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Sunfish This Weekend!

*Singlehanded Racing This Sunday
Get Your Sunfish Game On!*



Ladies and Gentlemen! If you have Sunfish, prepare to race them now! The Second Sunfish Series is upon us and all the pent up fervor for wind, water, and fast boats will be unleashed at last. Maybe.

After a so far wicked and unpredictable spring and

summer sailing season, the Sunfish take center stage for only the second time this year.

This July event is usually the best attended Sunfish race weekend as boats begin coming for junior camp on the following day. Neil and Bobbie have duty.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior, Ladies, Men's Camps

Junior camp has been going on so long we have lost count. 35years? Whatever the history, 27 campers will show up this Sunday for the annual camp.

We have had a ladies' camp for about 35 years as well. Now a men's camp? Well it happens Saturday, July 14. In Sunfish!

July 29 Is Beach Fun Day!

Swimming, sailing, grilling, games - bring the whole family plus chairs and some food to share. July 29th is Beach Day!

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July Fourth Series a Mixed Bag for Different Casts of Competitors

With racing split between Sunday and Wednesday, it took a while to establish just who would come out on top. Competitors had a variety of conditions to contend with. Sunday had little to offer in the way of wind and few boats dared to take to the water. Despite that, two races were completed. On Wednesday, it was better, as the wind would die and

then gust enough to capsize, the fate of at least one Hobie cat. Others just hung on and tried to stay prepared. "I went from drifting and watching my dangling (telltale) to hiking out hard and getting wet!" said Sunfisher **Bill Molleran**.

No Hobies ventured out in Sunday's still air. Five catamarans came out on Wednesday however.

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But five cats returned to race on Wednesday and found the wind had come with them. A runaway mark 3 caused some consternation but nothing got in the way of a good time.

Perhaps the most interesting moment came in the Sunfish racing where **Jerry Brewster** was mysteriously assaulted by aliens in race one.

"I lost at least one position and any hope of regaining the lead when I was bitten (or stung) not once but TWICE on the first downwind leg," Brewster said, "and struggled to swat, kill, remove, squash whatever had attacked me."

While Jerry was playing

The Orkin Man, junior **Brendan Draper** was solidifying his hold on the overall series lead with a second place finish. **Molleran** won both Sunfish races Wednesday but it wasn't enough as young Draper walked away with the series win.

Molleran would later try to explain what he saw. "Jerry was doing well until he was attacked by a horsefly. He lost a lot of ground as the fly drug his boat backwards while chewing on Jerry's flesh."

Don Fecher seemed to have the Hobies will under control as he cruised to two finishing horns, beating out **Mike Wier** in race one and then **Dave Munday** in race two.



Juniors fight to fill water weapons at Sunday's potluck

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Kevin DeArmon helps harbormaster dad by working underneath committee boat Sunday

Hobies

- Don Fecher DNS DNS 1 1
- Mike Wier DNS DNS 2 DNF
- George Fecher DNS DNS 3 DNF
- Dave Munday DNS DNS 4 2
- Ryan Sevizzi DNS DNS 5 3

Sunfish

- Brendan Draper 1 1 2 5 9
- Kevin DeArmon 1 1 4 4 10
- Bill Molleran 7 7 1 1 16
- Megan DeArmon 3 3 5 6 17
- Jerry Brewster 7 7 3 3 20
- Laura Beebe 7 7 7 2 23



Several grownups including two Harbormasters attempt to persuade Megan (left) and Kayla to go under committee boat to help with a repair. Kayla is holding a “spider stick” which may explain why cousin and fellow junior Kevin ended up going instead of the girls. He wasn’t all that enthused about the spiders either, but after a few screams, the fix was accomplished.

It’s Camp Week!

Longtime junior sailing camp maestro Jerry Callahan reports that junior camp once again filled over the winter and 27 campers will show up Sunday evening as camp kicks off the 35th consecutive year.

Ladies Camp, which has been in existence just as long as the juniors, has 17 participants and begins Thursday, the day after the juniors depart.

New this year is a one day Men’s Camp on Saturday, July 14. That fledgling program has a few registrants but may grow by that date.

Over HSA 15 volunteers participate in one phase or another of these camps over the course of one frenetic week. Feel free to drop over or volunteer during Camp Week at the Lake. People donating their time is what makes our club work.

First Ever Beach Day Coming in July To HSA

On Sunday July 29 HSA is hosting Beach Day! on an afternoon normally reserved for a fall series race. The social event has been added to the racing calendar and will involve some on the water hi jinx that looks and smells like racing but with a twist.

We are hoping members will turn out with family, friends, and other guests to celebrate our club’s diamond jubilee. No, wait, that was Queen Elizabeth. OK, it’s just our 55th birthday as an association, but that is something to celebrate.

We will have an awning on the grassy area for shade along with a barbeque with hamburgers and hot dogs provided as well as drinks. Bring chairs, bathing suits, and, of course, a boat. Sailing activities will be launched from the beach area with time off for food, water fun, and games.

Just want to sit and watch? That too!