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Official Newsletter of the Mission Bay Sunfish Fleet No 632

Club News



This year, we are celebrating two important milestones

- **the 50th Anniversary** of Sunfish sailing in San Diego
- **the 30th Anniversary** of the USSCA Sunfish Regional Championship Regatta held in San Diego

If you'd like to find out more about the history of Sunfish sailing in San Diego, please visit our website's **About Us** page.

Celebrate with us by wearing club t-shirts!



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

SETH COHEN
JERRY KANE
EARL DOZIER
LUIS MADRID



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.

2015 Club Dinner & Awards

We said good bye to Patti, who has retired from sailing, and welcomed John as our commodore.



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



<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.

USSCA West Region News

The 2015 West Region Regatta

will be held during the MBYC's One Design Regatta, **August 15 – 16, 2013**



USSCA West Region
Representative

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Commodore's Corner

By John Huebner

I hope you are all looking forward to Fleet 632's 2015 Season. I'm excited to get out there and jump into a new season of racing, fun, and camaraderie. It is especially exciting as our fleet continues to grow. With 12 to 18 boats on the starting line, we can be proud to be one of the most active one-design fleets in San Diego!

For those of you who are new to the fleet and/or new to Sunfish racing, thanks for joining in! I think you'll find the same warm welcome that I received ten years ago when I moved to San Diego. We have a diverse group of sailors of all skill levels who are happy to share what they know. Good competition exists at all ends of the skill spectrum. Beginners are encouraged, and they quickly improve their skills and speed at getting around the race course.

In addition to our regular season racing on Saturdays, we have a number of activities mixed in to keep the fun going.

Our "frostbite" winter race series, organized by Fauss Hull, has just completed. The honors for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd went to Les Piehl, Fauss Hull, and Mike Waters. Congratulations guys!

Our first official get-together of the season is the Tune-up and General Meeting on April 11th. It's a great chance to get your boat out before the racing season begins. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there. If you haven't sailed with us before, stop down to Bahia Point and introduce yourself. We can help you find a "loaner" or a boat for sale, when you're ready to join the fun.

The racing season begins in earnest on Saturday, May 2nd.

Most of you know that Les Piehl serves as Sunfish Class Association Western Region Representative. One of his responsibilities is to organize the Regional Regatta. This year it will occur in conjunction with the Mission Bay Yacht Club One Design Regatta on August 15th and 16th.

Additional fleet activities include "Fun Sails". Here we get together for a cruise around the bay, where we forget about racing for a day and explore Mission Bay.

Some years we have done a "Bay-to-Bay" race, where we race from Mission Bay to San Diego Bay. The last one was a memorable trip with perfect conditions that took us down the coast and right into the big bay. We also go on "Ocean Cruises" where we head up (or down) the coast a bit and enjoy the Pacific swells and coastal scenery.

This year we are working to organize a "Big Bay Race". The proposal is set up a course on San Diego Bay for a day of racing. Get your trailers in working order and stay tuned for more information on this event.

To keep up-to-date on the schedule of fleet events and race results, head to our website at www.sunfishsandiego.com/. A big thanks to Les and Beata who do a great job of maintaining this resource for the group.

That's it for now. I'll see you on the Bay!

John Huebner
Commodore, Fleet 632

