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Camp Week Issue (mostly)



Junior sailor Sierra Campbell at camp last week
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Fall Series? Now? Yes!

Just out of a week long camp and sail in the summer's first (and, we hope, last) heat wave, here comes the Fall Series.

This Sunday's festivities begins with a brunch, followed by the first two go-rounds in the racing that will take us all the way to OctoberFast at the end of the racing calendar for 2013.

The Brunch runs from 11:00 to 11:30 Sunday in the Hueston Room where brunchophiles will consume sausage and eggs, fruit salad, muffins, and more. The cost is a very reasonable \$3.00. RSVP Rose by Thursday, July 25. rosegeorge9109@sbcglobal.net

Brendan Draper Takes Sunfish Series 2 as Camp Week Begins

You might say that Brendan Draper has served his apprenticeship. The 18 year old skipped the junior starts in favor of going at it with the adults and came away with top honors in the Sunfish Series 2 racing on July 14, the day before junior and ladies camps began.

Sixteen Sunfish total were on the water with seven youngsters battling it out the junior start, many of them connected to junior camp as helpers, alumna, or participants.

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Fall Series Starts

Sunday, July 2
1st races in Fall Series. Get qualified. Temps in 70's. Wind in the 7's

Learn to Sail 2

August 3-4
Come join us in practice races on the 4th if you aren't already there.

Beach Day!

Sunday, August 18
Scavenger Hunt on the water and grilling on the beach. Sun fun!



Hmm, nice. Where? See page 6

Camp Week!

Summer's first heat wave and windless days could not stop this year's camps from enjoying the camping or the sailing. At left, the Lockhart girls and Sean Mahoney discover they all have the same shirt.

Heat Index 100? Yeah, but We Were Cool With It.

Junior Camp got off to a hot start with lightning on the first night and no wind the first day. Capsizing doesn't need wind, so camper/sailors got plenty of water action. Some fleets swam their boats around the course, while some sailed (slowly), and others held paddling contests. Decent wind arrived on day 3 and the real racing was on!



A Fleet

Junior Ace Kevin DeArmon won going away despite having to do undeserved penalty turns to give him a slow-ya-down handicap. James Rucker was second. A-Fleet sailed 14 races over three days, two of them swimming or anything goes races. Emma Rednour, pictured below, was the only girl going up against a bunch of guys that included junior camp veterans Logan Brashear, Owen Nagot, Harrison Free, and Brandon Lutts.

B Fleet

Already a savvy sailor at age 12, junior Megan DeArmon bested all the older gang in this fleet by winning two of the four races on the final afternoon. Callahan clan member and skilled helmsman Ian Mahoney was second but returning campers Lydia Cox, Katie Lockhart, Sierra Campbell, Abby Casada, and Emily Wilson all had their shining moments.

C Fleet

The newbie fleet spent most of their time in closely monitored instruction but did manage to get in some racing on the last day. Victor Abitabilo, son of Hobie guy Dave Munday, finished 1st or 2nd in all three races to earn a trophy. Cosette Gunter, daughter of yours truly, won two races and earned her first racing hardware. They were joined by Jon Rucker, Sam and Ana Dwyer, Jack Cooper, Hailey Coffed, and Arthur DeBoer.



At left, juniors post race; below, campers line up for duct boat races; at right, Megan teaches hubby Matt to sail.



Draper wins the day, continued from page 1

Draper, who has a reputation for being more interested in just daysailing or giving strangers rides on his boat, won his first Sunfish series race. He started slowly, finishing 7th in race one, but he recovered quickly. He had two 2nds before taking a bullet in the last race of the day, edging veteran **Roger Henthorn** by a point.

The win was all the more notable as the wind would gust to 10 mph and then nearly disappear, requiring the young helmsman to adapt quickly.

In the junior starts, Kevin **DeArmon** overcame a similar slow start (6th in race one) to win the day for the younger skippers. **Sarah Lockhart**, sailing in only her second series of

the summer, surprised the fleet with a first place finish in race one. **Samantha Marks** took race 2 before Kevin asserted himself by running away with the final two contests of the afternoon.

But it was close. Sister **Megan DeArmon** finished only two points behind her big brother with steady finishes near the top of the fleet.

In senior racing, it was even tighter. Only three points separated the top five finishers, as the wind humbled even the most attentive and ambitious.

Former Hobie racer **Mark Costandi** jumped into his first Sunfish series racing in a big way by leading the first race until the downwind leg where he forgot he was racing a Sunfish and went for the Hobie reach. After realizing his mistake, he still managed a 4th.

Race Results – Sunfish Series 2

Brendan Draper 7 2 1 1	12	<i>Kevin DeArmon</i> 6 2 1 1	10
Roger Henthorn 5 5 1 2	13	<i>Megan DeArmon</i> 3 4 3 2	12
Mike Stratton 1 4 4 5	14	<i>Sean Mahoney</i> 4 3 2 3	15
Rose Schultz 6 1 5 3	15	<i>Samantha Marks</i> 5 1 4 5	15
Laura Beebe 3 3 3 6	15	<i>Sarah Lockhart</i> 1 6 5 4	16
Pete Peters 2 6 6 7	21	<i>Danielle Marks</i> 2 5 6 DNF	21
Mark Costandi 4 7 7 4	22	<i>Sydney Brooks</i> DNF DNS DNS DNS	32
Charlie DeArmon 8 8 8 8	32		
Ryan Servizzi DNS DNS DNS 9	36		

Junior Camp a Big Hit

Wind? Wow!

In a rare appearance last week, the wind showed up to give everyone something to cheer about on Wednesday. Here Katie Lockhart makes a rare bow wave with her Sunfish on what appears to be a beautiful, windy day on the water. It was. And it was rare.



No Wind? No Way!

The obligatory knot tying session helped pass the time while the wind played hookey. But there were other things to do too. The Chalk Sailboat Drawing contest was won by Rose's C-Fleet. (Only ones who knew how to draw a Sunfish sail, apparently.) The Parking Lot Points of Sail contest was won by A-Fleet who also won the Duct Tape Sailboat building contest. See photo. B-Fleet won everything else. Only there was nothing else.



Lots of Help on the Water and Off

Each fleet had a lot of help. Here C-Fleet teachers Rose and Pete are accompanied by former junior Brianna Brewster, but dad Jerry Brewster, Sean Dwyer, and new inflatable whiz Roger Henthorn were also there. B-Fleet had yours truly, Laura Beebe, and Megan Molleran. A-Fleet, led by Captain Callahan, had Charlie DeArmon, and Rob Hill. Many more in camp and kitchen. Thanks,



How Will This Turn Out?

Harrison Free takes his first step on the boat from the dock and camp is underway. Harrison also excelled in laser lights and staying up late at camp. Campers played hillbilly golf, Frisbee, sleeping bag volleyball, and went creek swimming and geocaching in addition to their sail related activities.

Ladies Camp Gets Wind of It; Juniors Dominate

The last two days of camp week are for the Ladies Camp. There were 15 women divided into two fleets, one for beginners and one for experienced sailors.

Unlike the junior experience, the Ladies had air -light on Thursday, but much stronger on Friday, so much so that if you weren't careful you could get real wet.

Sarah Lockhart, fresh off helping with junior camp, took 1st place in A-Fleet with fellow teen Betty Lorentz taking second.

In C-Fleet (there was no intermediate B-Fleet this year) mother and daughter participants Lisa and Grace Huddleston won the Most Improved trophies. The Huddlestons have moved quickly on their sailing adventure. Both are recent graduates of Learn to Sail in June. They followed that with Ladies Camp and recently bought a Y-Flyer.

Photo Play: The pictures on this page are not really Pete and Roger, but it is a good looking boat. And, we may as well admit, Jon and Jack weren't really arrested. Although it would have made a great camp story for them to tell their parents.



Above, instructors Pete Peters and Roger Henthorn monitor C-Fleet from their new dual purpose watercraft. They can also hold chalk talk on the boat with the entire fleet. That's Roger on the tiller. Below campers Jon Rucker and Jack Cooper go quietly.



In Other News...

On the Regatta Circuit

Joe and Kelly Buchert were in Michigan again a week or so ago for a Hobie event at Caseville. The Bucherts won their F-16 class but the bigger news was their girls, ages 5 and 7, got in some tiller time. Mom had a heart attack, while dad teared up.

Yours truly was at the Interlake Nationals in Sandusky after junior camp where we got to enjoy a downwind spinnaker-out-of-control capsizes among other thrills. Though Thursday was light air, much of Friday, Saturday, and Sunday were sailed in winds from 10 to 20 with gusts to 27mph on capsizes day on Friday. Sandusky Sailing Club is right across the harbor from the mundane Cedar Point Amusement Park. Unlike the Bucherts, we didn't win this one. That honor went to sailmaker Skip Dieball.

Boats for Sail/Sale

No sooner did Dave Munday sell his Hobie 16 than another one popped up. Pictured at left below is Darryl Marshall's 1980 Hobie 16, available with trailer. It is in excellent condition with new sidestays, main halyard, jib sheets, tramp lacing, sail box and tires. Sails are refurbished. Call Darryl at 937-439-1126 \$2200

Also for sail is Jim Benagh's beautiful Flying Scot, at right below. Similar to the club's Flying Scot, this one is just \$3200 with trailer. It is a 1961, very fast, very stable boat with two suits of sails and spinnakers. Includes boat cover. Great family boat stored at Hueston Woods dry moorage. Call Jim at 513-615-7775 or contact him at jimbenagh@gmail.com

