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Hueston Sailing Association



Surprise! Wind Shows Up!

Henthorn Squeaks Out Another One; Schultz Dominates

You know, you send out invitations, you hope guests will come, but no RSVP. Ya just hope for a good showing. The wind was invited last Sunday and just when we thought it would be a no show, here it came – fashionably late.

But, it came. And we lavished all our attention on it while it was here as a grateful host should. The forecast was for a tepid 4 mph but there wasn't a boat that didn't have to hike hard before the day was over.

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Augusto!

The third weekend in the Sunfish Series comes this Sunday. Don't miss it.

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80 mph in a sailboat?

On a dry lake bed in Nevada, Going very fast. Yikes!

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Photo Above

That's Jason Thompson helping Scott Johnston get his Y out of the water Sunday. More on ...

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Augusto! Sunfish Series # 3 This Weekend; Logjam at the Top?

The third set of races in the season long Sunfish Series is coming this Sunday and the leaderboard is crowded.

Augusto! will attract many who have not yet qualified in the Sunfish Series, among them Yours Truly, and perennial threat Laura Beebe.

It will no doubt also attract some who have not fared well in the series so far and are looking for redemption.

Only eight races have been conducted in the first two sessions, the first back in May and the second in July. Roger Henthorn currently sits atop the board. By the end of the season, only half of the total races are counted toward

determining the top finishers.

Bill Molleran, after throwing out a 10th place in July due to a broken mainsheet block, is close behind Henthorn followed by Brian Callahan, Kevin DeArmon, and Jerry Brewster.

But don't count out some of the others. Beebe, who only raced in May, has a bullet among her finishes as does Rose Schultz. A good showing Sunday and at OktoberFast, and the final Sunfish mash up could upend everything.

If you need a boat for this weekend, contact Jerry Callahan to reserve it.

There will be food and awards following the racing.



Racing Clinic and LTS

Saturday, September 6 has been set aside for a second racing clinic this summer. If you want to continue your progress up the leaning curve, sign up by emailing Mike.

You need not have been to the first clinic to enroll in this class. It is free and open to anyone wanting to know more about how to start, how to get around the courses, and the five rules that will help you compete.

In addition, if you are new to sailing and would like a weekday learn to sail class before the summer is over, let Mike know and we'll set up a date.



Jerry to Jerry. On the left is Jerry Callahan who won five of the 22 races at last weekend's Radio Controlled V-32 National Championships in Kettering.



Landsailors Gather in Nevada

2014 World Championships Attract 200 Sailors

They came from as far as New Zealand, Brazil, Chile, and all over Europe just to go really fast in a “sailboat”.

The Landsailing Worlds were held in late July on Smith Creek Playa in Nevada, sponsored by the North American Landsailing Association.

Smith Creek, a dry lake bed near the town of Austin in Northern Nevada, often experiences rain, mud, hail, and fierce wind and all three were in evidence at the July races.

“Pilots” of these craft represented 15 countries and four continents with over 200 land yachts participating. Winds of over 40 mph sent some of the boat/car yachts flying at over 80 mph.

(In case you are wondering, the record for a land sailor is 126 mph set by Brit Richard Jenkins in 2009 near Smith Creek Playa in his *Greenbird* machine.)

If you would like a close up of some of

these landsailors, you can go to this website and find out all about the racing:

<http://www.nalsa.org/Worlds2014Splash.html>

CNN’s program *Mainsail* covered the event and televised some of it earlier this month. You can see one of these episodes by going to:

<http://edition.cnn.com/video/data/2.0/video/sports/2014/08/14/spc-mainsail-land-sailing-c.cnn.html>

The races begin by lining up your boat at the start line and waiting for the flag to drop. You then push your boat like a bobsledder and jump in.

Plans for building your own landsailor are available on the web. One of the competitors built his own from parts at his local hardware store and sailed against some whose boats are professionally designed and raced.

Shirley Robertson, the CNN show’s host, covers sailboat racing around the world.



Above left: David and James Rucker; above right: Committee duty for Ryan Servizzi, while Kelsey and friend on a leash enjoy the park; lower left, Traci Hann poses with her boat; lower right, Megan DeArmon gets ready.

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Rose Schultz dominated in both races. Jerry Brewster continued his strong performances this summer and took two seconds. Both are in contention for season long Sunfish honors. The Sunfish juniors were out in force with Traci Hann and James Rucker joining Kevin and Megan DeArmon. Traci sailed for the first time in Junior Camp in July and for the first time in a regular HSA race this past weekend, doing well on both occasions.

In Y-Flyers, another junior camper, Cosette Gunter, crewed for dad, Yours Truly, and both sailed to a comfortable win in race one. After another good start in race two, the pair were caught by the Henthorn/Bode team on the second lap of a three lap race and could not get it back. Although we won the race back to the dock as a tiebreaker, the Roger later contended that it was first boat on the trailer and covered that broke a tie.

Returning to the race course this past Sunday was the Scott Johnston in his clean and well maintained Y-Flyer, a former Chuck Smith production. The affable Miami prof picked up recent LTS grad Jason Thompson as crew and spent the afternoon getting the wrinkles out of their luff so to speak. Jason and wife Karen have moved quickly this summer. After both attended the August 2-3 Learn to Sail, they signed up to crew for Scott and Jim Mossman. Both will also take the Sunfish certification class later this month. Way to go Thompsons!

Charlie DeArmon, sailing without a crew, handled his Y respectably in the sometimes strong breeze.

Race Results

Y's

Roger Henthorn/Bobbie Bode	2 1	2.75
Mike Stratton/Cosette	1 2	2.75
Charlie DeArmon	3 3	6
Scott Johnston/Jason Thompson	4 4	8

“The tiebreaker in a two race series is always the first boat back to the docks.”

David Dellenbaugh – US Sailing

“The first boat back to the dock breaks the tie in virtually all club races. That has been that way since this lake and this club started.”

Jerry Callahan

Sunfish

Rose Schultz	1 1	1.5
Jerry Brewster	2 2	4
Kevin DeArmon	3 3	6
Megan DeArmon	4 4	8
Traci Hann	5 5	10
James Rucker	6 6	12

“John Boehner and I often have this argument, but my attorney general supports me in this – first boat back to the dock breaks the tie.”

Barack Obama

For Sale: Sunfish and trailer. Boat cover, garaged; \$750 Lorraine Schultz at 513-541-2568