

# Telltale



October 2003

Monthly Newsletter

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## Newsletter

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E-mail submissions by 5th of  
month to [gcb@austin.rr.com](mailto:gcb@austin.rr.com).

## AYC Business Hours

Tuesday - Friday  
8:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Saturday & Sunday  
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Closed Mondays

Closed Club Holidays

New Year's Day	1 January
Easter Sunday	20 April
Independence Day	4 July
Thanksgiving Day	27 November
Shopping Day	28 November
Christmas Day	25 December

## From the Commodore

by David Bernstein

We just had the Fall Regatta this weekend and the leaves will be dropping soon. A lot goes on around AYC in the fall each year, so heads up. If you haven't submitted your ideas to the nominating committee for next year's board, do so quickly. Call Vic Manning if you haven't already. It's also time to be filling out your volunteer questionnaire and making any corrections necessary for you family for next year's AYC Directory. And if you haven't already, mark your calendars now for the AYC annual meeting on Dec 6 and the Annual Banquet on Dec 8. This year's annual meeting will include voting on a bylaws change, election of a new board, and even more excitement! Be there.

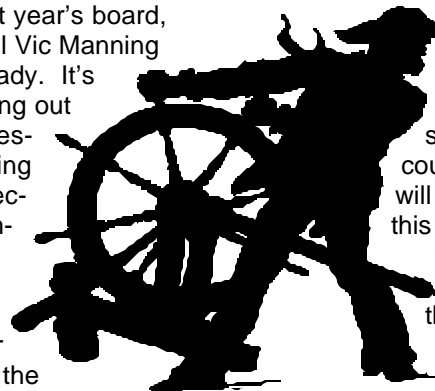
It's been a busy month just past for racing around AYC. We just had 69 boats turn out for the Fall Regatta, an excellent turnout indeed. The week before was the AYC team championship, with five teams competing for the title. Congratulations to John and Claudia Bartlett and Gretchen Douglas on a hard fought win! We also finished off the Indian Summer Regatta with a great buffet provide by the J-24 Fleet, the Wednesday night Sunfish/Laser races, and the Keel Fleet Friday night beer can races. It may seem quiet around the club after all of that.

September was also a busy social month, with our final new member party of the year, and our cruise to Johnny Fins. (Yes we had planned to go to Café Bleu, but they went out of business the week before the cruise.) The cruise was a lot of fun, with about 40 people on seven boats and a couple of cars. We will consider more of this sort of event in the future as everyone who came said they had a good time.

Dock construction is now in full swing with a number of work parties held recently working on the new south cove rigging dock. There is still plenty to do, so watch for notices on bulletin boards and emails. If you're not receiving the email notices, and are interested, please email Jon Fitch at [Jfitch1@austin.rr.com](mailto:Jfitch1@austin.rr.com) to be added to his mailing list.

Some of you have asked about more adult sail training. You'll find a notice elsewhere in this issue about another racing seminar that is planned for Oct 25, 9-12 AM in the clubhouse. The instructor list is impressive, so make plans to be there and pay close attention.

The weather had been great lately. Enjoy the autumn temperatures on the lake. I hope to see you there!



## J80 North Americans

Jay Lutz and team topped the 33 boat fleet. It was a great weekend of racing as the fleet was able to log six races on Friday and Saturday. Unfortunately, Sunday was rained out.

Austin Team Finishes:

Scott Spurlin .....	4th	Greg Buck .....	13th
David Balfour .....	7th	Ira Rush.....	24th
Claude Welles .....	9th	Chris Block .....	25th

## Winter Series RC Duty

PRC Reps — Bruce McDonald/Phil Spletter

October

12 <sup>th</sup> .....	Race 1 .....	Ensign
19 <sup>th</sup> .....	Race 2 .....	Cat 22
26 <sup>th</sup> .....	Race 3 .....	SC-21

November

2 <sup>nd</sup> .....	Race 4 .....	J-24
9 <sup>th</sup> .....	Race 5 .....	CBH

End of Series Buffet ..... Sunday, 9 November

## From the Vice Commodore

By Doug Laws

By this time I am sure you have noticed cuts through the road leading to the upper and lower parking areas and the trench back to the gate. At long last we have contracted with Time Warner to install cable to upgrade our internet service for the office and provide cable for TV. The trench and road cuts were to lay conduit 18 inches deep as required by Time Warner and to avoid overhead wires. We anticipate having the cables pulled and service to the office by mid month. This will improve office efficiency and enable us to have current weather information available to members.

This year we had seven special regattas in addition to series races. These regattas have now all been successfully completed with great turnouts and good sailing by participants. I would like to give a special thanks again to all the members who volunteered, organized and chaired the event. The success of these events is due to them and their committees. Please take a moment to say thanks to these folks:

Terri Rush/Bonnie Lackey .....	Jr. Roadrunner
David Durocher .....	Spring Regatta
Scott Spurlin .....	Turnback Canyon Regatta
Renee Ruais .....	Centerboard Regatta
David Lewis .....	Governor's Cup
Kevin Reynolds .....	AYC Team Championship
James Wilsford.....	Fall Regatta
Frank Woodul .....	AYC Night Race

This year your AYC board voted to have a general financial review by our regular Auditors, Bounds Chatelain & Pharr. Mr. Wayne Graham from that firm, presented the board a very favorable report on AYC financial status, reporting and administration for the year 2002. If you would like to see the report or have questions, please inquire at the office or call me.

## 2003 Racing Seminar # 2

### Sail Trim, Boat Handling, and Upwind Strategy



October 25<sup>th</sup>  
AYC Clubhouse  
9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

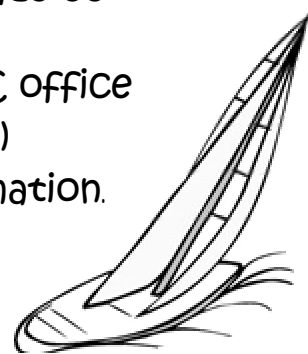
Instructors:

John Bartlett, Doug Kern,  
& Scott Young

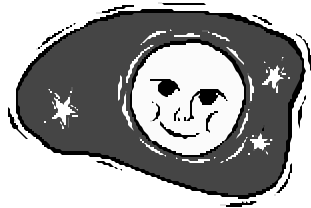
Continental Breakfast  
and Lunch Provided

Cost - \$10.00

Call the AYC office  
(266-1336)  
for more information.



## NIGHT RACE October 11, 2003



Start charging your batteries because the Night Race has a new format.

We will start the fleets at 6 PM with the non-spinnaker going first and spinnaker about 30 minutes later. We will use the Racing Rule 26 for the start sequence as we do for all our other club regattas.

Refreshments will be served during registration and breakfast after the race around midnight.



The Notice of Race and Registration Form are available on the AYC web site ([www.austinyachtclub.org](http://www.austinyachtclub.org)) and in the AYC Office.

## B & G Fall Work Day October 11, 2003

By Dave Gamble

The B & G Committee is preparing for the Fall with renewed vigor. Please mark your calendar — your help is needed!

**October 11**  
(rain day 18<sup>th</sup>)

### Fall Work day.



We hope that you will all turn out to help clean, patch, prune and repair the club as we prepare for winter. (Followed of course by everyone participating in the Night Race that evening.) We believe the club to be in good shape but we need to continue to work on it to keep it that way. The plan for the Fall is to prune out some of the legustrum, prune the trees on the point, refinish the sofas and tables in the club house and continue to upgrade the cabins so that they continue to be a place that we like to bring our families and friends. If anyone has additional ideas for what they would like to see done this Fall please feel free to contact me.



## Secretary's Desk

by Peter Jolin

Board of Directors Meeting  
25 September 2003

### SUMMARY OF MOTIONS PASSED

Upon motions made and seconded, the board unanimously approved:

- Minutes of the August 2003 meeting
- Senior Probationary Membership status for: **Jorge Martin-de-Nicolas, Chris Thompson and his wife, Vicki Hammond**
- Junior Membership status for: **Natalie O'Keefe**
- Leave of absence status for: **Greg & Stephanie Vanginaute**
- Resignation(s)-in-good-standing for: **Tom Gardiner, Pete Harper, Leon Lance** (pending final payment and removal of his boat), **Randy Reiss**
- 2002 financial review
- The reassignment of board boat slips currently occupied by: **Elizabeth Estes, John Moran, Jeff Andron**
- A UT facilities request for the Kathryn Hammond Regatta, 25-26 October 2003
- A UT facilities request for the SEISA Laser Championships, 1-2 November 2003
- The acceptance of the UT roster and competition schedule
- A Sunfish Fleet facilities request for the annual meeting of the Sunfish Fleet, 29 October 2003
- A request for \$ 1000.00 total for **Vic & Pat Manning** to compete in the Sunfish Worlds at St. Maarten
- A facilities request for the SEISA High School Regatta, 11-12 October 2003
- The extension of financial probation for **Rod Etheridge**.
- The expenditure of up to \$5,000 (including the \$1000.00 previously allocated) for legal fees to pursue a petition to the IRS and appropriate other work related to asset protection for AYC
- A Time-Warner bid for an IP address for three club computers
- An expenditure of up to \$4000.00 for a trench to lay pipe for cable



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### 2004 Editor Needed

Publishing the monthly Telltale takes about two days per month. It can be done any where you have internet access. All inputs are submitted via email. Just cut and paste the various articles and event notices. The final version is sent via email in a PDF file to Lakeway Printing. If you are interested and would like to see how it is currently published contact Gail Bernstein. Thanks!

### 2004 AYC Volunteer List

Yes, I Want to Help! Sign me up in the following areas:

Annual Banquet: \_\_\_\_\_

Buffets: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Events/Parties: \_\_\_\_\_

Scoring Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Race Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Regatta Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Harbor Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Buildings & Grounds: \_\_\_\_\_

Sail Training Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Learn to Sail Clinics: \_\_\_\_\_

Peanut Butter & Jelly Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Telltale (Contributor or Editor): \_\_\_\_\_

Computer Data Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Parties: \_\_\_\_\_

Dock Construction: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Clip and return to the AYC Office.

### 2003 Senior Team Championship

by Gail Bernstein

Congratulations go to John and Claudia Bartlett and Gretchen Douglas who sailed an excellent regatta and are the 2003 AYC Team Champions.

The event was sailed on Saturday, September 27, in SC 21s. Many thanks to the graciousness of the Southcoast 21 fleet for making this event possible.

Five teams contended for the title of AYC Team Champions:

- John & Claudia Bartlett and Gretchen Douglas
- Ray & Christy Shull and Ian Fink
- Danny Lien, David Bernstein, and Frans Dahmen
- David Grogono, Renee Ruais, and Billy Eno
- Linda McDavitt, Gail Bernstein, & John Mandell

It was close racing in shifting winds — it was after all Lake Travis! All the teams enjoyed the afternoon and again congrats to the winners.

### Nominating Committee News

by Vic Manning

#### 2004 AYC Board of Directors Nominations

In accordance to the By-Laws of Austin Yacht Club, the Nominating Committee shall consist of the three immediate Past Commodores who shall solicit recommendations of the members for the new Board of Directors. This year's committee will be Victor Manning, Immediate Past Commodore, Phil Spletter and Rob Wilson. The Nomination Committee requests that your recommendations be returned to the AYC Office or to Victor Manning by October 1, 2003. After considering the membership recommendations, the committee shall select a slate and present it to the voting members 30 days prior to the annual meeting.

Vice Commodore: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Building & Grounds Commander: \_\_\_\_\_

Fleet Commander: \_\_\_\_\_

Race Commander: \_\_\_\_\_

Sail Training Commander: \_\_\_\_\_



# Perpetual Awards

by Phil Spletter



Many members go above and beyond to make AYC a special place.

Please take the time to recognize those through your nominations for AYC Perpetual Awards.

You may nominate a whole slate or a single category. Please send your suggestions to the AYC office by mail or fax (512.266.9804) or to Phil Spletter, Chair of the 2003 Perpetual

Award Committee, by email (pspletter@austin.rr.com). Inputs are requested by October 31, 2003. Phil and his committee will review your suggestions and comments in selecting the award recipients for the racing season of 2003.

**Jimmy B. Card Memorial Trophy:** To the Club senior sailor, new to the sport. This trophy is to recognize the beginning sailor who enthusiastically, bravely, and with a real zest and enjoyment for life becomes a reasonably competitive sailor in their first or second year of sailing.

**Max White Memorial Trophy:** To the Club senior member for outstanding service to the Club in the past year. This trophy should be awarded to the individual who has given freely and unselfishly of their time and/or talents over and above what might otherwise have been necessary or expected of them.

**Jessie McIlroy Smith Bowl:** To the Club junior or senior sailor who has made an outstanding contribution or achievement in yachting beyond the Club level or normal Club activities. This award is intended to recognize a Club member for outstanding service to yachting or racing achievement beyond the club level

or to recognize an individual's accomplishments that are not within the normal scheduled activities of the Austin Yacht Club such as significant application of sailing skills in a rescue, ocean crossing, yacht construction, etc.

**Corinthian Woman Sailor Trophy:** To a woman sailor exhibiting traditional Corinthian traits. This trophy is to be given annually to a woman whom is an individual or family member who has exhibited good sportsmanship, enthusiasm, and participation, thereby making an overall contribution to the enhancement of the sport of competitive sailing.

**Liz Bauman Memorial Trophy:** To the most improve female junior sailor. This trophy is to be given annually to a young woman who, though not necessarily the most accomplished, demonstrates those traits of cooperation, discipline, willingness to learn, and good sportsmanship that are the goals of the junior sailing program.

**Ron W. Harden Memorial Trophy:** To the most improved male junior sailor. This trophy is to be given annually to a young man who, though not necessarily the most accomplished, demonstrates those traits of cooperation, discipline, willingness to learn, and good sportsmanship that are the goals of the junior sailing program.

**OI' Salt of the Austin Yacht Club:** To the Club senior sailor who has exhibited enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and a competitive zeal over a period of time, and has a quality of life that can be admired by all.

## US SAILING

by Gail Bernstein

US SAILING provides programs and services for sailors and sailing organizations throughout the country and at all levels. Just a few...

- Training and certifying instructors to teach in dinghies, keelboats, sailboards and powerboats.
- Developing the curriculum used to teach sailing at some of the largest and best sailing schools in the country.
- Training and Certifying Race Officers, Judges and Umpires to ensure

that racing is fair and competitive.

- Develop and/or administer many of the handicapping systems that are used to race boats of different kinds, these include IMS, PHRF, Americap and more.
- Select and prepare the US SAILING Team for major international competitions which include the Olympics and Pan American Games.
- Operate the USA Junior Olympic program that provides new young sailors the opportunity to experience sailing and a high level of competition for more experienced sailors.
- Develop and administer insurance programs for sailing organizations

that are effective and affordable.

As the Area F Regional Administrative Judge, I am a member of the Judges Committee and will be attending the US SAILING Fall Meeting in St. Louis during October. If anyone is interesting in becoming a Judge, please let me know. Or if you would like to know more about US SAILING and how to volunteer in other capacities let me know that as well and I'll get you in contact with the correct person.



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