



THE FOGHORN

The Official Newsletter of the Mission Bay Sunfish Fleet # 632

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Family Days Added to Schedule

Check the Commodore's Corner, below, and the schedule on the back of this newsletter for more information on this new activity. By the time you read this, our winter frostbite race will be history. Anne Hinton and Les Piehl were in charge of this event, which was held on February 28th. Five skippers braved the chilly waters for some practice races. But they all had fun, including new fleet member Patti Engquist, who was awarded the honorary trophy for consistently good sailing. Anne will also arrange to get the Sunfish Fleet invited to MBYC's One Design Regatta on our August 22nd race day. See the back of this newsletter for our 2008 racing schedule.

2007 In Review – Mike Waters won the Fleet Championship trophy again this year. Perhaps we should get that sentence engraved in stone, for it seems to happen with great regularity lately.

The Mission Bay Yacht Club again invited the Sunfish fleet to sail with them in their One Design Regatta on August 23rd. Les Piehl won the Sunfish portion of this event and Anne Hinton took second place.

Commodore's Corner (by Les) – I'm sure that we are all looking to yet another great sailing season. The races were exciting and close last year, which made them a lot of fun. What was also enjoyable was to get together for the potluck parties. I would like to extend special thanks to Miriam for doing such a wonderful job organizing and hosting them!

We have been expanding our website and receiving more interest in our club. I'm happy to announce that we have three new members: Gavin, Patti and Bob. Some of them have already sailed with us at the end of last season, and we are looking forward to having them race with us this year. I'm sure they will appreciate any tips and pointers they can get from us all. This season, we are also introducing family days. Jeff and I brainstormed and came up with the idea of having a more leisurely and family oriented day on the water, hence you can now find two family days on the 2009 season schedule, which is posted on our website. It will give our families an opportunity to join us and have fun sailing together and get acquainted as well. In the coming months, we will be adding to our club's website Sunfish Class Rules information as well as useful sailing tips and links, so they will be easily accessible to everyone. See you all soon on the water. Cheerio!

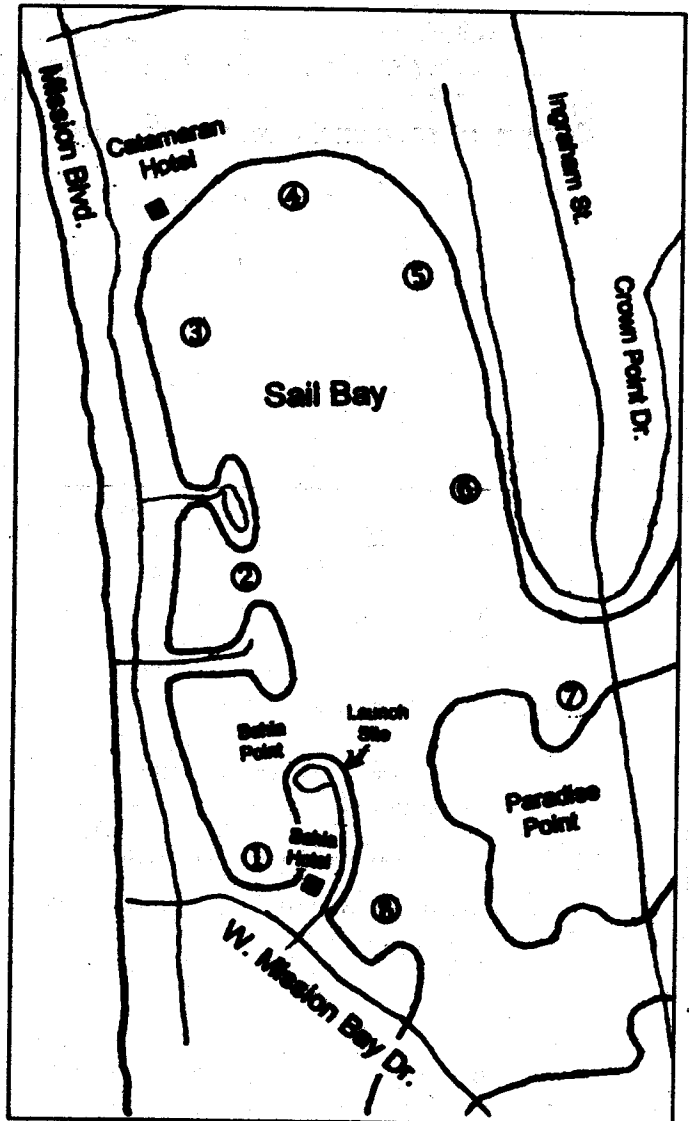
Parts – For those of you needing parts for your Sunfish, the current authorized Sunfish dealer is Fast Lane Sailing Center, at 2580 Ingraham Street, (619) 222-0766.

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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2009 Schedule

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