World Champion

October 5-12, 2002

HOUSTON YACHT CLUB
LaPorte, Texas
USA
October 2002

Dear Sunfish Sailor:

On behalf of the Houston Yacht Club, I want to welcome you to Texas, Galveston Bay, and our Club for the 2002 Sunfish World Championship regatta. We are very pleased to host this important and prestigious event.

Our Yacht Club has a rich tradition of hosting national and international events and we can promise you good organization both on and off the water and, hopefully, good winds.

Most importantly, our goal is to make HYC your home away from home during this event, and that your experience with us is a happy, challenging and memorable one.

I look forward to meeting you and wish you good luck and fair sailing.

Sincerely,

Chuck Buckner
Commodore
October 2002

Dear Sunfish Sailors,

On behalf of the World Championship Race Committee, the Judges, the Regatta Organizing Committee, and the Houston Yacht Club, I welcome you to the 2002 Sunfish World Championship Regatta. This will be the second time the club has hosted the World Championship. It is a big event for us and we are excited, as you must be to get started.

For months now we have been planning for the event. Our goals for the regatta are to provide good race management, fair and speedy protest hearing and to post quick results for your review. The Regatta Committee, club management, staff and members are all committed to supporting the racing schedule and to make your time off the water social and comfortable.

The Race Committee, and all volunteers, are open to your thoughts and suggestions before and during the racing program.

Good Sailing.

John W. Focke, PRO
HOUSTON YACHT CLUB

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### October 5 / Saturday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Registration (Porthole)

### October 6 / Sunday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Registration (Porthole)
1:00 pm  
Competitors Briefing (Ballroom)
3:00 pm  
Practice Race
6:00 pm  
Competitors Gather at Beachcomber
6:30 pm  
Opening Ceremony
7:00 pm  
Buffet for Competitors

### October 7 / Monday
11:00 am  
1st Gun (Lunch served on water)

### October 8 / Tuesday
11:00 am  
1st Gun (Lunch served on water)
6:00 pm  
Cook-out for Competitors
TBA  
Intern’l Class Meeting (Ballroom)

### October 9 / Wednesday
Lay Day

### October 10 / Thursday
11:00 am  
1st Gun (Lunch served on water)

### October 11 / Friday
11:00 am  
1st Gun (Lunch served on water)
6:00 pm  
Cook-out by the Pool w/ Live Music
Competitors and Guest invited to party with HYC Members

### October 12 / Saturday
8:00 am  
Boat Check-In
6:00 pm  
Awards Banquet (Ballroom)
LOCAL SAILING CONDITIONS

It is always a challenge to predict the wind on Galveston Bay. The NOAA forecast is always “south-southeast”; 10-15 knots, bay water slightly choppy”. Anything different means we are in the middle of a hurricane and they have not realized it yet.

SOUTHEASTERLY

This the SEA BREEZE with a relatively constant direction of 135 (plus or minus 10 degrees) at 12-18 knots. This is a wonderful sailing breeze when it settles in and is fairly constant. Phases are under 15 degrees and last 5-10 minutes. Only a frontal passage or thunderstorm will disrupt this pattern, and then there may be moderate shifts towards the cells.

The bay is only 10-12 feet deep and tides are relatively unimportant. Current is usually not a problem, but should not be totally ignored. Shallow water can cause a nasty chop to build up when the breeze strengthens.

Daytime air temperatures range from 80 to 95 degrees, with nighttime lows in the 70 to 80 degrees. The wind is southeasterly 80% of the time. Beach water temperature is 85 degrees.
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Evangeline Atkinson
Ellen Donnelly

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Ned Van Maanen

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Hernan Salcedo / Columbia
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Larry White / USA

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Peg Beadle - Sunfish Class Office

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### STEERING COMMITTEE

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HOUSTON YACHT CLUB HISTORY

In 1897, after a summer filled with boating excursions, sailing parties and two hotly contested regattas, a group of yachtsmen organized what is today the oldest yacht club in Texas, the Houston Yacht Club (HYC). Dan E. Kennedy, a former Texas Ranger, was elected the first commodore at a meeting held in the Binz Building, Houston’s first skyscraper, on February 2, 1898.

In 1905, the members reorganized as the Houston Yacht & Power Boat Club. Members continued to hold meetings in downtown Houston and moor their boats at the club wharf on Buffalo Bayou near Allen’s Landing. The purpose of the organization included promoting and encouraging both the science and sport of boating, and maintaining a cleaner and healthier bayou. Lumber magnate John H. Kirby donated his steamboat, the Lawrence to the Club to promote interest in Houston’s fledgling ship channel and Galveston Bay’s commercial and recreational potential. After two years the Club reorganized as the Houston Launch Club.

The Launch Club, with its impressive fleet of motor cruisers, continued to meet downtown until 1910, when they built a club house on Buffalo Bayou in Harrisburg (now part of Houston’s East End) opposite Brady Island and today’s Port of Houston turning basin. In addition to encouraging and organizing sailing, power boating, and canoeing events, promoting the development of the ship channel and Houston as a deep water port continued to be a primary focus of the Club.

In 1920, HYC became a founding member of the Gulf Yachting Association and began competing with other yacht clubs along the coast of the Gulf of Mexico. The sailing members began a movement to relocate the Club to Galveston Bay where practicing their sailing skills would be more convenient. In 1923, these members established a sailing facility in Seabrook known as the “Houston Yacht Club, Launch Club Bayshore Home.”
In 1926, the two groups began selling their respective properties and pooling resources to build the Shoreacres clubhouse. Retaining the Houston Yacht Club name and the burgee of the Houston Launch Club, they moved into their "magnificent and commodious" Spanish building in July 1927.

The clubhouse was remodeled in 1953 and again, more extensively, in 1961 when the ballroom was added. Affectionately called the "Pink Palace" for many years, the three story stucco building was restored to its traditional coral color in 1987 after members researched the color of other buildings of similar style and age. After a fire in 1993 an original fireplace, thought to have been destroyed in the 1961 remodeling, was discovered intact. This fireplace and other original architectural details were restored, recapturing the ambiance of the 1927 design. In 2002, HYC celebrated the 75th anniversary of this building.

During World War II, the clubhouse was occupied by the U.S. Coast Guard, which converted it into a training facility. As in World War I, members and their boats went to war. Their power boats were used to help patrol the Houston Ship Channel, a vital oil port.

During the early years, the club enjoyed organizing regattas for all types of boats, from racing sloops to working class sailboats, motor yachts and canoes. In 1927, HYC hosted the first national regatta in Texas, the Mississippi Valley Power Boat Regatta. The event was attended by world record setting speed boats from all over the country and by thousands of spectators. This began a tradition of hosting national and international regattas that continues today. HYC has twice been awarded the prestigious St. Petersburg Trophy for excellence in race management, recognition that would not be possible without the hard work of member volunteers. Now in its 105th year, HYC continues to make boating history on Galveston Bay.
LIST OF COMPETITORS *

BAHAMAS
Donald Martinborough

BERMUDA
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CANADA
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Juan Pablo

GUATEMALA
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ITALY
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Chiara Scargiali
Vincenzo Scargiali
Enrico Stefanelli

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Ramon Chiarella
Diego Zimmermann

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Robert Ramos

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Eduardo Gonzalez
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Don Bergman
Jean Bergman
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Todd Edwards
Tony Elliott
Steven Evans
Dan Feldman
Tom Fitzgerald
Warren Fitzpatrick
Marc Garrison
Greg Gust
Bart Hale
Erik Hanselman
Fritz Hanselman
James Irwin
Malcolm Jones
David Kaighin
Dan Karnovsky
Tom Katterheinrich
Megan Keating
James Koehler

John W. Kolius
Peggy Malecki
Vic Manning
Tom Meeh
Bud Narveson
Harriet Ottenheimer
Martin Ottenheimer
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Jason Raster
Thomas Raster
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Joanne Kolius

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