24-24	128

2017 New England Regional #2

Lake Wequaquet Yacht Club | July 29-30

Sail	Name	Races 10; One Throwout	TOT	
1	78545	Dan Hesse	21*-1-1-3-10-6-2-2-1-5	31
2	61299	Bill Brangiforte	4-5-8*-1-3-4-74-3-3	34
3	4350	Simon Bertacchi	10-16*-5-2-1-8-3-7-2-6	44
4	80876	Amanda Callahan	3-8-18*-6-7-2-11-3-6-2	48
5	70269	Matt Duggan	1-23*-6-13-14-3-1-1-5-7	51
6	55900	Alan Beckwith	16*-3-4-4-2-12-6-5-4	51
7	4355	Will Kresic	5-11-3-11-4-5-5-19*-12-4	60
8	40725	John Fonseca	7-6-7-5-13*-10-8-8-11-1	63
9	54311	Scott Greenbaum	9-4-13-15*-6-9-4-9-10-13	77
10	40728	Andy David	2-2-12-12-9-13-14*-10-13-8	81
11	58984	Eric Woodman	8-7-15-22*-12-7-15-14-7-10	95
12	81272	Greg Griffin	15-12-11-7-8-16-10-23*-9-9	97
13	55461	Kenny Mockridge	20*-17-9-10-11-14-9-6-8-16	100
14	60085	Drew Buttner	11-10-2-9-5-1-30*-30-30-30	128
15	43433	Elizabeth Genovese	19-15-17-8-16-23*-19-16-17-15	142
16	29629	Les Johnson	12-18-22*-17-20-11-12-18-22-12	142
17	75016	Peter Giuliano	14-21*-10-14-21-17-13-15-18-21	143
18	78518	Paul Dierze	18-9-20*-19-15-15-18-13-19-18	144
19	1962	Jack Campo	22-13-14-16-22-19-20-11-14-23*	151
20	89034	Lyndsay Stockwell	17-20-21-20-19-24*-16-12-20-14	159
21	3868	Drew Staniar	6-19-19-18-30*-30-17-30-15-20	171
22	124	Marta Chlus	23-25*-19-21-18-18-25-17-16-19	176
23	80972	Maggie Borden	26-26-30*-23-17-20-22-21-21-17	193
24	5785	Lee Parks	13-14-23-30*-30-30-21-20-23-22	196
25	60544	Austin Williams	27*-22-26-25-24-21-24-22-24-24	212
26	81289	Shannon Nardi	25-27*-25-24-23-22-26-24-25-25	219
27	9102	Rapid Buttner	24-24-24-30*-30-30-23-30-30-30	245
28	805	Joe Callahan	30*-29-28-30-30-30-27-25-26-30	255
29	813	Jonathan Lee	28-28-27-30*-30-30-30-30-30	263

2017 Oktoberfest Region 4

Race Results

Sail	Name	Races 9; One Throwout	TOT	
1	80021	Dan Norton	1-1-2-4*-1-1-1-1-1	9
2	76356	Ron McHenry	3-6*-1-2-2-5-4-2-3	22
3	4909	Josh Kerst	2-2-3-5-6*-3-2-3-2	22
4	4410	Laura Beebe	9-10*-6-1-4-6-6-4-5	41
5	75417	Tom Katterheinrich	10*-5-7-7-3-4-5-5-9	45
6	78255	Bill Molleran	8-4-9-11*-7-2-7-7-6	50
7	78557	Mike Stratton	4-16*-4-6-9-7-8-6-7	51
8	80884	Kevin DeArmon	5-11-5-15*-8-9-3-9-4	54
9	76331	Roger Henthorn	11-9-13-14-5-8-17*-11-12	83
10	79407	Don Fritz	14*-13-11-12-11-12-10-8-8	85
11	117	John Meyer	7-3-8-3-12-10-23-23-23	89
12	80883	Megan DeArmon	12-7-12-13-10-17*-915915	93
13	8689	Jerry Brewster	15-8-18*-8-15-14-14-13-11	98
14	78831	Samantha Marks	16*-15-10-9-16-11-13-10-16	100
15	81227	Ken Wright	13-17*-17-10-13-16-15-12-13	109
16	76434	Amy Marks	17-14-14-17-14-15-11-18*-14	116
17	80885	Kayla Draper	6-12-16-18-18-19*-18-17-18	123
18	78304	Dominic Everaet	19*-18-15-19-19-18-16-14-17	136
19	82568	Mark Costandi	18-19-19-16-17-13-23*-23-23	148
20	78976	Charlie DeArmon	23*-23-23-23-23-23-12-16-10	153
21	76602	Brett Hart	20-20-20-20-20-20-23*-23-23	166
22	24186	Gail Turluck	23*-23-23-23-23-23-23-23	172

2017 Upstate NY Regional

Canandaigua Yacht Club | Aug. 12-13

Fleet	Name	Races 7; One Throwout	TOT	
1	Open	John Fonseca	1-1-1-1-2-12*-2	8
2	Master	Jim Gindling	2-2-3-2-9*-3-1	13
3	Gr Master	John Meyer	4-7-4-10*-1-2-6	24
4	Master	Mike Fortner	3-4-2-9-6-1-15*	25
5	Gr Master	John Fields	9-3-5-4-5-14*-4	30
6	Women	Mary Schmidt	6-11-12*-12-3-4-8	44
7	Women	Linda Bryant	15*-6-7-3-10-5-14	45
8	Women	Deirdre Santos-Kaukeinen	7-5-10-5-8-13*-12	47
9	Gr Master	Bill Schmidt	8-9*-9-7-7-9-7	47
10	Master	John Williams	10-8-6-11-12*-7-10	52
11	Open	Johnny Meyer	13-20*-20-6-4-11-9	63
12	Master	Denis Wettlaufer	14-10-14-17*-17-6-5	66
13	Gr Master	Chip Toth	5-14-13-16-18*-8-11	67
14	Open	Bart Hale	12-20*-20-14-11-10-3	70
15	Youth	Nicole Gindling	11-12-11-13-14-15-16*	76
16	Youth	Seth Quigley	20*-13-8-8-13-17-20*	79
17	Youth	Emily Richardson-McKeown	16-15-15-18-15-19*-17	96
18	Gr Master	Lanse Toth	20*-20-20-15-16-16-13	100
19	Open	Don Savage	20*-16-16-19-20-18-18	107

*USSCA Fall Series
Amityville, NY
by Marguerite Koehler*

2017 was the inaugural year for Sunfish Fall sailing. Fourteen sailors participated:

Michael Braner, Colin Clarke, Kara Clarke, Ryan Fitzsimmons, Beverly Flanagan, Charlie Mandracchia, Sean Murphy, Lauren Parker, Declan Queenan, Jimmy Ranker, Griffin Sisk, Ed Sisk, Melissa Solnick & Leah, Danny Umpa

Several sailors participated in all of the 28 race series. Racers would head to the flats, an area directly south of the sailing center. Conditions varied from light winds with strong currents to a piping sea breeze. A highlight of the racing was the long distance race of week five. Sailors beat upwind on the southerly, rounded the weather mark and sprinted downwind to the shop. The winner was the first feet to touch the beach. Danny Umpa and Michael Braner worked an early lead, but went too far right. The current was strong and the left side was the best course. Twelve year-old Declan Queenan played the left and won! On Day 6, Griffin Sisk and Sean Murphy jostled for first and second while the middle of the fleet traded scores all day.

FINAL Scores:
Griffin Sisk -- 1st
Michael Braner - 2nd
Colin Clarke - 3rd



L to R: Jim Koehler, Ryan Fitzsimmons



L to R: Jim Koehler, Charlie Mandracchia



Declan Queenan (in red shirt) who saved up his own money this summer and bought his first Sunfish, a 1970.s dream boat that he fixed up and got into racing shape



Griffin Sisk



Michael Braner



Sean Murphy



Colin and Kara Clarke winning the First Couples trophy - presented to them by Jim Koehler

Florida Regional USSCA Championship

Sarasota Sailing Squadron - Nov. 4-5

**2017 USSCA FL Regional Championship Requires
Light Air Wizardry**

Seven races were conducted over two days in light breeze of 3-8 knots with chop and current, trying conditions for even the most seasoned competitors. Otherwise, the weather was Chamber of Commerce picture perfect with blue skies, a full moon and beautiful sunrises and sunsets. Thirty-two competitors, aged 15-70+, enjoyed friendly yet competitive racing on Sarasota Bay, hosted by the Sarasota Sailing Squadron.

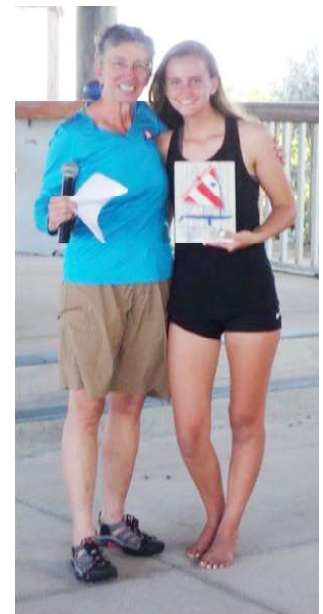
Katie Nelson, a youth sailor from Davis Island Yacht Club, age 15, placed 8th, competing against other top sailors, all with 30-40+ years of Sunfish sailors. Keep an eye out for Katie as a rising Sunfish star.

Three of the top five sailors were also from DIYC. Gail Heausler finished fifth, Joe Blouin, 4th, and Jeff Linton, first. Filling out the top five were Mindy Strauley, 3rd, and Paul Strauley, 2nd, from Lake Monroe Sailing Association. Lake sailing in light and variable wind obviously helped this weekend. Husband and wife each had 23 points with it coming down to who beat whom in the last race to decide the tie breaker.

Team Florida continues to grow as 6-8 competitors enjoyed their first Sunfish Championship. Women sailors outnumbered male competitors two to one due to the popularity of Sunfish sailing in the women's sailing clubs in the southwest Florida area, generating new Sunfish sailors eager to race.



Winner Jeff Linton with FL Regionals Chair, Lynne Randall



Lynne Randall with Top Youth Sailor, Katie Nelson

	Sail	Name	Races 7; One Throwout	TOT
1	75316	Jeff Linton	2-3-1-6*-1-1-1	9
2	76685	Paul Strauley	6-6-3-2-2-7*-4	23T
3	84800	Mndy Strauley	4-2-2-3-6*-6-6	23T
4	271	Joe Blouin	11-1-4-5-19*-5-2	28
5	60858	Gail Murphy-Heausler	3-4-14*-1-7-14-5	34
6	75324	Rita Steele	1-8-16*-9-5-4-11	38
7	24603	Dave Dunn	10*-10-8-10-3-2-7	40
8	81822	Katie Nelson	8-5-20*-8-8-12-3	44
9	314	Dan Norton	9-18*-5-13-4-9-9	49
10	49333	Chris Gates	12-9-6-17*-11-10-8	56
11	79333	Stephen Winkler	7-16*-13-12-16-3-14	65T
12	53100	Ursula Olson	5-13-11-14-9-17*-13	65T
13	76278	Christine Kelly	15-17*-15-4-17-11-10	72
14	55	Amanda Hus	14-12-17*-7-15-156-12	75
15	88	Susan Gaillard	17-7-23-16-14-8-29*	85
16	81044	Clay Smith	22*-11-21-18-10-13-18	91
17	3930	Janet Kreutzer	16-21*-9-20-12-18-21	96
18	80095	Ann Carroll	26*-25-7-23-13-16-16	100
19	81022	Lynne Randall	20-19-10-15-26-28*-15	105
20	80858	Linda Schwartz	13-26*-19-21-20-24-17	114
21	4164	Sari Wakefield	19-15-24-1122-UFD*-25	116
22	78274	Charlie Cushing	21-14-22-19-28-19-30*	123
23	81098	Pam Miller	24-20-12-31*-23-23-26	128
24	88552	Rosemary McMullen	27-22-29*-26-18-21-24	138
25	81277	Elizabeth Owens	31*-29-18-30-21-20-22	140
26	81309	Karen McLarty	18-30*-28-22-29-25-19	141
27	78992	Bruce Kreutzer	25-24-27-28*-25-26-20	147
28	79474	Tihda Vongkoth	23-28-26-27-27-UFD*-23	154
29	2663	Anne Chotkowski	30-27-30-24-24-22-31*	157
30	80618	Dee Gill	28-31-25-25-OCS*-27-27	163
31	47411	Ann Albert	29-23-31*-29-30-29-28	168
32	77683	Jennifer Southward	DNC*-DNC-DNC-DNC-DNC-DNC	198



A very nice photo taken at these FL Regionals.