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## The Latest News from AeroSouth - August 2021



### "AeroSouth Parts Too Radical"

Following the 2021 Sunfish National Championships on Lake Norman, North Carolina, the Sunfish Class Board announced an exception to its normal rules concerning class legal parts. Made necessary by a shortage of these components, the association's leadership explained the temporary allowance of non-Class Legal parts in sanctioned events. As Sunfish expert Lee Montes **explains in this video** (around 6:50), the AeroSouth rudder blades and daggerboards are deemed "**too radical**" for these events and would not be allowed.

All we can say is: ***"Thanks for the Compliment!"***

AeroSouth does not aim to comply to Class rules, as these would stifle completely our efforts to provide sailors with greater speed, safety and fun on the water. We certainly have no objection to the Class adopting our products, but will leave that discussion up to Class leaders to initiate.

AeroSouth's motto remains: ***Sail Faster, Have More Fun!***

And BTW, **there are no shortages of parts at AeroSouth!** Everything is engineered and made right here in North Carolina and typically ships within 24

hours of your order.



## AeroSouth Mainsheet Hanger Clips OK'd for Class Racing

Following the 2021 Sunfish National Championship on Lake Norman, North Carolina, we asked **John**

**Butine**, Chairman of the Nationals Championship and the National Measurer of the United States Sunfish Class Association, for a clarification on the use of our **popular mainsheet hanger clips** for class events. Our customers had been asking about this. **John replied that our mainsheet hanger clips are indeed approved for Class racing.** Thanks John for all you do for the **Lake Norman Yacht Club** and Sunfish sailors across the country!

In stock for Sunfish-class (1.5" dia. boom) and Laser-class (2.0" dia. boom) sailboats. Ships within 24 hours **for only \$25** for a set of three (plus shipping and taxes.) Order yours today from the **AeroSouth store**



## FS Rudder for the Fulcrum Rocket

Thanks to the interest of Vermont sailor Derek Snare the **AeroSouth FS rudder blade** is now available for the **Rocket**, a significant refinement on the Sunfish from **Fulcrum Speedworks** of Bristol, RI. Its overall dimensions and weight are similar to the Sunfish however its rudder attachment is slightly different.

In a fast-tracked collaboration with Derek, AeroSouth developed a simple but effective pop-up feature similar to the Sunfish. As seen in the image here, this required only the change of position for a spring pin in the rudder's head, and some additional hardware for the attachment to the standard Rocket cheek flange. AeroSouth now offers this simple retrofit kit at a nominal add-on to the price of our FS rudder blade.

Next month we will report on Derek Snare's initial experiences with his new AeroSouth FS rudder blade on his new Fulcrum Rocket. Thank you Derek

Snare for the superb collaboration!

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## Dinghy Bob Refined, Used on More Boats

Dinghy Bob, Aerosouth's unique combination rig-flotation device and wind direction indicator, continues to gain acceptance among sailors. As a result of a customer request, AeroSouth has recently confirmed its suitability for the **Vanguard**

**Zuma** sailboat, and made the first shipment to an owner of this popular Cat-rigged dinghy, **Jim DeYoung of the Bass Lake Sailing Club** in Knox, IN. Thanks for being a pioneer, Jim DeYoung!

We also believe that Dinghy Bob would install without modification on the popular **Optimist**, one of the best-known school sailboats in the world.

Based on a good suggestion from competitive Sunfish sailor **Emily Wagner of Tampa, Florida**, AeroSouth now ships special **reusable zip ties** with each Dinghy Bob, an alternative to the quick-release stainless steel hose clamps initially supplied. Customers receive both types of clamps at no additional charge. Thank you Emily Wagner for the great idea!

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## FS Rudder & Wishbone Tillers

The original AeroSouth FS rudder blades were developed using standard blade and tiller attachment from ca. 2020. This included a pair of small, metal "straps" that connect the tiller to the head (top) of the rudder blade. Many sailors however use a "wishbone" style of tiller, which some state as being stiffer and more responsive than those attached with straps.

Recently **Rick Schlosser of Sharon, Massachusetts** attached a wishbone tiller from **Nautos (part HT7042)** to his FS. This required the drilling of an additional 1/4" diameter hole as seen in the image here. AeroSouth has updated its User Guide for the blade, **found here on our web site**, with drawings to show the purpose and location of all the various holes in the head of the FS rudder blades, including this one for a wishbone tiller.

Thank you Rick Schlosser for helping us improve our products!

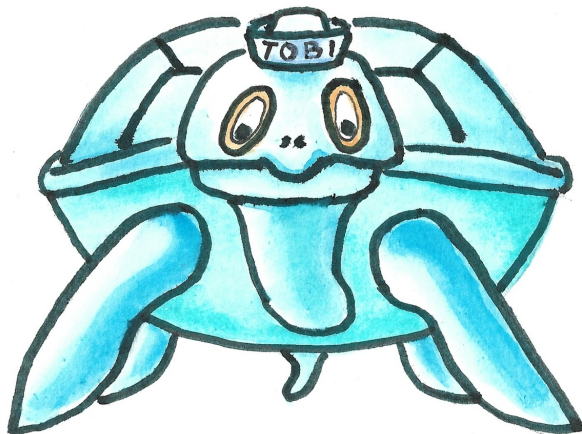


## See AeroSouth at Regattas

When our schedule permits, we enjoy helping at regattas in the southeastern USA. Volunteering is fun, we meet some very nice people and always come home with a new product idea or two.

On July 23-25 we enjoyed assisting Sonya Dean and her very capable team (her husband Alex and their two smart, lovely daughters) at the **20th Annual Race around beautiful Harker's Island**, North Carolina. The weather was ideal and attendance was strong. Results and a gallery of images can be found on the **US Sunfish Class Facebook Group**.

On September 24-26 we will be attending the **2021 Sunfish Women's North American Championship**, hosted by the Columbia Sailing on beautiful Lake Murray near Columbia, SC. Hope to see you there!



## Introducing Tobi the Turtle

Last month we introduced you to our official spokes-bird, **Dinghy Bob**. We felt he needed a friend, and could not imagine anyone better than **Tobi the Turtle**.

AeroSouth's offices and

prototype shop are located on beautiful **Lake Auman**, situated a few minutes west of **Pinehurst** in south central **North Carolina**. It is home to many waterfowl including the occasional seagull, and its waters are teeming with turtles, so Bob and Tobi are common sights to sailors here. While Bob is at home in the air and on the lake surface, Tobi is a master of the water beneath.

The two have a friendly but at times difficult relationship, especially when something edible lands on the water's surface. But they always have something to say about sailors and their boats! In future newsletter issues, watch for the "**Adventures of Dinghy Bob and Tobi Turtle**". We'll also provide some fun items for the youngest sailors among our readers.

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