



The Foghorn

The Official Newsletter of the Mission Bay Sunfish Fleet

Spring 2010

Racing Season Starts May 1

Once again we look forward to the coming of spring and the start of our racing season. The season officially begins with a "tune-up" race on **May 1**. This race does not count against the official race tally. It gives all sailors a chance to tune their equipment and loosen their creaky joints. As usual, we will begin the day with a captain's meeting at 11:00 a.m., and start the first race shortly thereafter. Bring a lunch, and after the first race, we'll swap stories on shore. The second and third races take place right after lunch. The races take place at Bahia Point. From West Mission Bay drive, turn north at the Bahia Hotel (Gleason Road) and head out to the point. Watch for the sails!



New Officers Elected

Long-time fleet member **Mike Waters**, formerly known as the perennial fleet champion, has accepted a position as Fleet Commodore for the 2010 season. He hopes to keep everyone in the fleet active, learning, and having fun. On a personal level, he is hoping to re-gain the perpetual trophy so that he can tell his "old salt" stories once again.

Relative newcomer **Jim Baross** assumes his new position as Fleet Captain. Jim's responsibilities involve running the races, from setting the course to starting and finishing. Captain Jim is also interested in having capsizing drills... get ready to get wet!

Outgoing commodore **Les Piehl** has agreed to continue to maintain the fleet's website. You can find it at

www.sunfishsandiego.com

Les and his wife Beata established the website a couple of years ago, and have done a fabulous job! Congratulations to Les for winning the trophy for the 2009 season. The fleet looks forward to having Beata sail with us in 2010. The rest of us can thank our lucky stars that Sunfish racing isn't a pairs competition!

Potlucks will now be organized by the intrepid **Patty Engquist**. We can look forward to good eating and tall tales of all kinds.



John's Halyard

Last spring, long-time sailor **John Tentor** hung up his halyard, retiring from racing for the duration. John began sailing a Sunfish in 1966 while living in Syracuse, New York. During a visit to a boat show, he saw a photo at the Sunfish booth, showing a close mark rounding by two competitive boats. This stirred his interest, and he purchased his first Sunfish. He did not know how to sail at that time. Of course, this led to some funny escapades and the naming of his first boat, *Good Grief*. But he soon learned the ropes,

stuffing the boat in the back of his station wagon and sailing whenever possible in various local races. He won a doubles event with his eleven-year-old son, John Jr., as crew.

Tentor moved to San Diego in 1971, pulling his boat with a trailer behind his station wagon. He soon found Sunfish Fleet 127, which had been founded in 1965. Racing on Mission Bay, the fleet suffered from poor turnout and was temporarily disbanded from 1976 until 1981, but not before Tentor won the trophy in 1974 in a tie with fleet captain

Ray Dozier, and in his own right in 1975 and 1976.

A new fleet was formed in 1981. John sailed continuously with the fleet until his recent retirement, having sailed in over 700 Sunfish races.

John has also served as the fleet's unofficial historian, record-keeper, and promoter. His catalog of old photos and stories delight the fleet's old salts and newcomers alike. His plans for 2010, the year of his 80th birthday, are not yet formulated.

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2010 Schedule of Racing and More					
Date	Time	Event	Date	Time	Event
02/20	11 am	Frostbite Regatta	07/10	11 am	Races 13-14-15
02/22	7 pm	Club Dinner & Season Awards	07/17	11 am	Family Day
05/01	11 am	Tuneup & General Meeting	07/24	11 am	Races 16-1-18 & Potluck
05/15	11 am	Races 1-2-3	08/07	11 am	Races 19-20-21
05/29	11 am	Races 4-5-6	08/14	11 am	Family Day
06/05	11:30 am	Ocean Cruise	08/21	TBD	Races 22-23-24 One Design Regatta
06/12	11 am	Races 7-8-9	09/11	11 am	Races 25-26-27
06/26	11 am	Races 10-11-12 & Potluck	09/25	11 am	Races 28-29-30