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Derrick Fries Is New World Champion

University of Michigan sailing ace Derrick Fries of Pontiac, Michigan is the 1975 World Champion of the Sunfish Racing Class. He had been the top American finisher at the last two World Championships, in Martinique and Aruba, which had been dominated by Caribbean sailors.

Fries won over two former World Champions, Pierre Siegenthaler of the Bahamas and Bob Bowles of Garden City, L. I., three-time North American Champion Carl Knight of Red Hook, N.Y., and 93 other sailors from 14 countries. Siegenthaler placed fourth, Knight 11th and Bowles 12th in the generally light-air series, held off Kings Bay Yacht and Country Club of Miami, Fla. April 28 - May 4.

Second in the seven-race, one-throw-out series was Paul Fendler of Bedford, N.Y. The 130-lb. college freshman has been a light-air threat since his first World's in Martinique two years ago, but has generally been overpowered by the strong trade winds of the Caribbean, where the first five World Championships have been held.

Third was another young lightweight, Mike Catalano of Pompano Beach, Florida, who won the fifth race. He placed sixth at last year's North American Championships.

Pierre Siegenthaler of Nassau, Bahamas, World Champion in Martinique in 1973, was the only competitor to win two of the individual races, but slipped down in the fleet in several others. At 37, he was the old man of the top five.

Fifth spot was taken by Dartmouth student Rip Fisher of Babylon, N.Y., who had been seventh at the 1974 North Americans. All 25 U.S. competitors qualified for the World's at the North Americans the previous year, except Bowles and Fries, who qualified through their records at previous Worlds.

The next five places went to Caribbean sailors. Ecuador was represented in the top 10 for the first time, and with two contenders — Juan Plaza in sixth, just $\frac{3}{4}$ point behind Fisher, and Raphael LeCaro in 10th. Plaza won the third race.

John Dunkley of Nassau, Bahamas, who placed third in Martinique, finished

seventh. Louis Martin of Guadeloupe, who won the fourth race, was eighth, and M. O. LaFontaine of Martinique was ninth. Sailors from these two French-speaking islands had dominated the heavy-air series in Aruba last year.

The only winner of an individual race who did not place in the top 10 was Joe Roberts of Venezuela, who had a misfortunate series otherwise.



Derrick Fries, new Sunfish World Champion, shows the intent concentration needed to be a championship caliber sailor. Mounted on his boat are some of the Class-approved additions that give the serious racer a slight edge: center mounted mainsheet block, clam cleats, shock cord dagger board retaining device, and compass.

Fries picked up the beautiful Sunfish World Champions' perpetual trophy, donated by *Motor Boating & Sailing*. The top 10 were awarded silver bas-relief half-model Sunfish plaques and the individual race winners received silver pitchers.

In addition, Arthur Knapp, who chaired the protest committee, awarded copies of his book *Race Your Boat Right* to 61-year-old Marcel Jean-Jacques of Martinique, who sailed every race but finished last, and to Peter Christie of the Bahamas, who finished smack in the middle of the fleet.

It was Christie who instigated some on-shore excitement when he protested the race committee over the shortened sixth race. The race was thrown out after a hearing on Friday night, reinstated Saturday morning

on the basis of fresh evidence supplied by Carl Knight, and its reinstatement reconfirmed after a lengthy rehearing Saturday evening. The problem seemed to revolve around the question "When is a blue flag not a blue flag?", referring to that flown by the committee boat at the finish.

The protest committee was a blue ribbon panel of yacht racing experts: Arthur Knapp, Frank Zagarino, and Andre Roche of Venezuela. The regatta was run by Rick Wonson, the new Secretary of the Sunfish Racing Class, with the help of a number of old hands from AMF/Alcort and members of Kings Bay under the guidance of Commodore Hal Lieberman. From the colorful opening flag ceremony to the final trophy at the awards banquet, it was a near-flawless regatta.

Starting 97 boats proved to be a bit of a problem, with several general recalls for almost every race. The one-minute rule was in effect for all races, with disqualification for being over the line during the last minute of a valid start after a recall. The procedure hurt the standings of many competitors, but helped make starts controllable. The general recall problem did force cancellation of the scheduled eighth race — after three of them, time ran out.

Winds for the week-long series were always from the southeast with shifts of 10 to 20 degrees at fairly regular intervals. Strength ran from an estimated 2 to 12 knots, with major variations on different parts of the course, so that it was quite possible to tack on a major shift and the sail into a hole. In addition to wind sense, a sailor needed a good start to keep his win clear. The chop in shallow Biscayne Bay gave many competitors fits; it seemed disproportionately steep for the strength of the wind.

From a long-time Sunfish racer's point of view, the caliber of competitors was particularly evident at the start — 97 boats on the line at the gun with full heads of steam — and off the wind, where an experienced surfer could pick up a dozen boats per lap.

National rivalries seemed a little less tense this year. There was a great deal
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Super Will Help Sunfish

As many Sunfish sailors know by now, there is a new high performance rig appearing on the racing scene, the Super Sunfish. This rig utilizes the standard Sunfish hull and includes a two piece mast, sleeve sail with halyard, double cunningham and outhaul control lines, and a traveler. Introduced in May, the Class has already had its first twenty-plus boat regatta.

In the past month some Sunfish sailors have expressed a fear that the Class will be hurt by the Super Sunfish. I feel that the introduction of the performance rig will be a stabilizing force. Up till now if a sailor wanted to jump to a new class it meant a large expenditure of money and in many cases the Sunfish was put to pasture. Now there can be

two boats in one and the advantages are obvious.

The racing schedule will afford an owner the chance to go to more regattas with a minimal investment. Ease of transfer from one rig to another will enable clubs to host combined regattas; Sunfish one day and Super Sunfish the next for a combined trophy. Yacht clubs can offer instruction on all levels without feeling the need to use another class.

Hopefully, we will keep more of the very good young sailors in Sunfish and keep the Sunfish Class competition at its present high level.

We welcome your comments.

Rick Wonson
Class Secretary



Admirers line up on Darien's Weed Beach to view the lineup of Super Sunfish before the Class' first official regatta in May. Some 12 of the 22 skippers the day before raced in standard Sunfish, then switched to the high-performance sailing rig.

EARLY BIRD REGATTA

Lake St. Louis, Mo.

April 26-27; 16 boats

winds: strong shift to calm

D. Chapin	1	1	2	3 1/2
J. Herndon	4	2	3	9
P. Schattgen	6	4	5	15
R. Gay	7	8	4	19
B. Beard	8	5	7	20

EARLY FISH REGATTA

Narrasketuck YC, N.Y.

April 27; 17 boats

winds: 15-25 mph

Mike Geraghty	1	2	(5)	1	1	4 1/4
Andrew Goodwin	2	1	(4)	2	3	7 3/4
Rich Harrington	3	6	1	(14)	4	13 3/4
Bob Hines	4	7	2	4	(7)	17
Ray Gerber	(12)	9	7	6	2	24



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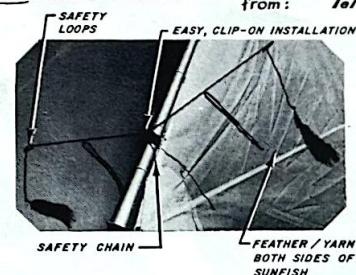
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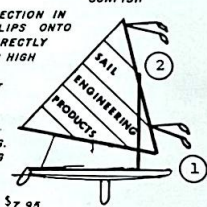
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That Ol' River Race Just Keeps Growing

Winner of the Lowengard Trophy, top award in the Third Annual Mixed Doubles Sunfish Championship — better known as the Great Down-the-Connecticut-River Race/Cruise — was 470 Class ace Rodney Johnstone and his daughter, Becky, from Stonington, Conn. In the Unmixed Doubles or Odd Couples competition, the winners were George Cronin and his son, Justin, of Katonah, N.Y.

Equally prestigious in this competition, in which it is more important to have fun and enjoy the cruise than it is to win, are the awards for finishing last without ever having had to accept a tow. In the Mixed Doubles, the award is known as the Brotherhood Trophy, and was awarded to Fran Zambrello of East Hampton, Conn. and his crew, Janice Bulcke. The correspon-

ding award for the Odd Couples is a pair of little black address books so that the crews can start looking for a different partner for next year. Winners of this award were Frank Stolfi and Ken Mernal of Glastonbury, Conn.

The event has grown so fast in popularity that this year's cruise was limited to 75 entrants. Four days after the notice was mailed, registrations had to be closed — two weeks before the start. Two years ago, six hardy couples sailed from Wilson, Conn. to Old Saybrook, with a camp-out at Hurd State Park in East Haddam. Last year, 41 started including the new Odd Couples Division. This year, the race was shortened somewhat, so that start and finish sites could accommodate the huge fleet. There were 37 Odd Couples and 32 Mixed Doubles at the start at Riverside Park in Hartford.

In spite of the beautiful, generally sunny weather, a few boats dropped out along the way, but there were still more than 60 at the finish at the Pettipaug Yacht Club in Essex on Sunday afternoon. One father and son team, who had to attend a wedding on Saturday morning, joined the fleet after the second race, which ended at the Rocky Hill Ferry Landing.

The cruise was broken up into six races, four on the first day and two on the second. Five of the six starts were mad off-the-

beach LeMans-type scrambles. The one conventional yacht-race-type start on Sunday morning saw boats in the middle of the line running away from it to avoid being swept over early by the current, while those on either end, who had timed things better, were able to cross with a full head of steam and the current behind them. Each stretch of the river was different, with every point of sailing included at one time or another, including beats down-stream with one-knot breezes created by the one-knot current.

Overnight camp at Hurd State Park was as enjoyable as the cruise.

Camping gear showed the usual ingenuity of sailors everywhere and ranged from palatial four-man umbrella tents to plastic cubes and one pyramid arrangement made up of three Sunfish sails arranged teepee fashion.

MIXED DOUBLES — 32 BOATS

Crew & Home Town	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total Points
Rodney Johnstone & daughter Becky Stonington, Conn.	3	6	4	3/4	3/4	3/4	15 1/4
Will White & step-daughter Susan Oakleaf West Hartford, Conn.	3/4	3/4	3/4	6	4	6	18 1/4
Hunt Conard & sister Kyle West Hartford, Conn.	9	2	2	2	2	5	22
Don Wild & wife Sally Farmington, Conn.	2	5	3	5	6	4	25
Edward Hourihan & mother Eleanor Mt. Holly, N.J.	8	7	6	3	3	2	29

ODD COUPLES — 37 BOATS

Crew & Home Town	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total Points
George Cronin & son Justin Katonah, N.Y.	2	3/4	3/4	3	3/4	3/4	8
Robert Duck & Bill Bane Darien, Conn.	8	2	3	3/4	3	4	20 3/4
Karen Sheldon & Marcia Jacobs, Brown University Providence, R.I.	10	5	2	4	10	3	34
Michael Oakleaf & Benjamin Lowengard West Hartford, Conn.	23	4	5	8	2	2	44
Frederick Scribner & Havon Eaton III South Windsor, Conn.	DNF	10	10	2	9	5	65

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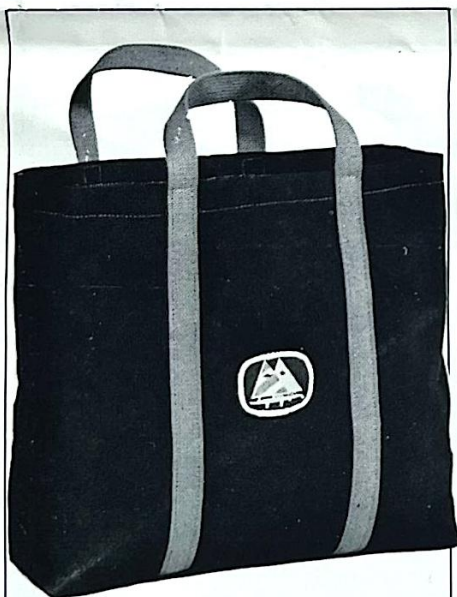
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AMF Alcorn has acquired from Go-Fast Products, Inc., makers of Formula S sailing rigs used with Sunfish hulls, all rights to the name "Formula S" and to the sail emblem of the Formula S Racing Class.

The Formula S Class, which has about 300 members, will be merged with Alcorn's Super Sunfish Class on August 1. Alcorn's own high-performance sailing rig for the Sunfish is similar to the Formula S design. The best of both rigs will be retained and blended into the Super Sunfish rig, which will succeed the Formula S. Alcorn will be exclusive manufacturer.

The Board of Governors of the Formula S Class will remain to govern the Super Sunfish Class with John Black Lee as the chairman.

The Sunfish Racing Class will be operated separately from the Super Sunfish Class, although Sunfish owners can buy the Super Sunfish conversion rig and race in both classes.



The leaders bear down on the mark as the fleet spreads out a little during the first official Super Sunfish regatta held in Darien in May for the Long Island Championships. Jumper Lee won.

North American Dates Set For Both Classes

Dates for the North American championships of the Sunfish and Super Sunfish Racing Classes have been announced.

They are:

— Sunfish North American Singles: August 4 to 9 at Indian Lake Yacht Club in Russells Point, Ohio on Indian Lake.

— Sunfish North American Doubles August 22 to 24 at Hammonasset State Park, Madison, Conn., on Long Island Sound.

— Super Sunfish North American Championship: Sept. 13 and 14 at a location to be announced. This will be the new Class' first North Americans.

Also, the Sunfish Team Nationals will be held Sept. 28 and 29 at Lake Sunapee, N.H.

All of the events are open to Class sailors. Additional information is available from the Class Secretaries, P. O. Box 1345, Waterbury, Conn. 06720.

Lee Takes 1st Super Race....

Taking advantage of the two-class potential of the Sunfish hull, the Darien Sunfish Yacht Racing Association staged its 11th Long Island Sound Sunfish Championship on May 10, and followed it up May 11 with the 3rd L.I. Sound Championship for Formula S & Super Sunfish.

It turned out to be the first official Super Sunfish regatta and, sure enough, 12 of the 31 Sunfishers on Saturday came back on Sunday to be part of the 22-boat Super Sunfish event.

Mike Catalano put together the best combined weekend score: first on Sunfish, and second on Super Sunfish. Jumper Lee took first honors in the Super Class, and was 11th on Sunfish.

The races were sailed in 5-10 knot southerlies with frequent shifts in direction. The roster of competing sailors both days looked like a "Who's Who in Sunfish Racing", with many top-ranked skippers in the Northeast entered in the event. Final standings were:

Sunfish

Mike Catalano	1	1	1	(18)	6	2	10¼
Phil Saccio	3	2	7	(14)	2	1	14¼
John Meyers	4	6	4	(9)	4	8	26
Bob Knapp	9	8	(18)	1	5	5	27¾
Rich Rudert	7	3	(16)	4	3	12	29

Super Sunfish

Jumper Lee	1	4	1	9	1	15¼
Mike Catalano	4	1	7	6	2	19¾
Al James	5	7	2	3	4	21
Bob Bowles	2	3	6	5	7	23
Jack Lombard	15	2	4	8	3	32

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... And the next time there was a double-header Sunfish/Super Sunfish regatta, Mike Catalano and Jumper Lee turned the trick again, winning in each class, respectively. In fact, Phil Saccio, again, was running close in Mike's wake.

The scene was Southold Bay on May 25 for the 5th Memorial Day regatta of Southold Yacht Club. Steady winds of 10-15 knots made for good sailing on the triangle course. It was a six-race series with one throw-out.

Sunfish — 13 boats

1. Mike Catalano	5
2. Phil Saccio	10¾
3. Sprague Ackley	11¾
4. William Chandler	25
5. Jeff Meinke	28

Super Sunfish — 7 boats

1. Jumper Lee	8½
2. Al James	9½
3. John Moeller	11¾
4. John Lee	13¾
5. Chuck Winding	25

Bits 'n Butts

There's a new look to Sunfish sails. The label has been changed. It now says "Class Approved Sail". Otherwise it is the same Ratsey sail unchanged from those that had the old label.

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The Sunfish Club de Pointe a Pitre in Guadeloupe now has 35 members. President Rene Peraud requests that club correspondence be sent to him at 52, rue Henry IV, 97110 Pointe-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe.

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Mattituck Yacht Club has cancelled its June 21 regatta because of the conflict with the Northeast Regionals. An October rescheduling date seems likely.

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Fleet 309 at the Royal Nassau Sailing Club will hold the 3rd International Regatta in The Bahamas Nov. 7-9. Some 20 boats will be available to visiting yachtsmen on a first-come, first-serve basis (allowing for regional distribution) for a \$25 fee. Accommodations in members' homes are on the same basis. For further details, contact Mac Robertson, P.O. Box N-4010, Nassau, Bahamas.

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The South American Championships, planned for April, have been postponed until October, tentatively, by Fleet 523 at Lake Maracaibo, Venezuela.

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A new Michigan boat registration law requires that Sunfish be registered. The fee is \$4.50 for three years.

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The Greater Detroit Sunfish Club now has five fleets functioning in competition: seniors, intermediates, a Ladies fleet, a Junior fleet and new for this year is a Novice fleet.

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Florida's Intracoastal Sailing Club, which sponsors the Florida Singles Championship, has voted to establish a Team Racing Championship.

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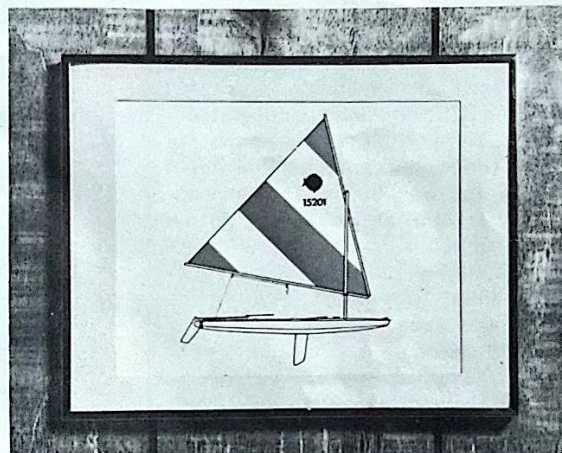
Dick Griffin, harbor pilot at St. Thomas, won the Sunfish Caribbean Midwinters in January at St. Thomas, V.I. Henry DeWolf of Barrington, R.I. was second; Albert Lang of St. Croix was third.

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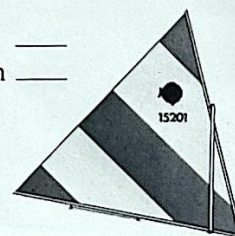
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Rick Lyons (juniors)
Debbie Pettitt (ladies)

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John Meyer

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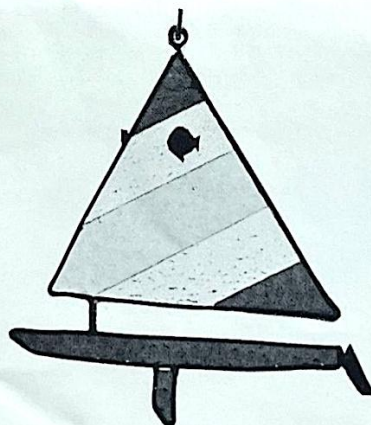
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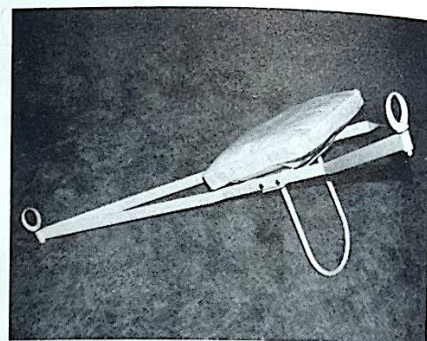


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Letter Box

In the Winter SCUTTLEBUTT, you said something to the effect that Albert Lang Jr., who was 13th at Association Island, was second (in the Caribbean Sunfish Championship) while Albert Lang Sr. was 14th in home waters. You are on my father's black list.

**Albert Lang Jr.
St. Croix, V.I.**

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My ranking of articles in order of importance: 1) tuning & racing tips; 2) national & world events; 3) last, but not least, Fleet events. OK on worthwhile ads, but keep them small.

**Charles Williams
Irving, Tex.**

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SCUTTLEBUTT is great. I'd like to see a definitive discussion of what is and is not legal with respect to sail numbers and main sheet cleats/blocks, etc. This is undoubtedly old stuff, but as a new Sunfish sailor, I'm really confused. (The pictures run in SCUTTLEBUTT almost all have boats with illegal sails if my interpretation of the sail number rule is correct.) Advertising should be included in SCUTTLEBUTT.

**Daniel Karl
Centerville, Ohio**

Ed.'s Note: Strictly speaking, you are right. We do print some photos of apparently illegal sail numbers. Class rules, generally, are strictly enforced with respect to numbers only at major regional, national and world events. Many local fleets permit regatta participation with numbers that are not quite right, and we get pictures of them. One time, Jack Evans tried to get away with using Roman numerals and did for at least one event.

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Other notes and letters supporting advertising in SCUTTLEBUTT were received from: Carleton Burtt, Darien, Conn.; Bernard Spence, Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y.; Stephen Masse, Portsmouth, Va.; Mark Finley, Austin, Tex.; Chris Haller, Hampton, Va.; Louis Raether, Webster Groves, Mo.; Tom Katterheinrich, New Bremen, Ohio; Dan Mazzarella, Princeton, N.J.; Joseph Messineo, Rutherford, N.J.; William Seeman, Warminster, Pa.; Harvey Solomon, Woburn, Mass.; and Paul Vogel, Houston, Tex.

Wonson Succeeds Evans As New Class Secretary

Rick Wonson has been named secretary of the Sunfish Racing Class and the new Super Sunfish Class.

He succeeds Jack Evans, a former Sunfish North American champion, who is beginning a career in sales with AMF Alcott, as the Sunfish secretary.

Wonson had been working with Evans as information officer for the class. He also is director of racing programs for AMF Alcott.

Wonson is a veteran sailing instructor, as well as a racing skipper in his own right. He recently won the 1st Annual Governor's Cup in Beaufort, S.C. in a Force 5 and took the Northeast Force 5 Regionals.



Pierre Siegenthaler of the Bahamas, having just rounded the leeward mark, begins the last beat to the finish in the last race of the Sunfish World Championship. Siegenthaler finished fourth overall.

Ad-N-Da

Your Sunfish custom painted & embroidered on back of blue chambray shirt, send size, \$16 & boat colors to: Handcrafted Wearables, 125 Ramona Court, New Rochelle, N.Y. 10804.

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Sail-A-Bike, seen at N.Y. Boat Show & on TV. \$239. Fun Boat Co., 1750 Rockaway Ave., Hewlett, N.Y. 11557

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One man boat loader with roof rack for Sunfish, etc. \$45. Fun Boat Co., 1750 Rockaway Ave., Hewlett, N.Y. 11557

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Classified ad rates: 10 words for \$5. A bargain.

Houston Sweeps At SW Regionals

Houston sailors, used to the steady Gulf breezes on their home waters, adjusted quickly to the variable, shifting inland winds at Dallas' Lake Ray Hubbard May 17 and 18 to win the Southwest Regional Championships for Sunfish Senior and Junior Classes.

The clean sweep for Houston area sailors was led by Chris Buchanan, who took the Sunfish Seniors with finishes of 7-5-3 and 2. "It took tremendous concentration for Houston sailors to race here," he said at the Rush Creek Yacht Club site, "because of the shifting winds. We're used to constant breezes."

Buchanan and Kelly Gough of Bedford, Tex., who finished second, automatically qualified for spots at the 7th Sunfish World Championship which will be held next spring either in the Caribbean or in South America.

In the fleet of junior Sunfish sailors, Gary Ross of Houston edged out Kim Eastus of Dallas. Kim, 14, was the only girl to finish in the top five of the competition. Her mother raced with the Sunfish seniors.

An unusual aspect of the Sunfish Seniors racing was that none of the top five finishers won a race!

Winds on Saturday were light at 3 to 5 knots, increasing to 12 to 17 knots on Sunday, giving light and heavy wind sailors equal chances to win.

The overall fleet numbered 64 boats with skippers coming from Colorado, Louisiana, and all parts of Texas. The host Rush Creek Yacht Club provided dinner and entertainment Saturday night.

Sunfish Seniors

1. Chris Buchanan, Houston	7	5	3	2
2. Kelly Gough, Bedford, Tex.	2	4	8	6
3. Scott Self, Dallas	9	3	5	4
4. Steve Taute, Denver	6	2	7	8
5. Paul Vogel, Seabrook, Tex.	10	7	2	5

Sunfish Juniors

1. Gary Ross, Houston	7	1	1	5
2. Kim Eastus, Dallas	2	2	4	8
3. Mike Hirschberg, Dallas	1	3	3	13
4. Tom Frost, Temple, Tex.	3	18	2	1
5. Greg Porter, Dallas	13	5	8	2

Pierre Does It Again!!!!

Former World Champion Pierre Siegenthaler won the Bahamas National Championship for the fourth year in a row and the warm-up Nassau Beach Hotel series that preceded it in January. Some 24 boats participated in the warm-ups and 28 were in the Nationals.

Weather for both races was perfect with steady winds of 10-15 mph for the former series, and slightly higher shifting 15-25 gusts for the Nationals that settled down to a drifter in the last race.

Second in both events was John Dunkley. Other top finishers in the Nationals were Peter Sweeting, Donnie Maura and Godfrey Kelly.



Relay Race develops into submarine warfare as Carl Knight launches himself at a contestant during the lay day fun races at the Sixth Sunfish World Championship.



Aggression leads to retaliation. Geriatric relay race team member Will White tries desperately to stay on the high side as his boat goes over . . .



without . . .

'Twas Fun Day At The Races

It wasn't all serious competition at the World's. Lay day this year was especially for laughs. What else can you call such fun events as a forward/backward race, or a relay race that saw the number of men on deck bloom from one to two to three then

World Champ

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mingling among the competitors and their families. Communications in French, Spanish and English were punctuated by much arm and hand signalling and body English as racers compared notes on the day's races.

Kings Bay Yacht and Country Club provided excellent facilities for boats and for family fun, as well — one of the cornerstones of Sunfish popularity. Tennis, swimming, golf, and sailing on a sheltered lagoon were available for the non-participants.

There was a 45-minute sail out to the Bay from the marina, but when the wind was light, there were plenty of tow boats, and no one missed a start. On two mornings, postponements were necessary until the sea breeze filled in.

An unusual feature of the racing was the haze that hung over that part of Florida every day — smoke from brush fires that raged inland, almost uncontrollable because of the area's severe drought.

Brand new boats were supplied by AMF Alcott, including the competitor's choice of center-mounted mainsheet lead and cam cleat and/or side-mounted clam cleats.

Final results of the Sixth Sunfish World Championship:

four.

Scheduled, but not run for lack of time, were a tug of war on Sunfish, a jousting match, a game called "how many men can you get on a Sunfish?", and a new form of water hockey using beach balls, brooms and Sunfish.

Why not try them with your fleet? We'd still like to know how many men you can get on a Sunfish.



Greg Gust, Rip Fisher, and Phil Saccio shift their Sunfish into reverse during the backwards race. Fisher eventually won the event.



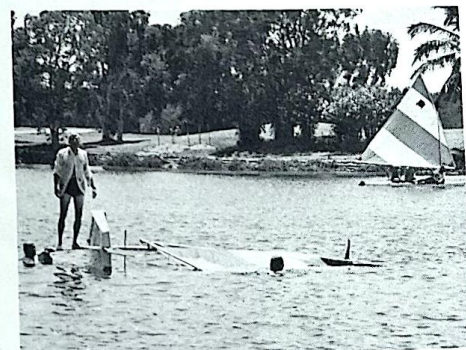
"Move the boat" is the name of the game on the last lap of the relay races.



too much . . .



success. Opposing team of "youngsters" manages to take evasive action.



Carl Knight, abaft the bottom, howls defiance at the "youngsters" team as they sail away.



The submarine warfare was a sacrificial play; the other geriatric team, to windward, won the event. Carl Knight (The Splash) is again launched from the geriatric team No. 2 boat to repel potential boarders.

RACE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1. Derrick Fries (U.S.)	2	3/4	6	3	5	(8)	3	19 3/4
2. Paul Fendler (U.S.)	(32)	3	4	2	2	4	12	27
3. Mike Catalano (U.S.)	3	(DNF)	3	4	3/4	13	7	30 3/4
4. Pierre Siegenthaler (Bahamas)	3/4	6	8	9	15	(23)	3/4	38 1/2
5. Rip Fisher (U.S.)	(15)	5	2	6	4	11	14	42
6. Juan Plaza (Ecuador)	11	(18)	3/4	5	16	2	8	42 3/4
7. John Dunkley (Bahamas)	4	12	10	7	12	19	(59)	64
8. Louis Martin (Guadeloupe)	10	13	12	3/4	23	20	(28)	78 3/4
9. M.O. LaFontaine (Martinique)	26	11	16	11	9	(42)	16	89
10. Raphael LaCaro (Ecuador)	(DQ)	7	18	8	38	22	6	99
11. Carl Knight (U.S.)	9	(45)	19	42	20	3	9	102
12. Bob Bowles (U.S.)	28	9	13	18	30	(31)	13	111