

# Telltale



September 2003

Monthly Newsletter

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## Newsletter

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## 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 |

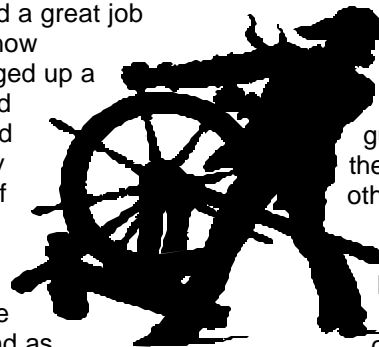
## From the Commodore

by David Bernstein

Hope you were one of the 130 or so members and guests who made it to the Luau this year. It was fantastic!! I thanked Corey Block in advance last month for organizing it, but I need to add to the list. Phil Spletter and team did a great job on the pig. I don't know about you, but I bagged up a couple of pounds and brought it home. Had some for lunch today and it's still great. Of course we couldn't have eaten it very well if Bob Freeman hadn't spent a couple of hours carving. And as always Salty Walty Allan did a great job on the tattoos and Vic Manning organized a lovely (??) troupe of dancers. There were many others I should thank, so let me just say Thank You One and All!

I talked last month about the overnight cruise we had planned. Late in the month we decided to cancel it because we got quite a bit of negative comment about trying to have it on a holiday weekend, and also about it still being too hot in August. We had a sign up sheet in the office, and no one had signed up. However, I learned later that there was some interest I wasn't aware of, and that we had forgotten in all our announcements to mention that people should sign up. Mea culpa and my apologies to those who were ready to go. We have scheduled a somewhat different cruise for the end of

the month, there is a notice elsewhere in the Telltale, and you do need to sign up. And Vic Manning announced at the board meeting this month that LTCA is reforming, and will hold its first cruise Sept. 13, so watch out for that too.



Speaking of the August board meeting there were a couple of other important topics discussed. One was the Texas Clean Marina Pledge. After several months of consideration, the board voted to take the pledge. From the time we sign it, we have one year to come into compliance. However, the board believes we are 95% of the way there now, and we've had a preliminary inspection that went very well. We'll keep you posted on the progress.

The second topic of discussion was liquor liability, which I mentioned in last month's article. This was the first public discussion on this topic, and a number of members attended to learn more, and to make their opinions known. Thanks to all who participated. No action was taken at the meeting, but a small committee was appointed to look at some issues, and the board authorized the expenditure of up to \$1000 for legal advice on protection of club assets. I suspect we'll hear more in the future on this subject.

## Racing/Cruising Schedule

### September

6<sup>th</sup> ..... Indian Series #3  
 13<sup>th</sup> ..... Indian Series #4  
 20<sup>th</sup> ..... Indian Series #5  
 27<sup>th</sup> ..... Club Team Championship  
 28<sup>th</sup> ..... Café Bleu Cruise

### October

4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> ..... Fall Regatta  
 11<sup>th</sup> ..... Overnight Race  
 12<sup>th</sup> ..... Winter Series #1  
 19<sup>th</sup> ..... Winter Series #2  
 26<sup>th</sup> ..... Winter Series #3

### November

2<sup>nd</sup> ..... Winter Series #4  
 9<sup>th</sup> ..... Winter Series #5  
 22<sup>nd</sup> ..... Wild Turkey Regatta

## Indian Summer Series RC Duty

PRC Reps — Bruce McDonald/Phil Spletter

### September

6<sup>th</sup> ..... Race 3 ..... Keel B  
 13<sup>th</sup> ..... Race 4 ..... Keel C  
 20<sup>th</sup> ..... Race 5 ..... Keel D

## 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

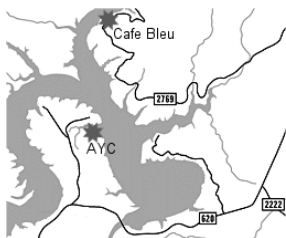
2<sup>nd</sup> ..... Race 4 ..... J-24  
 9<sup>th</sup> ..... Race 5 ..... CBH



## Sunday Afternoon Cruise

September 28th

Meet at the Club at 3:00 PM



Join together on  
boats to sail up to  
Cafe Bleu.

Enjoy hearty appetizers and  
wine tasting from a local  
winery from 5:00 - 7:00 pm

\$10.00 per person

You must pre-register for  
the cruise in the AYC office.

For more information contact Corey Block.



## B & G Fall Work Day

October 11, 2003

By Dave Gamble

As the dog days of August close, 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.



## 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.

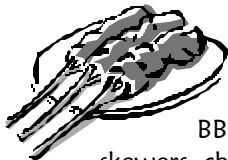
## New Member Party

Come out for an light lunch before the Indian Summer Series Race to meet our latest new members.



Saturday,  
13 September

1:00 - 3:00 PM



A Light Lunch Before the Race

BBQ steak and chicken skewers, cheese and crackers, fruit, chocolate dessert, beer and wine.



Contact Corey Block for more information.

## 30 Minutes Earlier

Effective immediately, due to the days getting shorter, Friday Beer Can Races will start 30 minutes earlier than the posted times.



## Membership Committee Report

by Vic Manning

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce the new members.

**Fredrik Schaubert** has been accepted as a Senior Probationary Membership. Fredrik has been racing for the past five years with Jim Henson and Steve Vaughn on their Hobie 33, though he has a lot of sailing experience on a variety of boats including a Killing, Yngling, Omega 34 and a Fisher 25 in Norway, where he grew up.

**Robert Kinney** of Cedar Creek was approved for Associate Probationary Membership. As a previous owner of a Thunderbird 26 he meet Pat Kimbrough and now races with Pat and Deke Dekeyser. Robert recently retired and now has the time to enjoy the sport of sailboat racing and hopes to get his grandson involved sailing.

**Fred Am Rhein** resigned his Senior Membership, due to his job commitment in San Antonio.

**Wayne Carelock** resigned his Senior Membership due to personal reasons.

**Thomas Leach** sent in a resignation of his Senior Membership, stating that he is moving to Australia for an undetermined amount of time. The Membership Committee and the Board of Directors both agreed and approved Life Membership for Tom, instead of accepting his resignation, because of his service to the Club over the years. We look forward to his return and we wish all our departing members the best and hope to see them in the future.

### Current Status of Membership:

The AYC Membership Committee is pleased to provide Current Membership numbers as of August 2003

|                                 |            |    |    |          |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|----|----|----------|------------|
| Senior Members                  | 363        | +1 | -3 | =        | 361        |
| Associate Members               | 16         | +1 | -1 | =        | 16         |
| Non-resident Status             | 7          |    |    | =        | 7          |
| O'Salt                          | 17         |    |    | =        | 17         |
| LOA                             | 0          |    |    | =        | 0          |
| Juniors                         | 7          |    |    | =        | 7          |
| <b>Total Paying Members</b>     | <b>410</b> |    |    | <b>=</b> | <b>408</b> |
| Honorary                        | 6          |    |    | =        | 6          |
| Life                            | 21         | +1 |    | =        | 22         |
| <b>UT</b>                       | <b>16</b>  |    |    | <b>=</b> | <b>16</b>  |
| <b>Total Non-Paying Members</b> | <b>43</b>  |    |    | <b>=</b> | <b>44</b>  |
| <b>Total AYC Membership</b>     | <b>453</b> |    |    | <b>=</b> | <b>452</b> |

## LTCA Born Again

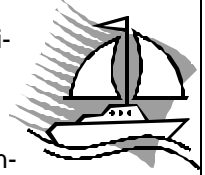
by Vic Manning

### Hear ye!! Hear Ye!! Hear Yell!

This is the first of many new Lake Travis Cruising Association (LTCA) events that you are cordially invited to attend. This is a free event for any sailor who would like to join us at our first gathering of the newly reformed LTCA organization on Lake Travis.

LTCA was a cruising organization that existed on Lake Travis for more than 30 years, but unfortunately died out for lack of participation about five years ago. A lot of people missed the gathering each month on the water and the opportunity to meet new and old friends so some of us want to start up the organization again. Previously, each month from March through November the group would gather in a variety of coves to anchor their sailboats and socialize in the afternoon and overnight. I am calling on all sailors who would like to at-

tend our first gathering of that fine organization to meet with us on September 13 at Arkansas Bend in the cove to the right side of the park on the north shore. The lead group plans on getting to the anchorage around 1:00 pm and will anchor in the middle of the cove for an overnight stay. Unlike previous events we do not plan to go ashore and cook, so you should bring your own provisions of food and drink. You should be prepared to anchor with both a bow and stern anchor. The current water depth in this cove is about 40' deep in the channel to about 10' deep along parts of the shore line. It is recommended that you have at least 100' of anchor line for your bow and stern lines. You should have bumpers for both sides of your boat and extra lines to tie off with other boats. Swimming and boat hopping will be the order of the day and this event will be called the Summer Swim Cruise. The boat with the "Best and Most" water toys wins a prize (one prize per boat). Please, no loud stereo systems and check your night lights. Come to have fun on the water and tell a friend. Let's revive LTCA.



## Ensign National Championship Faget Trophy Winners

Ensign Fleet 30 has been busy racing both on the local level and nationally. As reported in June Telltale, there were two boats from AYC at the Ensign nationals in Houston as well as two individuals that raced with other crews.

The weather was not very cooperative but the folks at the Houston Yacht Club were superb hosts. There was no racing on the first and third days because of severe thunderstorms with abundant lightning. If you think racing is exciting, try being on an Ensign sitting on Galveston Bay in a thunderstorm that is raining so hard you can not see the shore and add lightning strikes on all sides around the boat.

The second day did offer some fine sailing conditions so that three races were held. Tom Groll scored an eighth, a sixth and a first, in that order, and was poised to return the third day to sew up the title but since fate intervened, he had to settle for a sixth place finish overall out of twenty-seven boats.

Things did not go so well for Frans Dahmen. The first race was alright but in between races another boat

collided with them while the skipper was talking on a cell phone. The accident damaged their hull and tore the head sail. They did manage to tape the gaping hole in the hull and were given a loaner sail by the skipper that rammed them but it was too much to overcome in the long run and they finished twelfth overall.

As mentioned before, the weather did not cooperate but the folks in Houston surely did manage to keep everyone entertained. If anyone has the opportunity to attend a sailing event at the HYC, they should definitely take advantage of it.



Tom Groll and crew leading the fleet in the last race of the Ensign National Championship Regatta at HYC.

Series racing is continuing at the local club level and the summer evening series brought out some scarce boats that we would like to see on the start line more often. Dos Locos, Avalon and Electra all raced at least once during the series so that they appeared on the score roster. However, if you add Ezmeralda, Flying Dutchman, No Name and Prickley Pear to those boats previously listed, that still leaves over half of the Ensign fleet that has not made it to the start line yet this year. Fleet participation is very important if we are to remain a one-deign racing fleet at AYC. Without it we are dangerously close to being forced to race with a variety of other boats in handicapped events. So lets all get out and do some racing since we are blessed with a full lake and excellent wind conditions.

## I Don't Remember The Last Time I...

If you attended the "Summer Picnic" Fleet Social on August 16, you probably heard several times people saying they had not eaten fried chicken in along time... but every one seemed to remember how to as they enjoyed some of that sinful summer delight! But don't worry, I tactfully left the camera home that day so everyone can safely continue to live in denial (but it was good, wasn't it!). And of course we had some notable side dishes; on the high note side of things was Brenda Spletter's special Caribbean Cole Slaw and the low note had to be my experiment in blackened corn on the cob (I got the blackened part right anyway)! Fortunately Robbie Nelson came to the rescue of the remaining ears and savaged some great grilled corn. We also had a new dessert entry to go with the traditional cookies... a vodka watermelon! Obviously we need to continue to practice making this dessert as the last saw of it the mostly scooped out rid was being passed around so people could finish off "the juice" by slurping from the fill hole (why did I leave that camera home?!). Thanks also to everyone one else who brought out a side dish...not one went away hungry! Besides the great food, several fleet members came out that had been AWOL for quite awhile it seemed, providing some great camaraderie... it was a lot of fun to catch up with everyone but we stilled missed several long time fleet members, hopefully we will cross paths at the next Fleet Social (scheduled for October 12). And a Big Thanks to Amy Davidson for putting it all together!

## Series Racing Update

One thing that is great about One Design racing is that it doesn't take a bunch of boats to have some good, close competitive racing and this series is certainly showing that... while our numbers are not overwhelming, they are on the rebound with five or so boats coming out each week. Quite a rivalry is in play right now between Dave Broadway's Superman team and Phil Spletter's Double Trouble crew with only one point separating them currently at the top of the scores. Stephen Burke's Out of Control bunch is consistently

working the rest of the fleet right now in Third but even Fifth place is currently only three points away from Stephen! Another interesting angle on this series has been that everyone has been in the hunt at some point with Leo Anderson and crew smoking the whole fleet in the first race of the series and Allyn Johnson casually rounding the first weather mark in front of the rest of the fleet in race four of the series with just his new to sailing girl friend as crew (don't ask what happened after that though!). With six more races left, plus throw-outs, there is plenty of racing still to go in this series so plan on coming out at least some of the next three Saturday afternoons after Labor Day weekend.

## New J/24 Arrives: USA 5319

Yes Fred Schroth arrived at AYC about 1:30am Tuesday, August 26 with our (Bob Harden and I are partners) brand new USWaterline built J/24 in tow from Portsmouth, RI. In true form, Fred rolled in with Christmas lights outlining the mast and classical music bounding from the stereo... much champagne, beer and tequila was awash both on the boat as well as all over the welcoming committee soon there after! It was on display for a few days in front of the club office but will have been whisked away by the time you read this article to its temporary commissioning yard as we get it ready for its circuit debut at Rush Creek YC on September 13. After that it will come home to AYC for some more TLC and ogling!...feel free to stop by and check it out sometime after that.

## AYC J/24 Worlds Team Returns

Slowly all the local crew members are returning home from the J/24 Worlds, held near Amsterdam the week of August 18 (seems hanging around Europe, especially Amsterdam, awhile after the regatta was a popular idea with some of the crew for some reason...!). Roger Harden and his racing team of Kurt Carson, Ravi Subramanian, Tommy Gairloff and Bob Harden (how did these guys weigh-in?) finished 18th overall (and were the second highest placing USA team) out of 66 competitors. They sailed Roger's new Italian built J/24 (temporarily named "High Five", I wonder where that came from....). Rogers new boat is currently awaiting shipping to Houston and is expected to arrive locally by mid October. Welcome Back guys!

## End of Series Buffet and Trophies Saturday, 20 September

The J24 Fleet is organizing the buffet. Chipolte Mexican Grill will be providing the food. No one can go away hungry after a Chipolte burrito! Check with the office for more details as they become available.



## From the Vice Commodore

by Doug Laws

Here is a recap of all the great racing activity at AYC over the next two months, so plenty of good sailing opportunities in addition to Series Races:

**AYC Single-handed Championship:** These races for sunfish and laser skippers will continue through September on Wednesday nights, so you have plenty of opportunity to participate and compete.

**Fall Regatta:** James Wilsford and his committee have a special race format for this event which I am sure you will enjoy. Long distance on Saturday, October 4, and then a race to the vicinity of Mansfield Dam on Sunday, October 5. All type boats are invited to participate, centerboard, keel & multi-hull. So check the

AYC web site for more information and to register.

**AYC Senior Team Championship:** This annual event will be on Saturday, September 27, a week before the Fall regatta. Many thanks to Kevin Reynolds for chairing the event and especially to the South Coast 21 fleet for providing boats. This is an unique opportunity for all fleets to select their best sailors and compete in a round robin using the same type boat. It is a three person crew event, no limit on weight or sex of the crew. Please submit your entry no later than Saturday, September 20, to Kevin Reynolds or drop it in the Vice Commodore's box in the AYC office.

**AYC Night Race:** Frank Woodul is planning a neat racing format followed by breakfast on October 11. So plan to watch the Texas vs. OU football game in the afternoon then come race. Make sure you have working lights, safety equipment, etc. Watch for more details on the club bulletin boards and web site.

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2003 FALL REGATTA

### October 4 & 5

You are invited to join the fun during the Fall Regatta.

### Distance Racing at it's Best!

A two day, three race regatta open to mono-hull keel boats, center board and multi-hull boats. Saturday boats will race toward the vicinity of Lakeway and back. Sunday they will race toward the vicinity of Mansfield Dam and back.

### Know Where You Stand in the Fleet!

There will be a reverse order of starts according to PHRF handicap breakdown.

### Feast Saturday Night!

The Saturday evening meal will be Beef Shish Kebobs on a bed of rice with wine and dessert.

### Have a Happy Crew!

All crew members will receive an AYC hat. Plus the shirts being offered are higher quality than run-of-the-mill silk screened t-shirts.

### Registration is a Must!

Register online at [www.austinyachtclub.org](http://www.austinyachtclub.org) or in the AYC office.

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|---|-------|
| Registration (keel & multi-hull).....       | \$45. |
| Registration (centerboard & single-hand).   | \$35. |
| Late Registration.....                      | \$10. |
| Shirts (long sleeve, 3-button Henley) ..... | \$12. |
| Dinner (Saturday dinner).....               | \$12. |



# Welcome Aboard!

## AYC 2003 Directory New Member Updates

Just clip and paste in the back of your directory.



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## Telltale

Deck To Publishing  
It's Great Fun!!!

### 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!

## UT Sailing Returns to Lake Travis

by Danielle Ellis



The University of Texas Sailing Team is back in full force for the fall season. Between new officers, planning for the 2005 college nationals to be hosted in Austin and great recruiting efforts, the team is looking forward to a successful year.

The team has kicked off this season with tremendous recruiting efforts, appearing at Longhorn Fair 2003 where it received over 80 names from students interested in the program. After a few weeks of recruiting, the team will compete in its first event of the season in Galveston at the Troy Swetnam Memorial Regatta.

Last spring, UTST received the bid to host the college nationals in 2005 out of AYC on Lake Travis. The team is focusing efforts on fundraising to acquire new boats for the event by gaining national sponsors and private donations. Heading up these fundraising efforts is the new Public Relations Officer Danielle Ellis.

The new president this year is Blake Billman, captain is Barry Curtin, women's captain is Kristin Burke, recruitment and PR is Danielle Ellis and AYC Representative Barry Curtin will be assisted by David Hollinger.

## 2003 Senior Team Championship

by Kevin Reynolds

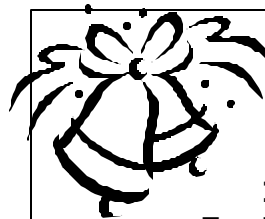


### Have fun and enjoy fame!

This annual event will be conducted Saturday, September 27. Teams shall be three senior club members of any sex or weight. The event will be sailed in SC 21s thanks to the graciousness of the SC 21 fleet. Exact format will be determined based on number of teams entering, but a round robin format is envisioned.

Registration for this event is relatively informal – but required! Please put a note with your team member's names in the Vice Commodore's mailbox in the AYC office by the end of Friday, September 12, 2003! Once all the registrants are known, more details will be forthcoming.

The winning team will be recognized at the annual banquet in December and will have their names recorded in the annals of AYC racing history. Get your name up there with the 2000 winners – Franz and George Dahmen, Bill Hawk and Lou Kimball, the 2001 winners – Barbara Hawn, Linda McDavitt and Carolyn Wilsford, and the 2002 winners - Ray Shull, Christy Shull, Ian Fink.



## Wedding Bells Chime

for the

Owners of "YIKES"

**1st place winners of the 2003  
Turnback Regatta Non-Spin Fleet**

**Congratulations!!!**

**Tony Slowik & Gael  
Sheppard exchanged  
their wedding vows,  
pool side on Saturday,  
September 6, at their  
new home in Lakeway.**



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