



THE FOGHORN

The Official Newsletter of the Mission Bay Sunfish Fleet

Spring 2007

Spring Is On The Way!

Once more we anticipate the coming of spring and a new sailing season in 2007. Commodore Anne Hinton has planned another frostbite race, to take place on February 10th this year. We all hope that the weather will be as nice as in years past. We will meet around eleven for a skipper's meeting. Anne will bring some goodies and a winner's trophy. See the back of this newsletter for our 2007 racing schedule.

2006 In Review -- Once again, Mike Waters ran away with the Fleet Championship trophy. If we ever have a San Diego Sunfish Hall of Fame, he will surely be in it.

The Mission Bay Yacht Club invited the Sunfish fleet to sail with them in their One Design Regatta on August 19th and 20th. Five races were run over the two days. The aforementioned Mike Waters had an equipment failure on his boat, allowing your editor to squeeze out a win in this event.

Participation in our races averaged more than six boats per race this year. Not bad, considering that we have ten regulars racing. Our schedule of six throwout races per year was instituted with the idea that a skipper could miss two full race days without seriously impacting his or her record for the year. But then, anyone who sails all of the race days will do better than those who miss some of the races. Need we say more?

Commodore's Corner (by Anne) -- Another exciting year ahead. Let's all work on maintaining our enthusiasm and recruiting new sailors. Last year our fleet raced in the annual MBYC One-Design Regatta. Since the response was favorable, I plan to ask the regatta chair for an invitation again. The dates are August 18th and 19th. Another new event last year (for me!) was the Ocean Cruise. Three of us sailed out the channel and into the ocean, south to Ocean Beach, then north to Crystal Pier and back to Mission Bay. The ocean sail on a reach was fun and comfortable, though I wished for a cleat or a third hand while trying to untwist the cap on the water bottle jammed between my knees. The trips out and back in the channel were a bit more exciting, yet the Sunfish is such a stable boat that all I had to do was point it in the right direction and HANG ON. I hope we make this an annual tradition. And oh yes the Potlucks! This is great food and relaxation next to the water. The dates are on the calendar. Even if you don't sail that day, or haven't sailed all year, come and join us. See you on the water!

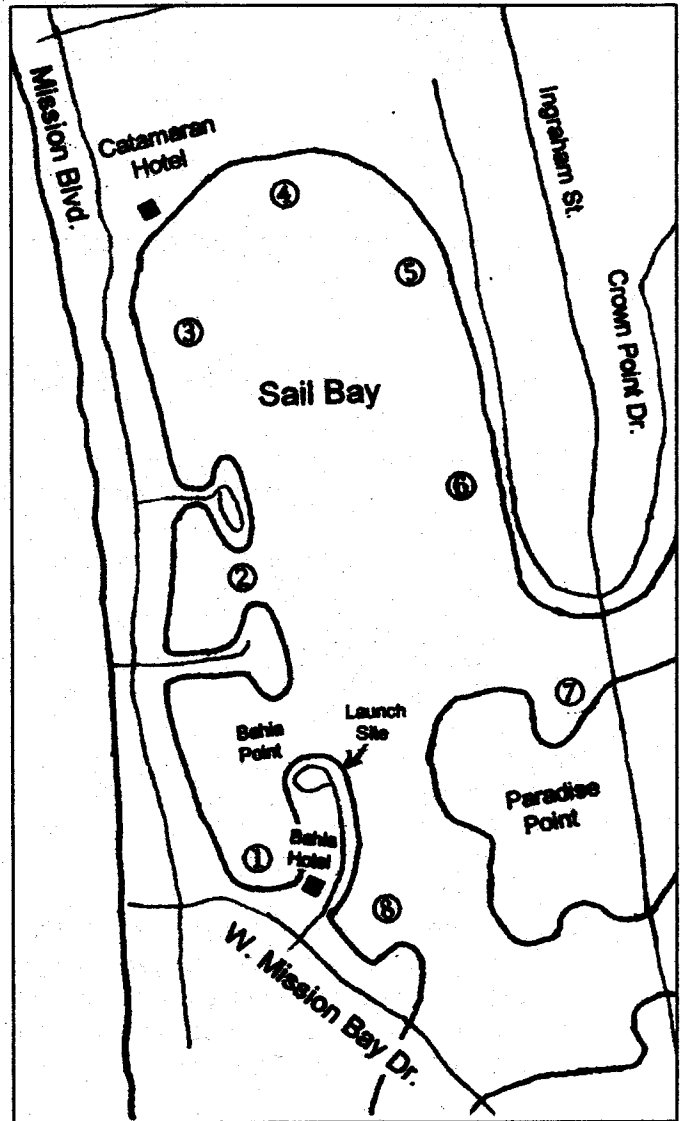
Parts -- For those of you needing parts for your Sunfish, the current authorized Sunfish dealer is Fast Lane Sailing Center, at 2580 Ingraham Street, (619) 222-0766.

How To Find Us

The Mission Bay Sunfish Fleet is always looking for new members of all sailing skill levels. We welcome you to stop by on one of our scheduled race days and get acquainted. You'll find us an informal group and easy to get along with. If you already have a Sunfish, bring your boat. We'll help you get it in the water. If you don't have a boat, we'll regale you with tales of the bounding main, and in the process, we'll try to convince you to buy a Sunfish, new or used, and join us for some small boat racing fun.

The Skipper's meeting is at 11 a.m., followed by the first race. Bring a lunch, and after the first race, we'll swap stories on shore. The second and third races take place right after lunch, starting around 1:30 p.m. Potlucks (see schedule below) come after the third race and we've relaxed a bit.

From West Mission Bay drive, turn north at the Bahia Hotel (Gleason Road) and head out the point. Watch for the sails!



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2007 Racing Schedule

Apr 28 Tune-up & General Meeting
May 12 Race 1, 2, 3
May 26 Race 4, 5, 6
Jun 9 Race 7, 8, 9
Jun 23 Race 10, 11, 12 & Potluck
Jul 7 Race 13, 14, 15
Jul 21 Race 16, 17, 18 & Potluck
Aug 4 Race 19, 20, 21
Aug 18 Race 22, 23, 24
Sep 8 Race 25, 26, 27 & Potluck
Sep 22 Race 28, 29, 30
TBA Winter events