

Telltale

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Monthly Newsletter

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AYC Business Hours

Tuesday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday: noon—5:00 p.m.
Closed Mondays

Closed Club Holidays:

New Year's Day	1 January
Easter Sunday	11 April
Independence Day	4 July
Thanksgiving Day	25 November
Shopping Day	26 November
Christmas Day	25 December

From The Commodore By Doug Laws



This year is already busy for AYC. Frost-bite racing is underway with great participation, work parties every weekend for building the new board

dock, and special meetings to work on the budget and calendar for 2004. The J-80 circuit will be here February 28 & 29th, followed the next week by a Race Management Seminar on Saturday, and Opening Day ceremonies for start of series racing on Sunday, March 7th.

Sharon Woodul is planning a great social event for opening day, so please plan on joining the celebration and then follow up with an opening day race.

Your new AYC board held their first official meeting on January 29th and approved a budget and calendar for 2004. Budget concerns centered around declining membership and increased expenses for major items like taxes, insurance and salaries. We based our budget on the same membership total as for last year, which made it necessary to increase fees to cover expenses. The fee increases were: Dues--\$2 per month; Wet & Dry Slips--3% per month; Cabins--\$5 per night; Souvenir prices--10%; and beer is now a total cost of \$1.20 per can (including tax). These fee increases and strict control of budget expenses by the board, should allow us to maintain normal AYC activities, continue to

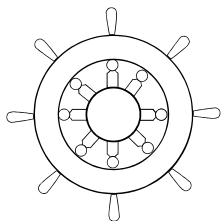
pay extra principal on our bank debt and set funds aside for B&G improvements. A copy of the budget will be available in the office for your review and you can also contact me or other board members if you have any questions.

We have a great sailing venue here at AYC and the key to our future will depend on our success in growing membership. David Bernstein and his membership committee are working hard to gain new members, but they also need help from all of us to bring in new sailors for our sport. Ira Rush, Sail Training Commander and his committee have proposed a very comprehensive sail training program for both Juniors and Adults. The program includes Junior Learn to Sail, Junior Racing and Adult Sail Training, all in addition to our regular PB&J and Summer Camp. These type activities should provide a real boost to membership in future years. Be sure and express your appreciation to them for their efforts and programs.

The board also approved a change in Ol'Salt Membership status as contained in paragraph 20 of Membership Policies and Procedures. The 10 and 30 year continuous membership dues reduction policy was retained. However, the policy was clarified to specify that Ol'Salt members could not have boats stored on AYC property.

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AYC Board to vote on legal reorganization



There have been several mentions in the Telltale in the last 6 months about changes the AYC board is considering to the legal structure of our club.

At the next board meeting, February 26, 2004 at 7:30 pm the board plans to vote on whether or not to implement the changes outlined below. If you have questions or concerns, please contact a board member, or be at the meeting in person.

The board has been working with the legal firm of Clark, Thomas & Winters on changing the legal structure of AYC from one non profit corporation into three separate corporations. Two new corporations, the Roadrunner Land Co. LLC and the Roadrunner Dock Co. LLC, would be created. The first would own all AYC property and buildings and the second would own the docks. AYC would own both companies, as well as continuing to run races, own chase boats, have parties, etc. One board of directors would function for all three entities. The new companies would lease the land and the docks to the operating company, pay their taxes, and distribute their proceeds back to AYC. The benefit of this structure is that it provides greater protection of assets in the event of potential liability lawsuits. From a daily operation point of view this change will be invisible to members, but will require a little additional work on the part of the office staff, our accountant, and the board.

For federal tax purposes, all 3 companies will appear as one, sharing a single tax ID and filing only a single federal income tax statement as we do today. For state tax purposes, there will be three companies, with three separate franchise tax statements, but for an organization such as ours, these are simple documents. The new companies will maintain separate bank accounts, collecting rent from AYC for their properties, paying the property taxes, and making regular distribu-

tions of funds back to AYC. All three entities will operate with a single set of insurance policies.

The 2003 board felt the additional protection provided for club assets would be better and less expensive than taking even larger umbrella liability insurance. The downside is that the accounting and operations are somewhat more complicated. The 2004 board has discussed the issue and is now ready to vote on the proposal.



2004

Racing Schedule

February	7th	Frostbite Series #4
	14th	Frostbite Series #5
	28th	J-80 Circuit
	29th	J-80 Circuit
March	7th	Opening Day
	23rd	TSA Junior Circuit
	24th	TSA Junior Circuit

AYC Upcoming Non-Racing Events

- February 1, 8, 15, 21, and 28:** 8:30 a.m., **Dock Work Party**
- Feb. 14:** 1:30 p.m., Clubhouse, **Jr. Sailing Parent Meeting**
- Feb. 21:** 8:30 a.m., **B&G Spring Work Party**
- Feb. 24:** 7:30 p.m., Office, **Membership Meeting**
- Feb. 26:** 7:30 p.m., Clubhouse, **AYC Board Meeting**
- Feb. 29:** **Starting Technique Clinic** (Beginner Level)
- March 6:** 8 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. **Race Management Seminar**
- March 13:** **Up Wind Racing Clinic** (Beginner Level)
- March 20:** **Spinnaker Clinic** (Beginner Level)

Editor's Note: This month's Telltale sports a new look, mostly due to a computer crash a day or two after last month's Telltale publication caused by a nasty computer virus on an old computer that wiped out my files. I just tacked on over to a new computer and I hope you enjoy the new look!

Grapevine Sailing Seminar



AYC members are invited to attend a Racing Tactics seminar on February 28 and a Cruising & Seamanship seminar on February 29, at the

Grapevine Sailing Club located at Scott's Landing Marina, Lake Grapevine, Grapevine, Texas (northwest of the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport). Seminar fee (with book) is \$135 per person (each additional person \$115). Lunch is \$10 per person; a CD is \$25. The course instructor is Andrew Kerr. For more information, see www.northu.com, or write to secretary@grapevinesailing.org, or call (800) 347-2457.

Judge Workshop



A Judge Workshop will be held the first weekend in April at the Rush Creek Yacht Club, located east of Dallas. For more information, please contact Gail Bernstein.

Race Management Seminar

Get ready for the 2004 Season!

This Seminar is for Fleet Captains, experienced racers and novice sailors.

(Breakout sessions for various skill levels)

Come and learn all you need to know to run races at AYC during the 2004 season and what the Race Committee is all about.

8:30am – 12:30pm Saturday March 6th

Breakfast Served 8:00am

Reservations: Paul Ballett 512-795-2524
Paul_ballett@ml.com

AYC Junior Roadrunner Regatta

Austin Yacht Club will host the TSA Junior Circuit stop on March 23 and 24. Last year there were a record 85 juniors racing on 81 boats. We used two different race courses. Optimist Red, White, Blue and Green fleets were on one course while Lasers, 420's and Sunfish raced on the other course.

The TSA Circuit has thirteen stops during the year at various clubs around Texas. AYC is always a favorite stop. We are the second stop of the 2004 season. Please sign up to help with the regatta and bring the whole family out for a fun weekend of junior racing.



This year junior sailing is growing at AYC with at least a dozen high school kids out regularly. And starting in late February there will be a spring sailing season with a "Learn to Sail" and "Racing" programs scheduled. So we should have more Junior sailors than ever!!!

You can pre-register or register on the morning of the event. Let's set a new record and fill the water with more AYC Junior sailors.

Call us to volunteer and ask questions.

Terri Rush & Bill Hawk, Roadrunner Regatta Co-Chairs

AYC Opening Day By Sharon Woodul



Opening Day

will be

Sunday, March 7, 2004!

- 10:30 a.m. Brunch in AYC Clubhouse
- 11:30 a.m. Opening Day Ceremony
- 12:00 p.m. Skipper's Meeting
- 1:30 p.m. First Warning Signal of Race 1 Spring Series



MATCH RACING COMES TO AYC

If you don't have a Catalina 22, get one. The fleet has started a match race ladder with 12 boats participating already. The racing is open to anyone who can beg, borrow or steal a C22. Boats will move up or down on the ladder as they win or lose match races. Each contest will be a one race affair, and should last less than two hours. It is intended to be a informal way to practice racing with another boat along side. The neat thing is that scheduling of races is flexible and lets you to sail or not as you schedule allows. The basic rules are in place, and the challenges have already begun. But it's not too late to join in the fun. If you're interested, fleet member or not, give me a call.

In other news the fleet held its annual meeting. Everyone came away from the meeting excited about the fleet prospects for this year. A boat measuring/tuning/work day is set for Saturday, Feb. 28. That's the week before opening day and a good time to get your boat ready for the new season. Bob Jones will be on hand to measure sails or boats as necessary. If you need a hand with a repair, there will be plenty of help available. Like it or not there will also be plenty of free advice. I'll cook burgers, so come before lunch and bring an appetite.

We will be holding a Catalina 22 Racing Clinic on Sat. May 8th at AYC. This will be a C22 specific program. It will include boat preparation, boat tuning, racing fundamentals, and fleet strategy. It is anticipated to last 2 or 3 hours and will include lunch. If you have any racing issues you want discussed, let me know. This will be open to all Catalina 22 owners, not just AYC members. So if you know someone who might be interested in racing their C22 or being crew, please in-

vite them. We will be advertising at other marinas as well. The purpose is to both improve our skill and build the fleet. Mark this day on your calendar and plan on attending.

All our fleet officers have agreed to come back for another year. They are: Wade Bingaman - captain, Bob Jones - measurer, Jim Johnstone - photographer, John Grzinich - web master, Andy Rogers - food coordinator, Roy Crouse - crew coordinator. Thanks to all of them for helping the fleet through another year. Fleet dues are to remain at \$40. We came up a little short last year. Our plans are to economize on our food expenditures this year. Not to worry, the margaritas will still flow.

Finally, the fleet will host the State Genoa Championships this year. It will be held in conjunction with Governor's Cup which is set for Aug. 14 & 15. Your boat should be measured to participate. If its not, come out on work day and get it done. Racing will be around the buoys with our own start. This should bring in many out of town boats. So even if you don't plan on traveling this year, you will still have a chance to race in a very large fleet with a lot of new racers. That weekend should definitely be reserved on your calendar now.

OK, our fleet is hosting a state-wide event. Its got a day when people will work on your boat for free. A special seminar coming for C22 racers. And the only match racing at the club. We didn't even talk about the big fleet almost every weekend for series races. What's not to like? Come on out and have some fun.



Have you been looking around your house for an award, T-shirt, or trophy you're missing? Go to the AYC office. It might be there!



Where have all the PHRF B Fleeters gone?

The J/24 Fleet is getting pretty lonely these days as it continues to come out in good numbers for the AYC Keel Handicap Frostbite series but seems never to see its handicap racer friends out to play...while we have become accustom

to that since it is basically the same situation we saw at Wild Turkey and Red Eye, it would be more fun if all the kids in the neighborhood could make it out! Either way the J/24 Fleet is continuing to have a great time one design racing within the current handicap series. I was out racing on the last day of January in shorts and a pullover top on Dave Wahlberg's JailBreak in variable 5 -12 knots and you can't beat that for Winter! We raced against 5 other J/24s; Hap McCullum's Bon Temps, Joe Mancuso's Ammo Box (has he renamed that boat yet?), Tony Slowik's Yikes!, Leo Anderson's 3 Sheets to the Wind and Mike Wellman's Shadowfax. Hopefully we will have even more J/24s come out for our Spring Series (back to pure one design racing, Yeah!), which kick-offs Opening Day on March 7th (mark your calendars now)! Remember like I always say, even if you don't have a regular ride (or crew), come out to race still as we have plenty of J/24s racing and people coming out to crew...in fact we had an international crew on board JailBreak that day as a J/24 sailor from the UK was in Austin on business but wasn't flying home until Sunday so he came out to the club that Saturday looking to enjoy some Lake Travis racing, he had a great time and he helped us even win the race...you never know who might be putting their thumb out! This is a great example of one the nice side benefits of being a member of a strong international one design class; you can pretty much get a great ride in any sailing area you might visit, whether in the States or overseas!

Fleet Membership News

I have been mentioning Mike Wellman's Shadowfax more and more recently in my articles as the boat has been returning to active racing...one of the main reasons for this is that our Fleet has 2 new members in Paul Violand and Sara Marion. They have joined the club and are now boat partners with Mike on Shadowfax. Welcome! I meet them the day I raced on JailBreak and I know they would appreciate meeting others in fleet...just go by and say Hi when you see the blue boat (you can't miss it!). Of course we have to take the Ying with the Yang and I unfortunately need to report that we are also loosing a couple of great long time members of the fleet; Brenda and Phil Splet-

ter. While you may have heard about this already, they will be moving back to Florida in March. But Phil will be shuttling between Melbourne and Austin for awhile as will continue to work part time here...even so they will really be missed not only by the Fleet but the club overall as they have selfishly contributed to club at all levels for a long time. Oh yeah, someone also needs to buy Double Trouble so it can stay on our Lake (call Phil!).

Upcoming Events

I have already mentioned Opening Day but don't forget the RC Seminar the day before, if you have or have not been out on RC lately there are some new twists (like GPS usage), so make plans now to get a refresher or some new techniques for when the J/24s run our next Series RC. Also on the near horizon is the J/24 Midwinters in Tampa later this month (2/19-21). Our Fleet will be well represented by the mr. happy team and Roger Harden's Gucci team (still no official boat name from Roger so I think 'Gucci' is starting to stick!). Look for a report from that event next month but don't wait for that and follow the action daily during the regatta at http://www.fleet86.org/midwinters/mw_main.html. A little closer to home is the first stop of the J/24 Texas Circuit at Houston Yacht Club on March 20 and 21. It is also getting time for a Fleet Social, but before we can afford one we all need to pay our dues for 2004 (we really blew out the budget in 2003 but it was fun wasn't it?!). Look for a US Mail mail-out with a dues form soon as Amy Davidson and Robbie Nelson (our 2004 Social Committee Co-Chairs) already have some great ideas to spend the money on! And while you are opening your pocket book to support the local Fleet, don't forget to join the Class Association, we need you there also! It is very easy to do on-line at http://www.j24class.org/usa/member/pay_instruct.htm.

Class Measurement News

One final item, I wanted to announce that Anthony Plattsmier has been recertified as a J/24 Class Measurer for 2004 and has already measured the new mr. happy and is starting the same on Gucci. Getting even portions of your boat measured to Class Rules can help you go faster as our sails are designed for specific ranges of the Class specified J measurement, mast height, etc. I encourage all of you to look into that and with a local person now available, it is easier than ever (plus it adds value to your boat...).

Regards,
Eric, Austin J/24 Fleet Reporter



The membership committee held its first meeting of the new year on Tuesday, Jan 27th. The committee first examined the

language describing Ol' Salt membership status and decided a clarification to the wording was needed. The committee proposed the following change, words added are in bold, at the board meeting on Jan 29th and it was accepted.

*20. Ol' Salt Membership: Members who are 62 years of age or older, who have been AYC members for more than ten years, and who have no boats stored on AYC property may request in writing to the Membership Committee for a 50% reduction in monthly dues. Members who have been at AYC longer than 30 continuous years, **regardless of age, and who have no boats stored on AYC property**, may request a 100% discount in monthly dues. Board approval is required.*

Other discussion of the committee centered on possible changes to the student membership and the overall issue of recruitment of new, younger members. The committee is looking for effective ways to recruit more members and welcomes all suggestions.

Martin Koppers, a senior member for several years in the late 90s who moved away, has returned to College Station, and moved his Olson 25, Ozone, to Commanders Point. His senior membership has been reinstated.

Sara Makielski is a nurse anesthetist and long time racing sailor who has recently been sailing with Michael Wellman on his J24. Her sailing history dates to her childhood, and her daughter has participated in AYC camp the last 2 years. **Paul Violand** is also a nurse anesthetist, working with Sara and Michael. He has also been racing with Michael recently. Paul has a little less racing experi-

ence, but lots of cruising experience, and says the racing bug has really bitten him since starting the Frostbite this year. Both were accepted as new senior probationary members.

Augusto Villalon was reviewed for full senior membership. He has more than met all requirements, both racing and club service, and was readily welcomed by the board.

Three prospective junior members were interviewed, along with their parents, **Virginia Barber, Lindsey Bollinger and Candice Cox**. All three attend Cedar Park High School and have been participating in HS sailing activities for a few months. All were granted new junior memberships.

Five members petitioned the committee for Ol' Salt membership and 3 were granted. **Carl Morris**, who has sold his SC21 and relinquished his dry storage slip, **Terry Mc Dermott**, who had only a truck on the grounds, and **Charles Pope** who has sold his boat and given up his slip. Two requests were denied, one from a member who had not met the 10 year membership requirement, and another from a member who still had a boat on the premises.

Alice Vassallo, the wife of Bob Vassallo, who died last year, was granted a change to non resident status as she now lives in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Unfortunately we had 8 resignations - **Bryce Cartwright, Kathy Comer, Martin and Jennifer Grogono, Jeff and Carrie Jones, John Mitchell, Mark Plunkett and Jill Nichols, Mark Vories, and Scott Walsh**.

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Did you know? Ian Dear and Peter Kemp's A-Z Of Sailing Terms defines **race** as: "1. the name generally used to describe strong and confused currents produced by the narrowness of channels, an uneven bottom producing overfalls, or the crossing of two tides. 2. The contest of skill and seamanship when yachts take part in a race."

The Current AYC membership is:

	Initial 2004	Jan additions	Jan subtractions	EOM
Senior	351	3	11	343
Associate	12			12
Student	0			0
Juniors	8	3	1	10
OI Salt 10 year	9	1		10
Non Resident	7	1		8
Total paying members	387	8	12	383
LOA	2			2
Honorary	5			5
Life	22			22
UT Team	23			23
OI Salt 30 year	8	2		10
Total Members	447	10	12	445

Sunfish Fleet News By Diane Zbasnik

Hello Fellow Sunfishers! I hope everyone had good holidays. I have a few things to cover with you all before we start our 2004 sailing season.



1st: The

Centerboard fleets have only one race committee duty this year. It is scheduled on March 14th (Spring Series, Race 2). It would be nice to have 3 people commit to this race committee duty. Please check your calendars. If you are available let me know so I can work with the other fleets to ensure that race committee is covered. **2nd:** We have had a request to host an end of series buffet (Sept. 25th or Nov. 14). Frank also approached me about Sunfish hosting the New Year's Eve party. I would love to hear feedback on which party to host. It would be great PR for the fleet and a nice gesture to the Yacht Club. **3rd:** Is anyone interested in having a boat rigging party or just a general get together in April? **4th:** There are also some upcoming events that I thought you all might like to know about for the 2004 Texas Sunfish

Racing Circuit. Here is the information I received in an email:

- Feb. 28-29 Galveston Hard Chine Regatta (Galveston)
- May 15-16 Spring Dinghyfest (Rush Creek YC, Lake Ray Hubbard)
- June 27-28 Centerboard Regatta (AYC)
- Aug. 21-22 Southwest Regionals—South (Seabrook Sailing Club, Seabrook)
- Mid-Oct. TBD Bayfest Regatta/Texas State Championship (Corpus Christi)
- Oct. 30-31 Wurstfest Regatta (Lake Canyon YC, Canyon Lake)

Here is a link to the new web site for the Texas circuit: <http://www.seabrook-sailing.org/share/sunfish/txcircuit>. The website has event information, discussion section, for sale/wanted section, and will contain race results. **5th:** This is to see who reads the whole article...On Saturday, February 21st, Dave and I invite the Sunfish fleet to a Mardi Gras party from 7 p.m. to midnight. Email me for directions to the house at: zlady@austin.rr.com.

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Jon Fitch is continuing to direct the south cove board dock building program with June 1st as a target completion date. This is a major construction project. When it is completed, we will have an excellent dock decked with IPE wood that should last for at least 20 years. John has a regular scheduled work party on Sundays February 8 & 15th to avoid conflict with Frost-Bite. Then the work changes to Saturdays till completion. Volunteer help has been good, but we still need help and these guys and gals need a break. Please come out and help, even if only for a few hours. John has the project very well organized and experienced volunteers are available to guide and direct, so come join the project. You will certainly be proud of the finished product. Especially you Laser and Sunfish sailors, we need your help.

By the way, Mary Ann, serves a gourmet lunch each work day. Believe me, its worth spending a day working just for the meal.

The 2004 calendar was approved and is full of activities as you would expect. We maintained the same number of racing series and regattas as last year, and a night race on May 1st. The big change is the Turnback Canyon regatta which will be back on Memorial Day weekend. Junior sail training and racing all spring and camp in June. Social events will include a cruise-sail up the lake to Johnny Finns in August, and a casino party in October. The 2004 calendar is also available in the office for you to review and make plans before the new directory is available.



See you on opening Day.

Doug Laws, Commodore

Keel Fleet News By Bob Gallant



Hello fellow sailors!

2004 got off to a great start with a marvelous day for the Redeye Regatta. As of this writing we are three

Saturdays in to the Frostbite series, and the weather has been very good.

Coming very soon:

John Mandell, Bruce Uphaus, and the keel fleet are soon to install a new set of wind instruments on the AYC point. These instruments will radio a myriad of weather information back to the clubhouse: from temperature, wind velocity, direction, relative humidity, barometric pressure, and rainfall rate & accumulation. The intent is to upload this frequently updated information to a website for access by AYC people. It is rumored that additional capabilities might be available, but we'll have to wait and see these possible pleasant surprises!

A special thank you goes out to Bob Harden for his generous donation of a computer to the cause of weather information gathering at AYC. By virtue of this generosity, the keel fleet has named him an honorary member, with the right of free entry to keel fleet events for the rest of the year! Thanks Bob!

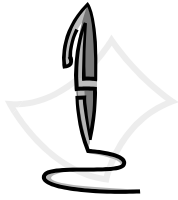
Race committee hint: Always fill out the start cards (sheets) at the beginning of the race. This helps the scoring committee determine who participated in that day's event, which contributes to faster scoring at the end of the day. Remember also.....good penmanship also helps!

See you on the lake!

Bob Gallant, Keel fleet Commodore

Did you know? Bill Beavis and Richard G. McCloskey's Salty Dog Talk defines **even keel** as a "State of normality; when the ship's keel is perfectly horizontal and her fore and aft draught are the same"... and goes on to state..."The expression is misapplied because in fact a fore and aft draught which reads the same is the last thing any sailor wants. A ship which floats on a perfectly even keel can be almost impossible to steer..."

Secretary's Report By Renee Ruais



SUMMARY OF MOTIONS PASSED:

Upon motions made and seconded, the board unanimously approved:

- Minutes of the November 2003 meeting
- The 2004 budget.
- Reinstatement for **Martin Koppers**
- Senior Probationary Memberships Status for: **Sara Makielski, Paul Violand**
- Senior Membership Status for: **Augusto Villalon.**
- Associate Member Status for: (NONE)
- Junior Membership Status for: **Virginia Barber, Lindsey Bollinger, Candice Cox.**
- Resignation in Good Standing for: **Bryce Cartwright, Kathy Comer, Martin and Jennifer Grogono, Jeff and Carrie Jones, John Mitchell, Mark Plunkett and Jill Nichols, Mark Vories, Scott Walsh.**
- Non Resident Membership Status for: **Alice Vassallo.**
- Leave of Absence Status for: (NONE)
- Ol'Salt Membership: **Carl Morris, Terry McDermott, Charles Pope.**
- South Cove Project Clubhouse Facility Request
- Facility Request: UT Spring Clinic and Events (Feb 14, Mar 15-19, Mar 27)
- Facility Request: Easter Laser Regatta
- Facility Request: Keel Fleet Events
- Keel fleet Donation of Wind/Weather Instruments
- Marina Association Facility Request
- J80 Facility Request
- 2004 PRC members
- 2004 Race Calendar
- Junior Sail "Spring Season" Program

Adult Sail Training By Vic Manning



The Sail Training Committee is happy to announce the first three upcoming adult sail training programs in the next couple months. The first series of three weekends is for the beginner and intermediate

sailors who would like to improve their skills and techniques for the upcoming AYC Series races and Regatta's.

Here's your opportunity to build your confidence; hone your skills; train your crew; and practice, practice, practice. Even if you do not have a boat or a spinnaker, it's a good opportunity to learn about techniques to improve your racing skills.

February 29 Starting Technique Clinic
Beginner Level

March 13 Up Wind Racing Clinic
Beginner Level

March 20 Spinnaker Clinic
Beginner Level

You can sign up at the AYC office for any of the upcoming events. Early registration is requested. For more information on other Adult Programs look on the AYC web site or in the 2004 AYC Directory that will be out later.

Vic Manning, Adult Sail Training Coordinator

Sunfishers Needed By Diane Zbasnik

The Yacht Club needs our help to build and put in new docks. Since we benefit quite a bit from this project, it would be great if we could lend a hand. Here are the details....

All of the board boat docks in south cove are being replaced with 5,400 sq. ft. of beautiful new board boat docks being built. This is a big project. The new docks will benefit the Sunfish fleet members already on the south cove board boat docks and hopefully the nice docks will spur more board boat participation. Dock building parties will be on Sunday's through the Frostbite series and then will switch to Saturdays for the remainder of the project, until May or June. The Club always serves the dock team a nice hot lunch with breakfast and afternoon snacks. Hope to see you there!

Fleet Commander Report By Billy Eno



Jon Fitch continues to make progress on the dock modules with the first IPE module splashed in mid-January. It really looks great, go out and take a look at it if you haven't already. If you have some time, go out and give a hand, they

have it down to quite a smooth-flowing system. The building will be on Sunday until the 15th, then move back to Saturday the following Weekend.

There will be a Harbor work party in conjunction with the Buildings and Grounds work party on Saturday, February 21st. We will be sprucing up the docks for opening day. Standard stuff like replacing warped boards and rubrails. There isn't a big list of things to do to the existing docks, but the South Cove dock building will be running in parallel, so there should be plenty to do. Come out for a day (or a half day) and I am sure we will find something for you to do. As usual, bring cordless drills and the normal hand tool selection.

I am still looking for a couple of folks to round out the Harbor committee this year, if you are interested, shoot me an email at ceno@austin.rr.com, or call me at home at 394-0210.

Some reminders:

- If your boat is in the work area and not being actively worked on, please move it off the slab so others can use the space. We have had some problems lately. The slab is not for drying out or storage, it is for active work only.
- The dry out area is not for storage, if you have been living in the dry storage area, please move your boat back to its slip.
- If you have your boat on the grounds more than 30 days, you are expected to pay for a slip. There are several boats on the grounds that have been around for a while that I know are not paying for storage. Please don't make me track you down.

If none of the reminders apply to you, great! You are among the 97%+ of the club that chooses to follow the policies that are in place to make people's lives easier. I promise I will stick to more pleasant topics in the future.

Good Sailing,

Billy

Some Key West pictures.....



The Crew



Wild Hare



Final Results

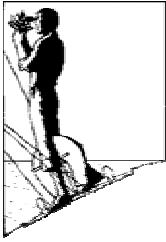


The Welles Rum Tent



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Vice Commodore Report By Danny Lien



Item one: UT Sailing Team (UTST) Needs Money!!! Elsewhere in this Telltale there is likely an article by the UTST discussing their fundraising efforts for this year in order to purchase twelve new boats by early-spring, 2005.

They want the new boats for the June, 2005 North American Dinghy Championships to be hosted here at AYC.

One of the ways UTST will make a little money is by chartering their FJs to the Bowdoin College Sailing Team for practice here at the Lake Travis during Spring Break. These sailors from Maine are sure to enjoy some of the weather they'll find in a week of March in Texas. This fundraiser does need our help. The team will need a coach boat. An AYC chase boat has been offered by the Board, but with the stipulation that we follow the rule that only an AYC member drives the boat. So, support the UT Team and **sign up for a chance to watch some close racing drills and coaching of the Bowdoin College Coed Sailing Team.** Rumor is that their coach is pretty good and affiliated with a NE Loft. Signup sheet should be in the AYC Office as of this printing.

UT also plans to raffle sailing-related goodies to raise additional funds. If you have sailing services or items of sufficient value you would like to offer contact Barry Curtin in the Directory under the UT Team listing. Use of a Houseboat on Lake Travis has already been offered as a potential prize.

Item two: Hats-off-award this month goes to the UT Team for letting some of the High School Team kids practice with them in the AYC 420s and in their FJs. And, as some of you know Southwestern University in Georgetown is putting a proposal together to start a fledgling collegiate team here at AYC. They have a ways to go, and in the interim UT has also offered to let Southwestern sailors practice with them pending availability of boats. The general word I hear is that 'more good boats on the line makes for a better practice, and better practice makes for more good boats'.

Item three: (Might as well keep writing about the UT Team in hopes no one notices that the new walkway railing between the office and clubhouse is not finish painted yet —there is a plan.)

Speaking of the ICSA (Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association of North America) 2005 Dinghy Championships ("nationals") --- the event is from June 1st to the 10th.

Here are some of the things we need to be prepared for:

- Registration and Organization Center for Three Regattas: Coed, Women's, and Team Racing, and the logistics to manage eighteen qualified college teams and spectators for each Regatta
- Housing: AYC Cabins and off-campus, for Judges and Umpires, event related ICSA and SEISA officials...
- Traffic control and other land logistics: Close the point to car traffic from the ramp out as there will be lots of spectators and racing will be off the point in good view.
- Boats: Race Committee and judge boats assistance and Blocker boats to protect the racing area.
- Docking logistics: dock and gangway off the point for boat swaps, move boats in harbor for weather/night.
- Scoring: maintain and post current standings during the Regattas
- Food: Likely a selected vendor, e.g. sandwich maker. Banquets are likely to be off the grounds.

ICSA (Intercollegiate North American Sailing Association) will authorize the format of the Regattas, and the UTST will be their liaison to AYC. We do not have to build this one from scratch, but as you can see lot will be happening at the Club, and the more that we organize, the more our home team can focus on qualifying for a berth for one, two, or three Regattas.

The reason I bring this up this far in advance is that we are looking for potential volunteers in each of the above areas. In order to familiarize AYC volunteers with the format and type of Regatta, the UTST and AYC plan to coordinate some of the upcoming college Regattas throughout the year as practice runs. We plan to start with the SEISA Coed Qualifiers held at AYC May 1st and 2nd 2004. This Regatta determines which two teams from our SEISA district get berths in the 2004 Dinghy 'nationals' in Portland this spring. If you are interested email me at dlien@ev1.net stating your area of interest or leave a note in the VC mailbox in the office.

Item four: Have you noticed how the learn-to-sail programs and learn-to-race programs for kids and for adults are growing this year? I have! I understand that there is very active interest in the kids spring season learn-to-sail. Also the AYC high-school teams, have been continually practicing often two days a week though out the winter, and as I write this, they are a day from going to TxA&M Galveston to participate in some team racing. They'll have strong competition, some at college level, but still, they are going.

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