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Y-Flyers head for first mark in Race 1 last Sunday. Wind was...plentiful. Gusts to 17 anyone?

SUNFISH SERIES GETS UNDERWAY... YIKES! SUNDAY!

Sunfish racing moves into high gear this weekend with the sudden arrival of the first singlehanded series.

The air will be warm and so will the water with a forecast predicting mid 80's and a nearly perfect 10 mph breeze.

Spring made a brief appearance and then quickly left. This Sunday will look a lot more like June than May.

Organizers will try to get

four or five short course races in before the afternoon expires at 4:00. This Sunfish gather, the first of four planned for this season, will begin the quest for a Sunfish champion for 2015.

Participants need to race half of the total races in all four events to qualify for trophies in November. But each of the four will have its own awards which will be presented right after the racing at the post event festivities.

The defending Sunfish Series Champion is Bill Molleran, but last year, there were several who won races in the series before Molleran clinched on the final event.

This one is called the *Founder's Day* Sunfish regatta. The July event is the *Camptown Races*; the one in August is *Augusto*, and the final Sunfish gala is *OktoberFast*. Need a boat? Call or write Jerry Callahan to reserve one of the club's fleet of Sunfish for yourself.

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Seen and Overheard

If you need advice about your tactical racing skills, look no further than eight year old **Ally Buchert**. Racing with her Uncle **Charlie Buchert** two weeks ago, the two experienced a sudden drop in position after beginning a windward leg in the lead.

Ally reportedly told Charlie that "you were zigging and zagging when you should have been zagging and zigging." You would have thought after all his years of experience that Charlie would have known that. It's actually pretty good advice.

Megan DeArmon, 14, was prepared to sail her Sunfish Sunday but the brisk wind and the risk of capsizing was a bit too much. Megan's not afraid; she still has a boot on her left leg from a skiing accident. Yes, it was snowing not too long ago.

Despite a nifty waterproof covering, the thought of having to tread water with the cumbersome boot put her on her dad's Y instead. Her confidence in dad was not misplaced. Dad kept it upright even in the gusts that threatened to dump all participants.

Audrey Keene, who comes from an upper New York state sailing family now resides in the Cincy area and has crewed in a Y-Flyer race already this season!



Winging It

Rose gets the stick out for a little downwind wing and wing.

RACING COMING TO LIFE AS SEASON SPUTTERS THROUGH FIRST MONTH 'O SUNDAYS

Fleet racing is underway this year and after three weekends of uneven weather and false starts, the only fleet that has truly gotten its game on is the Y's. But it's early.

Roger Henthorn picked up right where he left off last season by winning all four races so far despite being pushed and clawed at a bit by his Y comrades.

The Roger did not panic, coming from behind in race 1 last Sunday after being covered for three laps by Peter Peters and Rose Schultz.

But the tandem of Henthorn and Bode got a good turn at the leeward mark and then did some covering of their own, all the

way to the finish line.

In Hobies, only the second weekend two weeks ago saw any competition. Last week, despite pleasant skies and Hobie wind that often gusted into the mid teens, only Joe and Kelly Buchert came out as they tuned up their rig for racing in Michigan this coming weekend on the Michigan catamaran circuit.

Sunfish racing in the "handicap" fleet has had a few who braved the chilly air and water. Kevin DeArmon, Brendan Draper, and Jenny Deaton all took advantage of the windy days but the first real competition is this week.



Megan and her boat watch Joe and Kelly sail by the committee boat... which was ably manned by Charlie Buchert and Laura Beebe. See the next page if you want to actually see their faces.



Memorial Day Weekend Looms

The first all fleet special event is just two weeks away. The park will be crowded as usual but the water will be a good place to avoid all that.

The two races on Sunday, May 24 will be followed by a potluck dinner in the Hueston Room at 5 p.m. Racing concludes on the holiday Monday with two more chances to capture the crown. Separate awards go to the winners and runners-up in all three holiday series: Memorial Day, the 4th of July Series, and the Labor Day Series.

Bring place settings and a dish to share to the potluck. Bring family, bring friends. Then Bring It to the water!

Have committee duty and don't know when? Check out the website and see what days you are scheduled for.

www.huestonsailing.com/

Want to Learn to Race? Here's Your Sign

This season's first Learn to Race clinic is approaching soon. the clinic is designed for those who have never raced before or who are relatively inexperienced.

The class, which begins at noon on Saturday, May 30, will meet under the "big Tree" for a primer in starting, getting around the race triangle, and mark rounding fundamentals.

The on shore part will be followed by an on the water session where participants will start several short course one lap races and try out their new knowledge. In multiple start and short races will give everyone lots of practice in getting off the starting line and out in front. A short debriefing will follow the informal racing.

HSA boats can be used for the clinic if you want to participate and join the fun. Best of all, it's free to all members and non-members who

For Sail Sale

Bob and Mary Gast want to sell their 24 ft. 1984 Compac. (Pictured at right) It comes with a 6 hp Johnson outboard, a Magic Tilt trailer that doesn't tilt anymore, berths for 4 people, galley sink, alcohol stove, teak interior, three sails. \$3500. Contact Bob at rgast@cinci.rr.com or 513-423-7890

Andre Campbell wants to sell his Hobie 16 which comes with a trailer, all rigging, and sails. It is in the dry moorage area at the lake if you want to see it. Just ask any Hobie sailor. They will know its location. \$800. campbell.andre@gmail.com



Mike Stratton would like to find a new home for his older Sunfish double decker. Still in good shape with a spare tire to boot. Extra long tongue. Free for the picking up or we can deliver it to the lake. He no longer has multiple Sunfish so this trailer must go. Easily converts to a single boat trailer that may be longer than a Sunfish.

Ok, a little *Acton Action* publishing experiment. If you double click on the picture of our inestimably valuable committee, you might see a short video play. If it works, we will be so excited. Two whole seconds of video! Yes!

