

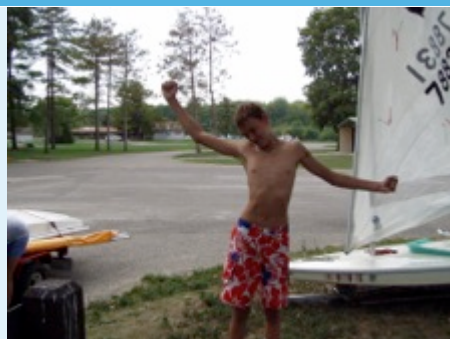
# Acton *Action*

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Andrew Wilson and mom Kathy join the juniors at the post race picnic Sunday, just as they did on the water. Results p.2

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## Sunfish Sunday #3 Rises to the Occasion; Wind Comes Along For the Ride

Sixteen Sunfish made the line Sunday for the third of this summer's Sunfish only racing. In the senior division, **Roger Henthorn**, a Y-Flyer in his day job, took the lead in the series with impressive 3-4-2-1-2-1 finishes in the six races. In the junior field, **Kevin DeArmon**, despite some bad starts, recovered to take all but one race, his lone second place coming behind sister **Megan** who won her first race ever!

In somewhat of a junior camp reunion, seven juniors made the line and fought it out on the water where fluky wind and constant course changes (more on page 4)



Laura and Katie Karnes, LTS grads, also out Sunday



# Do You Have one?

**Pete tries to “sell” newcomers Laura and Katie Karnes a “wind wizard” for \$49.95. Jerry Brewster applauds his “sailsmanship”.**

## Last Week's Mystery Picture

**That's Pete Peters Grandma Caldwell in an Optimist Pram with Pete at the tiller. Notice she has not only her Sunday dress and hat, but her purse as well!**

## Mystery Picture of the Week!

Who is this current HSA member? Hint:  
Been coming to this lake for nearly 30  
years, but still a youngster.







## What Do We Have in Common with the America's Cup?

Monday morning I had a chance to sit back and watch last week's America's Cup action on line (despite my really slow "high speed" satellite internet provider). And it was a lot of fun.

The America's Cup is being hosted by the U.S. this year and that event will be in much bigger boats than the 45 ft. catamarans being used right now in the America's Cup World Series (ACWS) in San Francisco Bay.

What I watched was the match and fleet racing that precedes the main event coming up next month. In the fleet racing, all eleven boats (from eight countries) took part. There was a lot of hollering at other boats, a collision between one boat and the committee boat, a huge logjam of boats trying to get around the weather mark, and even some very close calls in port/starboard crossings.

Sunday, I couldn't help think of the similarities between what I was watching and what happens in our own little corner of the sailing world. We yell at one another all the time! OK, that's not the fun part. We sometimes run into one another, apologetically. We have close calls, often intentional – just like the masters.

Sunday there was a huge jam in one race at the jibe mark. Situations such as this can often be stressful or cause a boat near the lead to lose big. That happens in San Francisco Bay and on Acton Lake. Fouls mean turns, giving inside have room, stalled air – all these combine to make our sport really interesting, despite the tension. It is, after all, what we live for.

Like the America's Cup skippers, we have to race in a crowd sometimes, and we have to find a way, tactically and physically, to come out of these situations without being hurt too much or maybe even gaining big. Learning to love even these moments, hard as it is, doesn't make us happy. Racing doesn't want us to be happy. It just wants to be loveable. We do love it. And that makes me happy.

## Labor Day Weekend Race and Eat!

This Sunday is the last of the summer holiday events. Racing begins at 1:30 as usual. Those two races (Y's, Hobies, and Sunfish) will be followed by the potluck dinner in the Hueston Room at 5:00.

Bring a dish to share and place settings for you and your family. HSA will provide drinks. There is always plenty of good food, so if you are racing or just sailing or just want to join us for the dinner, come on out.

Learn to Sail alum, junior and ladies camp participants are all invited. Bring family, bring friends, bring an appetite.

Two more races follow on Monday and we will have a champion in all three fleets!



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were the rule of the day.

Henthorn, who started slowly, finished strong and established himself as the favorite to take the whole summer long Sunfish Series title.

The young (13 year old) DeArmon seems to have mastered the junior division and is waiting for someone to give him a challenge. Sunday it was his little sister who spoiled a six bullet day, but others where in the hunt as well.

Junior Logan Brashear finished right behind Kevin in every race with Sarah Lockhart and Megan on both of their heels. Emily Wilson, in her first starts since junior camp, showed that her camp training hadn't deserted her.

In the senior division, despite Roger Henthorn's dominance, the bullets were distributed around the fleet with Rose Schultz, Mike Wier, Jerry Brewster, and yours truly each taking the checkered wind sock once.

The Sunfish fleet races every weekend, but only one more Sunfish only event remains on the racing calendar, OktoberFast on September 30.

Roger Henthorn	3-4-2-1-2-1	13
Rose Schultz	2-1-7-3-6-2	21
Mike Stratton	1-3-4-2-8-3	21
Mike Wier	7-2-5-4-1-6	25
Jerry Brewster	5-7-1-7-3-4	27
Charlie DeArmon	8-5-8-6-4-7	38
Pete Peters	6-9-6-5-7-8	41
Neil Harrell	4-6-3-9-DNS-DNS	42
Brendan Draper	9-8-9-8-5-5	44



## Junior Results

Kevin DeArmon	1-2-1-1-1-1	7
Logan Brashear	2-3-2-2-2-2	13
Meg DeArmon	5-1-3-3-4-4	20
Sarah Lockhart	3-4-4-4-3-3	21
Emily Wilson	4-5-6-5-5-6	31
Andrew Wilson	7-6-5-6-6-5	35
Sydney Brooks	6-7-8-8-8-8	45

1 A wrong way Corrigan move comes along every now and then. Just ask Jerry Brewster about how that is. Jerry also won one race but he did it by finishing at two different finish lines!

2 An official GRP rudder blade costs \$270. Jerry Callahan has found an unofficial, plastic SF rudder blade for \$120. It is the same size, shape and composition as an official blade. If you want one of these plastic blades, let Jerry know **ASAP**, [aftermath2@juno.com](mailto:aftermath2@juno.com),

3 Stan Peltier has a Sunfish for sale. Write to [speltier@fairpoint.net](mailto:speltier@fairpoint.net)



That's  
Roger  
headed for  
his mark  
while the  
juniors  
look for  
theirs.  
Wait a  
minute! Is  
that Jerry  
with the  
juniors?  
Wrong  
way, Jerry!  
Wrong  
way!



Racing on September 16 could be a special event. Plans are in the works for a "Team Racing" experience. In Team Racing, experienced skippers would be paired up with a newer one and their combined finishes would be tallied. Only one hitch. Vets would have to finish behind their less experienced team member. More details in the next issue of the Acton Action.

Juniors head for  
the windward  
mark Sunday

