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The Official Newsletter of the Mission Bay Sunfish Fleet No 632

Club News

Our **annual club dinner** and awards will be held at Rick and Robin's house on Saturday, **January 25, 2014**.

Please check your emails for more information.



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

HEIDI KENNEDY
BOB LAMOUREUX

ABOUT US

Many members of our Sunfish fleet have a life-long experience in sailing Sunfish, while others have just begun their sailing adventure.

Our club is all about fun. You will find us an informal group and easy to get along with. If you already have a Sunfish, bring your boat an hour or two before racing starts. We will help you to rig it and get it in the water.



<http://sunfishclass.org>

You can now access latest information, renew your class membership online with a credit card, or purchase class materials all in one place.

2014 Club Calendars

The wall calendars are out. Thank you for contributing your favorite Sunfish sailing photos. They can be picked up from Les.

2013 Treasurer's Report

The club's balance as of 11/15/2013 was \$556

For the latest club news, please visit our website at www.sunfishsandiego.com

How to find us

From West Mission Bay Drive, turn north at the Bahia Hotel (Gleason Road) and head out the point.

You will find us to the north of Bahia Hotel
Gleason Road loop behind the hotel

998 W Mission Bay Drive, San Diego CA 92109

USSCA West Region News

The 2014 West Region Regatta

will be held during the MBYC's One Design Regatta, **August 16 – 17, 2013**

The 2014 West Region Calendar

is posted on the new Sunfish Class website

<http://sunfishclass.org/regions/c/west>

West Region representative
les@sunfishsandiego.com

Commodore's Corner

Hello Soggy Bottoms!

Another great racing season has come to an end for the Mission Bay Sunfish Fleet #632. As your Commodore, I have been asked to wrap up the 2013 sailing season.

Let's start with the details. We sailed a total of 30 races during 10 race days between May 4 and September 7, 2013. Our first racing day was probably the windiest at 12+ mph, but a great way to start the season. I think most of us were in survival mode that day. We forgot about racing and just tried to keep from capsizing. We had 20 people compete over the duration of the season but usually averaged about 11 skippers on race days. We welcomed 3 new members Derek Gauger, Jim Kennedy and Kate Mitsch. All bring many years of sailing and racing experience and we are glad to be able to compete with them.

Our top 3 sailors for the season were Les Piehl, Fauss Hull, and Mike Waters. Congratulations! You guys are an inspiration-competing until the last race.

In August we hosted the USSCA Western Regional Regatta at the Mission bay Yacht Club (during the One Design Regatta.). Congratulations to Les Piehl, our Western Regional Champion.

We couldn't stop sailing when the race season was over so we ended the season with two recreational fun sails. The first recreational sail was around mission bay with plenty of good wind. The second recreational sail was an event that I personally looked forward to all season. It was the sail out. 7 of us left the safe confines of Mission Bay to venture out into the Pacific Ocean for a 3 hour tour. We had great weather and a beautiful sail up the coast toward La Jolla. Jim Kennedy tracked our trip and logged over 15 miles of sailing. We returned for dinner and drinks aboard John's power boat and were joined by other soggy bottoms who did not participate in the sail out. The icing on the cake was a sunset cruise around the bay. A thoroughly enjoyable way to end a great season. Thank you Rick and John for hosting a terrific event!

John Huebner was there every race day to perform his club captain duties. He chose the race course each week and did not waver when we whined. Perhaps his most important job was calling the times for the start of each race. Not an easy task when you are also racing. Thanks for your efforts John.

Every week Mike, John, and Barney brought the racing marks which were set by Mike, Les and John. We appreciate all of your efforts.

Les and Beata designed, maintained and updated our beautiful website each week. Because of this important tool our club has grown steadily over the last couple of years. We couldn't have done it without you- thank you.

And last but not least was Paul Cat, our fearless potluck coordinator. Paul went where he had never gone before-planning potlucks. He was unsure of his task but I encouraged him by telling him potlucks always seem to work out-even when there is no BBQ... We thank you for all you did Paul.

Our club is a collaborative effort. We all make up this volunteer club and I thank you all for all your efforts in making this a great environment for racing and socializing.

Patti Engquist

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