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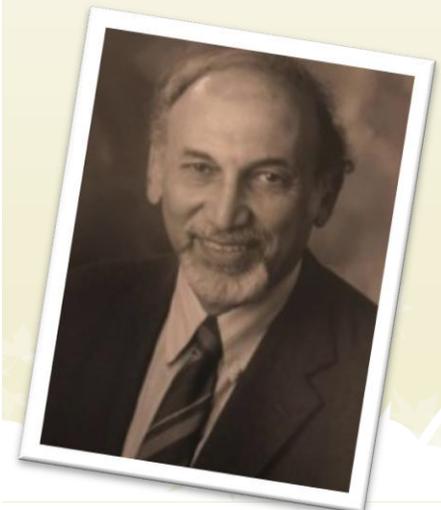


## Youssef Costandi

Our condolences to the family of HSA's Mark Costandi, whose father Youssef Costandi, himself a long time HSA member, passed away on Sunday.

Youssef learned to sail in England after emigrating from Egypt. His son Mark recalls growing up with the family on their O'Day cruiser which often found its way to the starting line. He even tried some starts in a Sunfish.

We have more on page 4 about Youssef and some information about the funeral services in this issue.



## OktoberFast Ends 2018 Season and Puts It in the Sail Bag

Some things were expected to happen at the season ending Sunfish Smackdown, aka OktoberFast. Like Laura Beebe winning the whole enchilada. Like Bill Molleran showing up and promptly taking the first race he started. Like Jim Richter flying around the course as if he had polymered his bottom. Hey, wait a minute. Did anyone check? No, actually he is just fast. Embarrassingly fast. Still Beebe is the one and only. More inside including the results for all 15 boats.

### Save the Date!

**Haul Out**  
**Saturday, Oct. 13**  
Boats, motors, power washers, elbow grease. Got Muscle?

**Awards Banquet**  
**Saturday, Nov. 3**  
Time to put the last shell and powder in the muzzle and fire it off.

**Docks**  
**Monday, Oct. 15**  
The state is folding up the sidewalks, so to speak, and boats must come off the water.

## Sunfish Rule!

While the Sunfish World Championships are being played out in 6-8 seas and 15-20 mph winds off the coast of North Carolina this week, we enjoyed two great days in relatively flat water at good ole Shift City.

### Oh, the Wayward Wind

We didn't get a report on wind strength during OktoberFast, but we know it was sometimes hiking heavy and, at a few points, Black Holes of Death. Still, no one complained too much, having experienced the love/hate thing we have with our home waters.

Upper left, Beebe on her way to a bullet rich day on Saturday; below that, three men in three boats vie for the upper hand. Below, Beebe eyes her telltale while in the photo below her, Charlie DeArmon checks on a capsized victim who shall go unnamed but not unrescued.



## OktoberFast Full and Final Results

(The first nine numbers are the finishes, then the total points, then the worst finish is subtracted, then the final tally.) (Did Not Start DNS = 16 pts.)

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|----------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| 1. Laura Beebe       | 1 1 1 1 1 3 2 2 5          | 17 5 12    |
| 2. Mike Stratton     | 3 3 5 2 5 2 1 7 3          | 31 7 24    |
| 3. Bill Sanderson    | 9 7 3 3 3 6 3 6 4          | 44 9 35    |
| 4. Kevin DeArmon     | 2 8 2 4 6 9 7 5 7          | 50 9 41    |
| 5. Jerry Brewster    | 4 5 6 11 9 4 9 4 6         | 58 11 47   |
| 6. Ken Wright        | 11 9 9 9 10 5 4 8 9        | 74 11 63   |
| 7. Charlie DeArmon   | 8 11 8 6 7 7 10 10 8       | 75 11 64   |
| 8. Brian Callahan    | 6 2 7 5 4 16 16 16 16      | 88 16 72   |
| 9. Bill Molleran     | 16 16 16 16 16 1 6 3 2     | 92 16 76   |
| 10. Samantha Marks   | 10 4 4 8 2 16 16 16 16     | 92 16 76   |
| 11. Dominiek Everaet | 7 10 11 12 11 8 8 11 11    | 89 12 77   |
| 12. Amy Marks        | 5 6 10 7 8 16 16 16 16     | 100 16 84  |
| 13. Jim Richter      | 16 16 16 16 16 16 5 1 1    | 103 16 87  |
| 14. Brett Hart       | 12 12 12 10 12 19 11 12 10 | 101 12 89  |
| 15. Stephen Cook     | 16 16 16 16 16 11 12 9 12  | 124 16 108 |





At left the Champ; at right challenger Samantha Marks

## OktoberFast Knocks Off Season; Beebe Knocks Off Fleet

Five races; five bullets. She made it look easy. Laura Beebe walked away from the hoi polloi of the Sunfish crowd last Saturday, winning all five races that day.

Only Brian Callahan's and Samantha Marks' best races came close to stopping her streak. In the end she outdueled them both. On Sunday, there weren't any bullets left for her, but she didn't need them. Likely she was feeling no pressure and had relaxed, which isn't hard for the laid back 30 somethun.

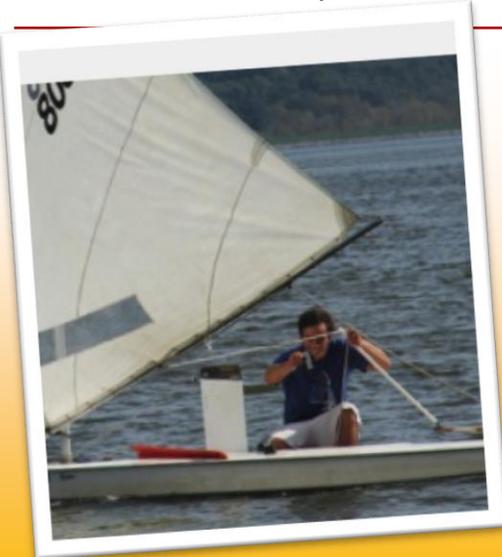
On Sunday, Bill Molleran came, won race one; Yours Truly picked up the crazy semi-drifter that was the day's second. And then Jim

Richter showed up in the middle of that race, started last, finished fifth and then proceeded to win the last two starts. The Indianapolis resident did something similar at AuGusto! except that he fell one short of Beebe in that brief contest.

Meanwhile Beebe stayed close and finished 12 points ahead of the next closest competitor at the end. The wind was alive and well during the whole *she bang*. Furious blasts and maniacal shifts on Saturday, followed by a highly unusual steadiness on Sunday. Until race two. Then it was back to the other Crazytown - Acton Lake. More elsewhere in this issue.

## DeArmon Lad Duels His Way into the Top Five

The youngest competitor on the course was Sinclair first year student Kevin DeArmon. The Kevinator, as he is sometimes called, has had an up and down season but has had some great highlights this year, not the least of which was his 4th place in OktoberFast. He also had a sixth at the very tough Sunfish Regional in Michigan back in September and has taken the helm of his dad's Y-Flyer this year several times, changing the whole racing dynamic in that fleet. Nice.



# Youssef Costandi 1929-2018

Family at the lake in the 70's with the O'Day Mariner



O'Day Close Hauled to Windward



Youssef and wife Suzanne



Young Youssef on Water Polo Team



For more on Youssef's life from his children, see the next page. Services will be held Friday, October 12 at 10:30 AM at St. Mary Church, 2853 Erie Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45208. Visitation from 9:30 to time of the Mass.

## A Life Well Lived: Youssef Costandi 1929-2018

This past weekend long time HSA member Youssef Costandi passed away. Those who have been around HSA for a while remember him and his family fondly.

The Costandis had an O'Day cruiser which son Mark tells us gave his father great joy. "One of his saddest days was when he sold that boat," he told us.

Mark is a long time member as well. As a youngster, Mark was in HSA's Junior Camp. We see Mark pretty frequently these days racing either his Sunfish or his Hobie 16. The last time we saw Youssef was at the HSA banquet a few years ago. Youssef and his wife Suzanne also attended one of HSA's Beach Days that season.

Here's what Mark told us about his dad.

"(Dad) loved the water starting with being on the water polo team in Egypt as a youngster, and then really picking up on sailing after emigrating to England and eventually to the States with mom and me on the SS France.

"We were at Hueston Woods every Sunday since the 70's. I remember the morning ritual of pulling every bit of weight out of his O'Day Mariner cruiser in preparation for racing in the Handicap Fleet. He was one of the few boat owners that had the same dock slip for years and used a lift to keep his hull shiny and clean.

"My mom 'the crew' doesn't know how to swim and is scared of the water, but she stayed loyal."

Mark's sister Drea wrote this obituary:

*"Youssef Tewfik passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 7, 2018 at the age of 89. He is survived by his wife Suzanne Costandi (Hodges); sons Mark (Kathy) and Paul; daughter Drea (Nick); sister Nadia Marcos; grandchildren Isabelle, Camille, PJ, Addy, Rami and Chloe; nieces Mona, Samia, and Shahira.*

*"Youssef was born in Alexandria and raised in Heliopolis, Egypt. He attended the French Jesuit school followed by Ainshams University in Cairo where he received his medical degree. He then completed his medical education by becoming a Fellow at the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in Scotland.*

*"He loved his family endlessly and gave them the gift of culture, music, sport, and a general love for life. He cared for his patients with an open heart and was devoted to each one. His general love of music, especially the symphony, was contagious. He established a music group in 1998 in order to celebrate the art and give people a safe place to perform, with listening ears and an encouraging smile.*

*"His interests in sailing and tennis were equally as whole heartedly embraced, as well as his love for teaching, especially languages, including French and Arabic at the University of Cincinnati Communiversitry. He was a member of the Hueston Sailing Association, Alliance Francais, as well as a devoted attendee of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra."*