

Hueston Sailing Association

Acton Action



"Sunfish Island" is full of boats and activity just before launching in last Sunday's Sunfish racing.

Long Wait for Wind Over; Sunfish Series #2 Blows Minds and Boats

Molleran Holds On for Big Win in Big Wind;
DeArmon Takes Junior Start with Four Aces

At last! The Greek god Aeolus has smiled down on Acton Lake and brought that which he has withheld. Wind! Bags full of it. The result was the best day for racing yet this season. And it wasn't even a Monday.

We were ready for him. And **Bill Molleran** was really ready. The Ace of the Sunfish scored a couple of bullets early and did well enough in the other three races

Sunday to walk away with the title of King. If Molleran is becoming more of a sure thing, the wind was anything but. The day started with air so timid that we feared the forecast of 10-15 was some doped up Doppler addict's idea of a joke. But in the end of race three, we were starting to see whitecaps.

Molleran had already taken the lead in that race and was wooshed to the finish by the sudden blast of air. **Neil Harrell**



Downwind leg has bunch o' boats trying to catch eventual winner Bill Molleran

had already take race one but was beginning to fade. He recovered enough in the final two hike fests to take second for the day and keep the rivalry for Sunfish season series champion alive and interesting.



Clockwise from top left – Bill Molleran pulling away; The Molleran Girls Rosa, mom Julie, and Megan; three in the lead downwind – Megan, Bill, and Roger

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A total of thirteen boats came out for the racing, nine seniors and four juniors. The juniors had their own starts for the first time in anyone's memory, and with only a three minute lead, were expected to be overtaken by the speedy veterans. It never happened. The two leading juniors finished ahead of the adults in pursuit in nearly every start.

Kevin DeArmon, a 14 year old veteran himself of nearly three years of racing with the big guys, won all five junior races, although he was challenged in each race by co-teens **Samantha Marks** and **Betty Jean Loren**. Samantha capsized in race five's brutal

gusts but still managed to finish the race.

All five races for the A fleet were closely contested. **Roger Henthorn**, who flips back and forth between a Y-Flyer and his Sunfish, often found himself at the head of the pack, especially at the windward mark, and sailed to a 4th place overall.

The Mollerans were out in force. Bill was accompanied on the course by wife Julie and daughter Megan who might have been in the top three had she not gone back for her hat. **Charlie DeArmon**, another Y-Flyer by trade, found himself near the top of the fleet in the last two races and was within

striking distance of the Golden Ring.

Pete Peters was without his own boat and gamely drug his crusty borrowed boat around the course.



Junior starters on Sunday -From left: Betty, Megan, Sam, Kevin



Six of the nine boats in the senior division are headed for a busy rounding of the jibe mark Sunday, typical of the close competition all day.

Sunfish Series #2 Race Results

Bill Molleran	2 1 1 5 3	11.5
Neil Harrell	1 5 4 2 2	13.75
Mike Stratton	7 4 2 1 1	14.5
Roger Henthorn	5 2 3 3 4	17
Megan Molleran	3 3 7 4 7	24
Julie Molleran	4 6 5 DNF 8	32
Charlie DeArmon	8 8 9 6 5	36
Pete Peters	6 9 8 7 6	36
Amy Marks	9 7 6 DNS DNS	43
Juniors		
Kevin DeArmon	1 1 1 1 1	3.75
Samantha Marks	2 2 2 2 2	8
Betty Jean	3 3 DNS DNS DNS	
Megan DeArmon	DNF DNF DNS DNS DNS	



Neil Harrell prepares with lunch on the "Island" while competitors do the rigging and eating thing too.

For Sail : 1971 Hobie Cat. Great Condition, but no trailer. Does need mast stays. Sail # 4737. Great looking tramp. Call Nicole Moore at 937-336-0148 for details and pics. Make offer on this good looking catamaran.