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The Latest News from AeroSouth - July 2021



FS Rudder Blade gets High Marks

Called the "extreme rudder" by popular Sunfish **YouTube** **Lee Montes**, the **AeroSouth FS rudder blade** sets a new standard in performance for dinghies like the Sunfish and Zuma, getting you first to the mark. Here's what sailors are saying:

Eugene Schmitt (Bay Saint Louis, MS): "I've only sailed with it once so far. It was blowing about 10 and it was perfect, especially downwind. Very fast. It's definitely cool. Everyone wants to check it out."

Lee Montes (Long Island, NY): "I was actually able to sail both rudders yesterday in steadier conditions. I started with the AeroSouth rudder and when I went back to the regular rudder I race with it was abundantly clear how much drag and weather helm is on the traditional rudder."

Weston Morris (Livonia, MI): "I've been able to go out 3 times now with the new rudder and it performs wonderfully. My wife really likes it as she can sail for 1 or more hours without her arm getting tired like it would have when fighting the weather helm from the factory rudder. I set a new personal speed record using the new rudder. 12.9 mph according to GPX-X. Winds were WSW at 18, gusting to 28. What a blast! Thank you for inventing this new design. Well done!"

Bill Chapman (Annapolis, MD): "Just had my first opportunity to try out my new blades. I absolutely love the rudder."

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FS Rudder makes the Zuma Zoom

Thanks to the encouragement of West Coast Zuma owner Steve Ross of Mill Valley, CA, the **AeroSouth FS rudder blade** is now available for this fine dinghy originally made by **Alcort and Vanguard**. Its overall dimensions and weight are similar to the Sunfish but the Zuma features a Cat rig, instead of Lateen.

Steve comments on his first experiences with the FS rudder blade on his Zuma:

"On Friday I installed your rudder and had a great sail in 8-15 kts of wind. I had no issues with installation and the rudder has about an inch of clearance with the transom. I noticed immediately an improvement in handling of the boat. My first thought was 'feels like butter'. Definitely less weather helm, maybe 40% less in a 15 kt breeze. Sailing for an hour would have been very tiring before but an hour passed by quickly and didn't feel like I was fighting an unbalanced boat."

Thanks, Steve - and Happy Sailing!

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Slice to the Front with the Sabre

The perfect addition to our FS Rudder Blade is our new **Sabre Daggerboard**. Designed using the same advanced methods and materials, the Sabre not only lowers drag caused by the daggerboard (lower drag = higher speed) but allows you to point higher and tack faster. Its lower weight (compared to fiberglass boards) means you ride higher, and its sweptback shape is better at shedding weeds. And, it looks terrific, too! After we had



a bad experience with those wimpy, two-piece plastic stops that other boards use, we decided to pre-install an industrial-grade, solid-rubber stop secured with quality stainless-steel hardware, at no extra cost. And - like all AeroSouth products - the Sabre Daggerboard is made in the **Good Old USA** and typically ships within 24 hours.

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Introducing Dinghy Bob!

Dinghy Bob, a sassy sailboat seagull, is AeroSouth's new spokes-bird. You know him, perched atop the masts of boats in every marina of the world, the self-proclaimed ruler of the roost. An expert (but lazy) flyer and cunning moocher, Bob does his best to exploit the wind with the minimum of effort, what AeroSouth's products can do for you. Bob also avoids diving underwater, inspiring us to develop a mast float for dinghies, appropriately named after our annoying little friend. (See below)

Dinghy Bob keeps the



Turtles Away

Ever play with turtles while sailing? Not hardly - you might lose a finger to a hungry one! Turning Turtle while sailing is not much fun, either, but it happens - unless your boat is equipped with our new **Dinghy Bob**, keeping dunkings short and getting you back underway quicker. And....it doubles as a wind direction indicator!

Read all about it here.

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Aw Sheet! - It Started with a Clip

When AeroSouth Owner & President Kent Misegades took up sailing (again) in 2017, he was frustrated with the mainsheet on his Sunfish

frequently snagging on the back of his head when tacking. "Surely someone makes some kind of guide to prevent this?" Not finding anything suitable, he set out, with the help of his engineer son Ben, to devise a simple, low-cost means of securing the mainsheet while allowing its free motion along the boom. The result was AeroSouth's first product, our **Mainsheet Hanger Clip**, available in two sizes, 1.5" (Sunfish and similar) and 2.0" (Laser and similar). Rarely a day goes by that we don't receive an order or two for our simple, but effective, little mainsheet hanger clip. We recently increased our in-house production capacity in order to ship within 24 hours, our goal for all of AeroSouth's products.

*In stock and ships within 24 hours **for only \$25** for a set of three (plus shipping and taxes.) Order yours today from the **AeroSouth store** to prevent an "Aw Sheet!" moment on your boat.*

**Harker's Island Race
July 23-25**



Join AeroSouth on July 23-25 at the **20th Annual Race around beautiful Harker's Island**, North Carolina. Hosted by the **Harker's Island Sailing Club** and organized by Sunfish sailing's "dynamic duo", **Alex and Sonya Dean**, the race is fun and challenging for all levels of sailors. The spectacular scenery

around **Harker's Island, Cape Lookout**, and nearby **Beaufort** and **Morehead City** attracts people from around the country. **Get all the race details here.**



AeroSouth at Recent Regattas

We've enjoyed attending recent regattas near our home base, Seven Lakes, North Carolina. On June 13th, we attended the final day of racing at the **2021 Sunfish North American Championship** on Lake Norman, won by Conner

Blouin. A week later we were at the **2021 Southeast Regional Sunfish Championship**, part of the NC Governor's Cup Regatta on Kerr Lake, where we set up a Sunfish racer hangout (see picture to above left). **Emily Wagner** from Tampa, Florida participated in this event and **posted this good interview** concerning AeroSouth on the **Sunfish Facebook Group**. (Thanks, Emily!). Look for AeroSouth at the Harker's Island Race, as described above.

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