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Callahan Pulls Off AuGusto! Win



Bill Molleran leads this downwind leg with top contenders in hot pursuit on Saturday.

It came down to the final race last Saturday. Bill Molleran led through four races without winning any of them. But with Molleran's sudden withdrawal from the fifth and final race, all Brian Callahan had to do was finish no worse than third to win it all.

And that's exactly what he did. Rose Schultz won the last race, her only bullet of the day, but Callahan was right behind her to cement the victory. In the five races, there were four different racers who pulled off an ace. More on the epic battle on page 2.

Sunfish Racing in Midwest Alive

Even though this is late August and only about a month of sailing remains, there are plenty of Sunfish events left on the schedule. The World Championships are in Lima, Peru in October. Too far to drive? OK, then here's a brief listing of what is going on just in the Midwest Region.

There are Sunfish regattas all the way from Detroit, Michigan to Hinsdale, Illinois. Need closer?

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Brian Callahan, left, holds the hardware as does top junior Megan DeArmon on the right.

Coming Up at HSA

Sunday, August 30 - 3rd Fall Series - all fleets - Charlie Buchert race chair with Joe Fulford and Mark Jacobs

Sunday and Monday, September 6-7 Labor Day Series and Potluck Dinner Callahan Family on Race Committee

Coming up in September are two Sunfish Regional Championships - one at Wawasee in Indiana and another at Devil's Lake in southern Michigan.

All totaled, there are eight Sunfish regattas left this season in the Midwest alone, not counting our own OktoberFast on Sunday, October 4. Check out the whole schedule at the Sunfish class site:

<https://www.sunfishclass.org/regattas/regional/c/midwest/2015/01/01>

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Bill Molleran finished in the top three in the first four races last Saturday. All he needed was one more good race in the top three and AuGusto's glory was all his.

Instead Molleran was called away by a pressing engagement and, after receiving a DNS (Did Not Start) in race 5, ended up tied for fourth. That put the trophy firmly within either Brian Callahan or Roger Henthorn's hands who were both within striking distance.

Rose Schultz fought off Callahan's bid for a third bullet in the final race, but Callahan finished second, just ahead of Henthorn, and the day was his.

Neither Molleran nor Henthorn won a race but their steady performances on a wildly shifty day propelled them to the top two spots in the end.

The leader in the Sunfish Series up until AuGusto, Laura Beebe, was in position to challenge for the trophy, especially after winning race 3, but after a pair of sixes in the final two races, Beebe plummeted into a 4th place tie with Molleran and Schultz which, after the tie-breaker scoring, landed her in fifth.

Beebe finished second in the Founder's Day regatta and

"It was all about the starts...and I just couldn't get in the right position."



That's Roger Henthorn out in front in this race Saturday. Henthorn managed a second place finish overall despite never winning a race.

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Kiser Lake Sunfish Regatta



That's Yours Truly at Kiser Lake in the boat with the colored sail. OK, the colored sail with the little pink on top.

Our northern neighbors held their final Sunfish regatta of the season this past Sunday and, due to the open Sunday date for HSA, we headed out to see what it was like.

Kiser Lake is about an hour north of Dayton in Champaign County and about two thirds the size of Acton Lake at Hueston Woods. The club there holds, like us, four Sunfish events a summer.

The club has its own facility and docks that they maintain for club members complete with kitchen and bathrooms. Bob Rapson has organized the event for a long time and continues to do that with son Bobby.

They don't attract many boats from elsewhere, likely due to its rural location near St. Paris, Ohio, but the "local" sailors turn out and enjoy a little Sunfish competition.

The Sunfish fleet stretches out and heads for the leeward mark Saturday. It was Orange Shirt Day. Three of the top four boats all wore them. Not the boats, the skippers. They wore them. Yours truly wore blue. Dumb move.



Beebe Leads Season Long Sunfish Series; OktoberFast Looms on Horizon

Scoring in the Sunfish Series is a somewhat of a science. It seems to takes an accountant, which Yours Truly is not. However, after a brief review of fourth grade math, we've come up with a few calculations about who is where after three Sunfish events this season.

Only OktoberFast remains and it could be a game changer for someone who does well. The scores are based on taking the total number of races in all four series. Half of those races are counted toward your position in the final tally. For example if there are twenty races, only your best ten would be counted. If you only race in ten races in the Sunfish Series, all ten of your races would be counted. Based on that, there are at least six different racers who could realistically take the whole shebang. Theoretically, there are more.

After 13 races so far in the first three events - Founder's Day, the Camptown Races, and the recent

AuGusto! - here are the standings using the best seven finishes for all eleven boats that have so far qualified.

1. Laura Beebe	1 1 1 2 1 3 1	10
2. Mike Stratton	1 4 2 2 2 2 1	14
3. Rose Schultz	2 4 1 3 4 2 5	21
4. Roger Henthorn	2 3 3 3 3 4 3	21
5. Bill Molleran	2 2 3 3 7 5 1	23
6. Brian Callahan	4 1 6 1 2 2 13	29
7. Kevin DeArmon	6 8 3 4 6 5 4	36
8. Charlie DeArmon	7 5 5 4 6 7 7	41
9. Jerry Brewster	4 7 7 8 7 8 5	46
10. Megan DeArmon	6 8 9 9 8 8 3	52
11. Brett Hart	11 11 11 11 10 10 10	74

HSA Sunfish Getting Some Use

Of the nine Sunfish that HSA owns, four of them reside comfortably on the racks near the launch ramps at Hueston Woods.

In addition to Ladies Camp and Junior Camp, the four boats at the lake are there for HSA member use during the rest of the season.

When used in camp, instructors monitor the condition and care of all HSA boats in use. At other times, it is up to the member using one of the boats to make sure it is used and stored properly.

Here are some guidelines if you are using one those boats:

1. When placing the boat on its rack, make sure it is resting on its deck rather than on the splash rail or deck fittings.
2. If the sail is wet, hoist it after coming in and allow it to dry before rolling the sail and storing.
3. When putting the spars and sails away, put them in before rudder and dagger board so that these latter items are not pushed to the back of the tube where they are inaccessible.
4. Take a sponge and clean water to the hull, cockpit, and deck before leaving.
5. Report any equipment problems or damage to the club.

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won July's Camptown Races with ease. Even after finishing fifth Saturday, she still leads the season long series.

"I definitely didn't have a great showing on Saturday," Beebe said later. "It was all about the starts, and I just couldn't get in the right position except for the one race I won."

One more Sunfish regatta remains on the schedule in the form of OktoberFast on Sunday, October 4th.

Megan DeArmon, the only junior to venture out for this Sunfish special, actually beat one of her mentors in race one. She walked away with the top junior award by default, but we are pretty sure that other juniors out that day would have had a hard time beating the 14 year old junior camp champion.

The Sunfish Series this summer has been averaging double digit participation. To qualify for the season long series, you only need to sail in half of the total races sailed in all four events. Look on page 3 in this issue for how finishes look in all of the races sailed so far in the Sunfish Series if it ended now.

A man can pretend to be a lot of things in this world; but he can only pretend to be a sailor for as long as it takes to clear the harbour mouth! --
Bernard Hayman

AUGUSTO! RACE RESULTS



1. Brian Callahan	
4 1 6 1 2	14
2. Roger Henthorn	
3 6 2 3 3	18
3. Mike Stratton	
1 5 4 5 4	19
4. Rose Schultz	
7 2 8 4 1	22
5. Laura Beebe	
5 4 1 6 6	22
6. Bill Molleran	
2 3 3 2 DNS (12)	22
7. Charlie DeArmon	
9 7 5 8 5	34
8. Megan DeArmon	
6 8 9 9 8	40
9. Amy Marks	
8 9 7 10 9	43
10. Pete Peters	
10 10 10 7 7	44
11. Brett Hart	
11 11 11 11 10	54