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Summer 2020 – Official Newsletter of Mission Bay Sunfish Fleet No. 632

Sailing in the Dark

We closed the winter series and opened the summer series in the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic. As of June 2020, the virus has caused hundreds of thousands of deaths worldwide, caused massive economic disruption, and changed the way humans meet and socialize with each other. So far, the

effect on the club included the cancellation of the last scheduled race in the winter series. A major lockdown occurred between the winter and summer seasons, but was relaxed as spring turned into summer. We were able to open the summer season on time, but Bahia Point was not available for

launching on the first two race dates. For now, it has re-opened. Some members are waiting for safer conditions to return to racing. Social distancing is practiced, with no gathering and conversing for lunch. How long this will last is anyone's guess. For now, we're sailing in the dark.



New Captain

Les continues to do a great job as the club's Commodore. Les sets up the start line, including his clever countdown timer (equipped with a camera), reviews the tapes to make sure the starts were legal, keeps track of the scoring, and answers questions for all of us. He and Beata manage the club website and finances. Many thanks to Les and Beata for all they do.

Mike Kummer has assumed the position of captain. Mike sets the racecourses and sets up the markers. He also helps with the scoring. As he often finishes near the front of the line, he can look back and score everyone else.

"There's nothing more satisfying than the simplicity of sailing a Sunfish.... Except beating Les!"
Mike K. (Mike III), June 2020

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Sailboat Art

Some years ago, Jeff A. was the first sailor to decorate his sail with original artwork. Jeff's creativity extends to other pursuits, such as cooking, cake-decorating, logo design, and memorabilia. Our club has benefitted from all these talents. But Jeff's big painted sails are the most recognizable of his artistic talents. He is now sailing with his second generation of painted sails. Jennifer, of course, has been sailing under his designs too. Now other members are emulating his model.



Jeff's Dolphin Design Under Sail



Jeff and his Penguin Design



Jeff's Original Dazzle Design



Mike W. follows suit with a shark design and with artistic “port” and “starboard” emojis.



Jeff F. paints his hull to match his sail in a patriotic design.



Jeff's Cupcakes!

Two Sail Manufacturers Permitted

The Mission Bay Sunfish Fleet now permits competing with sails manufactured by Intensity and by North Sails (the original provider). These two sails have the same dimensions. You can now buy from either manufacturer, and feel free to paint your own design!

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Fleet Champion

Les Piehl was the 2019 Fleet Champion, as he has been every year since 2009. Congratulations, Les!



New Members are Welcome!

Some members of our fleet have many years of experience in sailing Sunfish, while others have just begun their sailing adventure.

Our club is all about fun. You will find us to be an informal and friendly group. Join us! Bring your Sunfish to the water an hour or two before racing starts. We will help you to rig and launch. Find us at the northern tip of Bahia Point, adjacent to the Bahia Hotel.

