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BAY-WAVELAND YACHT CLUB SPOTLIGHTS CITY

Bay-Waveland Yacht Club's sailing accomplishments and the club's hospitality reputation continue to bring regional and national sailing championships to the area.

July 27,2014-August 2,2014 the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club (BWYC) will host the 2014 U. S. Sunfish Class Association (USSCA) Youth North American Championship and North American Championship. National Championships are held each year in a different part of the United States to select a national champion for youth and adults and to qualify sailors for the World Championships as well as the Pan American Games.

The International Sunfish Class Association (ISCA) is the governing body of Sunfish racers everywhere. Sunfish Class sailors are Olympians and the single-handed class in the Pan Am Games. The World Championships will be held in Arapahoe, NC October 8-18, 2014. This regatta will also qualify the top non-previously qualified nations to compete at the Pan American Games to be held in Toronto 2015.

BWYC Sunfish Sailor and Race Management PRO, Clinton Edwards was instrumental in securing this national event for the Hancock County and Bay-Waveland area. Clinton has also served as the U.S. Sunfish Class President.

Some notable accomplishments of BWYC sailors in the sunfish Class are:

- ★ Anne Edwards
 - Four time North American Women's Champion
 1. 2010
 2. 2009
 3. 2007
 4. 2004
- ★ Todd Edwards

 1. International Masters Champion 2006
 2. U.S. Masters Champion 2008
 3. Sunfish National Midwinter's Champion 1999 and 2002
- ★ Marcus Eagan

 1. 2002 Sunfish North American Champion
 2. 1997 Junior North American Champion

Other BWYC sailors who have been members of the Sunfish National Championship team racing include Kippy Chamberlain, Bishop Stieffel, Clinton Edwards, and Andrew Eagan.

Approximately 12 youth sailors and 60 adult sailors along with their families, coaches and support staff will come for all over the United States, South America, Central America, and the Caribbean to compete in this regatta.

The youth races (7 races) will be held on Monday, July 28 and Tuesday July 29 with a closing Mexican dinner on July 30 to honor the winners. The adults will race in 11 races from Wednesday July 30-Saturday August 2 with a formal closing banquet and awards presentation. Races begin at 1330 each day.

This event will draw participants and spectators to Hancock County who, over a period of six days, will enjoy the many recreational and cultural activities the area has to offer.

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Future BWYC events: Flying Scot National Championship Regatta June 20-26 2015