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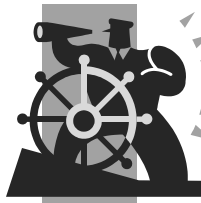
AYC Business Hours

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	27 March
Independence Day	4 July
Thanksgiving Day	24 November
Shopping Day	25 November
Christmas Day	25 December

From The Commodore By Danny Lien



I received many congratulations on New Year's Eve and at the Redeye Regatta for now being the commodore for 2005. Actually, as I understand the bylaws the new Board is effective the Monday following the Annual Meeting and Annual Banquet. That means by the time you read this your new Board has been hard at work and are building new committees for 2005. The crunch for new committee volunteers is still on. Volunteers will run a number of regattas, three major social events, a number of smaller parties, captain fleets and manage and score many races. Thanks to all of you who have offered your time to make this Club work.

Though the Racing Calendar is still DRAFT for 2005 some things are shaping up. Aside from a normal Beer-can and the usual series races, you can plan on four major regattas: Spring, Centerboard, Turnback and then Governor's Cup in the fall. (If your fleet is still looking for a time slot for a fleet stop or a championship, please contact **Bill Hawk**, Race Commander.)

Socially, I am happy to say **Carolyn Wilsford** is running this year's parties.

She has **Claudia Bartlett** lined up for Opening Day and **Robbie Nelson** heading up the Luau. Sounds good to me! **Carolyn** is looking for help with the New Member's parties and for additional social volunteers. For those of you that didn't attend, the AYC New Year's Eve party, it was great! People showed up in typical AYC formal attire, anywhere from beautiful evening dress to jeans and deck shoes, Latin music filled the air and there was enough delicious food for a good spread after Redeye the following day. At the New Year's Eve mid-party, **Kevin and Sherri Reynolds** led us in Salsa lessons, and though we were a little shy at first (boys never grow up), dancing progressed for the rest of the evening until well after the ball dropped from the flagpole. The next morning at the breakfast table, a house guest remarked, "There is confetti in my bed!" When I asked around at Redeye, I found out that others had also brought party confetti home to their houses.

I am pleased to announce that sans a big flood or some other unexpected event occurring here at AYC, there may be no big agenda items for 2005. Looks like even though current predictions are for a dry latter summer, we will have plenty of water through the coming season. Dock three will likely last another year or two before need-

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2004 AYC Wild Turkey Regatta Race Results

PHRF/Class A Fleet:

1: Mandell, J. 2: Young, S. 3: Welles, C.

PHRF/Class B Fleet:

1: Hawk, B. 2: McCollum, H. 3: Gamble, D.

PHRF/Class C Fleet:

1: Meyers, R. 2: Brown, S. 3: Boggus, W.

PHRF/Class D Fleet:

1: Payne, G. 2: McKenna, T. 3: Dwyer, W.

2005 AYC Redeye Regatta Race Results

PHRF/Class A Fleet:

1: Wellman, M. 2: Gamble, D. 3: Mandell, J.

PHRF/Class B Fleet:

1: McDavitt, L. 2: Cockle, J. 3: Kuc, J.

PHRF/Class C Fleet:

1: Brown, S. 2: Ratliff, L. 3: Payne, G.

PHRF/Class D Fleet:

1: Galloway, D. 2: Freeman, B. 3: Dwyer, W.

Please Note: This publication of AYC 2004 & 2005 Race Results is for informational purposes only, for the benefit of those who have yet to venture into the realms of internet technology. To the extent any information contained in this publication of AYC 2004 & 2005 Race Results conflicts with information published in the AYC webpage at www.austinyachtclub.org, the AYC webpage shall control.



Please complete your Member Directory Information form when you receive it and return it by Jan 31 to AYC.



2005 Racing Schedule

January 1	Red Eye Regatta
January 22	Frostbite Series #1 (1:30 FWS)
January 29	Frostbite Series #2 (1:30 FWS)
February 5	Frostbite Series #3 (1:30 FWS)
February 5	AYC Muy Frio Centerboard Regatta
February 6	AYC Muy Frio Centerboard Regatta
February 12	Frostbite Series #4 (1:30 FWS)
February 19	Frostbite Series #5 (1:30 FWS)
TBD	AYC Spring Regatta
TBD	AYC Centerboard Regatta
TBD	AYC Turnback Canyon Regatta
TBD	AYC Governor's Cup Regatta

AYC Upcoming Non-Racing Events

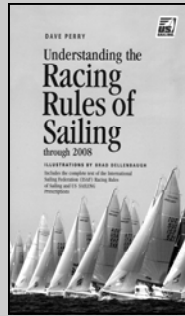
January 11	J-24 Social Committee Organizational Mtg.
January 22	J-24 Fleet Party
TBD	AYC Opening Day
TBD	AYC Luau
TBD	Children PB & J Clinic
TBD	Youth Learn To Sail Clinic
TBD	High School Sailing Clinic
TBD	Adult Boaters Safety Clinic
TBD	Adult Starting Techniques Clinic
TBD	Adult Spinnaker Clinic
TBD	CPR / First Aid / De-fib training
TBD	Adult Racing Clinic
TBD	Adult Centerboard Clinic
TBD	Adult Beginners Keel Boat Clinic

Watch For Details soon of the first ever AYC Muy Frio Centerboard Regatta!

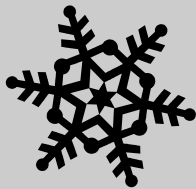


New rules take effect 1 January 2005.

US SAILING members should have received a copy of the RRS in the mail.



The new rule book and Dave Perry's *Understanding the Racing Rules of Sailing through 2008* are available for purchase in the AYC office.



The Keel Handicap Fleet presents The 2005 Frostbite Series

- Registration – 12:00 Jan 22
- Skippers meeting -12:30 Jan 22
- Races -1:30 Jan 22, 29 Feb 5,12,19
- Entry - \$15 fleet members \$20 non-fleet members
 - Open to all keel boats
 - Must be present to win!

Sail Training By Neil Jones

Attention all members!

If you want to become a better sailor or if you have a child that you would like to introduce to sailing or make them a better sailor, then please enroll yourself or your child in one of our sail training classes.

For Kids!

- Peanut Butter & Jelly Series:
Children 4-9 years old
- Learn to Sail Series:
Energetic youngster 10–14 years old
- High School Sailing:
Enrolled in High School – We also bend the rules and use Jr. High kids

Currently Lake Travis and Cedar Park High Schools have teams. Both Schools Competed in the Nationals in New Orleans this year! What a blast!

For Big Kids! Adult Training Classes!

- Boaters Safety
- Starting Techniques Clinic
- Spinnaker Clinic
- CPR / First Aid / De-fib training
- Racing Clinic
- Centerboard Clinic
- Beginners Keel Boat Clinic

There's something for everyone. I also want to thank the volunteer staff that makes all of these clinics possible! Without your unwavering support to AYC and its members, none of this would be possible. It is in our charter as a club to spread this wonderful thing we call sailing to the world. With that said, this invitation is not only for members but for outsiders as well. If you know of someone in need of sailing therapy, please place them in contact with the AYC office. They will in turn put them in touch with the right sail trainer. If you want to help, please come out and be a part of it. It will put a smile on your face! Stay tune to the Telltale and the AYC website for more details.

Sail trainers, if I missed something or anyone, please excuse me as I'm the "NEW" Sail Training Commander.

Fair winds to all!

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2005 Fleet Captain Introduced at J/24 Holiday Party

Stephen Burke announced that **Tom Lappin** has agreed to be our Fleet Captain for 2005 at our year end Holiday Fleet Party. Congratulations **Tom!** Speaking of the Holiday Party, the Fleet wants to thank again **Jason and Marcie Goltz** for hosting the tropical themed event. The Gilligan's Island inspired costumes and 'acts' were pretty crazy and everyone seemed to enjoy the various get-ups based on the applause and laughter heard during the informal judging! We had a good turnout so the always anticipated gift exchange was pretty involved given the mix of returning gifts (if you can call them that!) and some 'interesting' new ones (I wonder if the 'cheek massager' will show up next year?!)...good thing that everyone had a variety of things to eat and plenty of refreshments from the Tiki bar before it got started. Besides visiting with new and old friends (including **Brenda and Phil Spletter**, in town from their now Florida home), there was lots of conversation about lining up boats and crew for the Wild Turkey and Red Eye races. As you will see below, even though the J/24 crowd stayed up late that night, they were still able to hold their own in the following day's Wild Turkey race. Folded in with all the fun was some important recognition of the 2004 Fleet Officers as well as the key helpers during the 2004 Austin J/24 Circuit Stop. Hopefully we all behaved ourselves just enough (but not too much!) that **Marcie and Jason** will consider hosting the Fleet Holiday Party again in 2005!



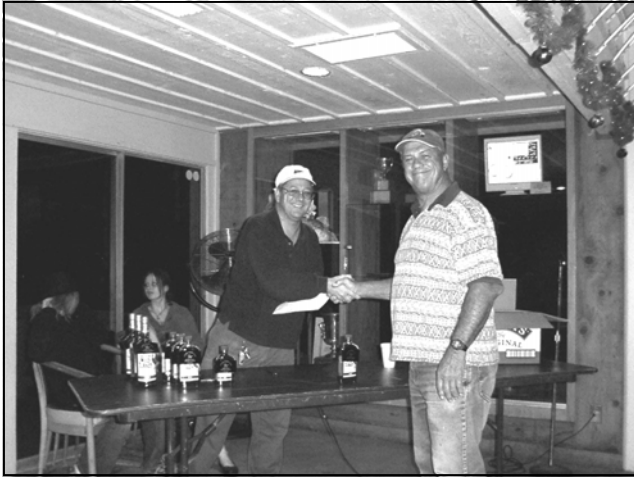
Some of the castaways that washed ashore for the J/24 Holiday Party

Wild Turkey Results/Report

In spite of the blowout Fleet party just 12 hours earlier, there were 5 J/24s out to race the rescheduled Wild Turkey race. While the breeze slowly died as the day wore on, the fleet enjoyed some great sunshine and moderate temperatures. The J/24s quickly established themselves as the lead boats soon after their B Fleet start and 3 of them, **OOH-AAH!**, **RagTag** and **Bon Temps**, really stretched out on the first beat. Racing was close between these 3 as each took their turn crossing the others to be in the lead. **OOH-AAH!**, with **Dave Gamble** and **Tom Lappin** on board, was making good ground at the top of the leg playing the hard right side as **RagTag**, being driven by guest skipper **Bill Hawk**, worked the hard left with **Bon Temps**, being driven by **Hap McCollum** and myself as trimmer (what!?!), trying to play the shifts in the middle. Turning downwind it was **OOH-AAH!** out front and **Bon Temps** trying to play catch up with **RagTag** on their transom. The rest of B Fleet was already pretty much out of the picture at this point. Downwind the breeze continued to die but puffs kept coming down course middle left...**RagTag** played that breeze the best to pass both **Bon Temps** and **OOH-AAH!**, timing their jibe just right near the bottom of the leg. But all 3 boats were once again crossing tacks as each looked for a good lane up the lake once past the island. **RagTag** learned its lesson from the first beat and was staying more on the favored right side and was pressing hard on the stragglers that started 5 minutes earlier in A Fleet (they eventually pasted at least one scratch). While **OOH-AAH!** decided to gamble (pun intended!) big and bang the left shore, **Bon Temps** finally was able to get to **RagTag**'s right but it was too late to leverage that to pass **RagTag** since RC shortened course (oh well). In the final corrected time calculations J/24s not only finished 1-2-3 in the 11 boat B Fleet but actually corrected over all other Fleets also! Congratulations to **RagTag**, **Bon Temps** and **OOH-AAH!**



Bill Hawk's Wild Turkey winning crew of Steve Ehlers, Bill Curra and Curtis Tarpley



Hap McCollum picking up his 2nd Place Wild Turkey 'trophy'

Red Eye Results

The J/24s were lumped in with A Fleet for this race given the overall fleet mix...so we got to race with the 11 Metre and the Hobie 33 along with a J/22. I was not out that day so no blow by blow commentary like for Wild Turkey but just the same J/24s came out on top for first and second. **Mike Wellman**, returning to his roots after racing his J/29 in recent series racing, hooked up with **Dave Broadway** to win Red Eye's A Fleet for the J/24s. Finishing about 90 seconds behind **Shawdowfax** was **Dave Gamble's OOH-AAH!** to take second, correcting out about 60 seconds in front of the 11 Metre. **Bill Hawk**, sailing **RagTag** once again (I hear we will also see him on **RagTag** for the Frostbite Series), was about a minute too late to correct over the Hobie 33 and placed 5th but was the third J/24 to finish. Hopefully making good on a New Year's resolution to race his J/24 more in 2005, **Larry Parks** was out on his boat, **My Joy**, and finished in sixth...beating the J/22 by a close 20 seconds of corrected time. Another pleasant surprise was seeing **Fred** out on **Psycho**, maybe now that he remembers not only that he has a J/24 but where it is, I hope we will see more of him and Psycho during the upcoming series racing!

Social Committee Kicks Off

Tom did not waste any time dealing with the most important aspect of being a J/24 Fleet Captain: making sure our parties happen and in style! He has already signed up a preliminary committee of people who helped with our Socials last year to do some early planning of our 2005 parties. However **Tom** wanted me to pass on that

he is still looking for others that want to join in on this planning and/or be involved with getting our Fleet Social calendar rolling this year...to that end he is inviting anyone who is interested to join this preliminary social planning committee when they have their organizing meeting on January 11th starting 7pm at Shoal Creek Saloon (<http://www.shoalcreeksaloon.com>). If you can't make that meeting but want to help, just drop **Tom** a line at tom@bevobus.com.

Frostbite Fleet Social

Like I said, **Tom** is focused on the right priorities as he has also put into motion plans for a Fleet Party after the first Frostbite Series race on January 22nd. Several Fleet members will be making soup and we have some great wine left over from the Holiday Party (seems everyone went for the rum and beer this year!). OK, a soup & wine party may seem, shall we say different, but I bet somehow we will find a way to have fun! Plan on meeting after the race in the usual place but given it is Frostbite, in case of bad weather the Fleet has reserved shelter 3 also...come out even if you are not racing that day!

2004 Series Start Statistics

I wanted to pass on some background data on this subject as it may come into play on where we start in the AYC Series start sequence for 2005. Basically the J/24 Fleet averaged right around 5 boats per series race over the year with a maximum of 8 boats coming out at least once during a series race. For comparisons the largest fleet participation, the South Coasts, had a yearly average of a little more than 8 with a max of 12 and the smallest fleet, PHRF B, had a yearly average of a little less than 3 with a max of 4. We basically are in the middle range, comparing well (i.e. within half a boat on average) with the Catalina 22, PHRF A and PHRF C fleets. With the PRC focus this year on reducing the number of series starts and the shift by the Handicap Fleets to round the buoy racing last year I suspect that PRC may very well propose that PHRF B fleet start with the J/24s this year. There may be other consolidation of starts also but my focus is what may happen to our J/24 Fleet. If you have an opinion on this I suggest you bring it up with our Race Commander, **Bill Hawk**. Maybe we can recruit these few remaining B Fleeters into J/24s! ;-) Note that series racing doesn't start until March but the planning for it by the PRC is already underway so don't delay if you want to comment on this to the powers that be. I will close this subject by reminding everyone that the best way to keep a pure J/24 only start is to increase participation...

Regards,

Eric
Austin J/24 Fleet Reporter

Membership News By Doug Laws



Here it is January and the weather feels like spring. Hope you were sailing in the Red Eye Regatta on January 1st. It was real shirt sleeve weather and we had a great turnout of boats, plenty

of wind and good food afterwards.

The membership committee for 2005 is chaired by Past Commodore Doug Laws, and ably assisted by Claude Welles, Frank Woodul, Kamille McIver and John Grzinich. John is new for this year so welcome, and many thanks to the other members for agreeing to serve again. If you have any comments, questions or leads on new members, please contact any one of us.

We are all looking forward to meeting prospects and

bringing new members to AYC in the coming year. During 2004 we picked up a net of 4 senior/associate/young adult members and hope we can do even better this year. Our current status for paying members, excluding Juniors and UT Sail Team is shown below:

	<u>Dec 03</u>	<u>Dec 04</u>
Senior	351	347
Associate	12	16
Young Adult	0	4
Ol'Salt 10 Yr	9	13
Non Resident	7	7
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Total Pay Members	379	387

AYC's New Year's Eve Party

By Carolyn Wilsford

The atmosphere at the AYC New Year's Eve party was staged with a Latin flair, thanks to Carolyn Wilsford's planning and imagination. Soft lighting, a huge food buffet filled with all kinds of exotic dishes, and non-stop salsa and island music enhanced the party. Chris Bataille and children made the evening most festive with lots of New Year's Eve decorations (including bowls of confetti!), and what about those chocolate truffles? Robin and Shirley can roll chocolate anytime they want. Thank you again, Sherri and Kevin Reynolds for the salsa dance instruction. At one point the whole dance floor was full with everyone working up a sweat (the temperature was almost 70 degrees after all). Also, a very big THANK YOU to the clean up crew of the Hawk, Lien, and Manning families. In addition, to everyone else who helped. They had quite a job sweeping up all that confetti while trying to "sweep out" the remaining party goers at 2:00am! It was a bash to be remembered - you should make plans to attend this event next year. It was more fun than fighting the crowds on 6th street and MUCH more fun that sitting on your couch watching TV! And with our very own lighted ball dropping from the flagpole at midnight surrounded by fireworks shooting off all over the lake, a finer New Year's Eve is hard to come by.

This party was just a snippet of what is yet to come for the other venues. So thank you all and keep your ears and eyes open for a fantastic 2005.

Secretary Report

By Renee Ruais



Directory information update forms will be sent out this week. Please complete your form and return it by Jan 31.



Judge Workshop

March 12 & 13, 2005

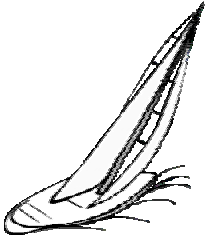
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Centerboard Fleet News

By Renee Ruais



Muy Frio Regatta

The Centerboard Handicap Fleet is sponsoring AYC's first ever Mid-winter Centerboard Regatta. The event is tentatively scheduled for February 5th and 6th. 2 days of racing, a chili dinner on Saturday night, and surely a nice fire to warm up to in the hearth! Details available on the website soon.



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Did You Know?

Nominees for the 2004 Rolex Yachtsman of the Year include the following Texans:

J/80 and J/105 North American Champion Glenn DARDEN (Ft. Worth, Texas);

470 Men's Olympic Gold Medallist Paul FOERSTER (Rockwall, Texas); and

Tornado Olympic Silver Medallist Charlie OGLE-TREE (Houston, Texas).

Established in 1961 by US SAILING and sponsored by Rolex Watch, U.S.A. since 1980, the Rolex Yachtsman and Yachtswoman of the Year awards recognize outstanding on-the-water achievement in the calendar year just concluded. Generally acknowledged as the sport's highest individual accolade in the United States, the Rolex Yachtsman and Yachtswoman of the Year awards have honored such sailing standouts as Ed ADAMS, Betsy ALISON, Dave CURTIS, Dennis CONNER, Courtenay DEY, JJ ISLER, John KOSTECKI, Ken READ and Ted TURNER, all of whom have won the coveted award multiple times.

The nominees, determined by the membership of US SAILING, will be reviewed by a panel of noted sailing journalists, who together will discuss the merits of each nominee and vote by secret ballot to determine the 2004 Rolex Yachtsman and Yachtswoman of the Year. The winners will be announced in January and honored during a luncheon at the New York Yacht Club in New York City, on February 25, 2005, where they will be presented with Rolex timepieces.

Commodore...*(continued from page 1)*

ing to be rebuilt. Our marina is "Clean" and to my knowledge we are not on the radar screen of any regulatory agencies.

There are a couple of areas we are considering change and/or maintenance. I'll know more after committees make their recommendations this week. If you have heartburn with any of the following or would like to add to the list please contact me (dlien@ev1.net) or the appropriate Commander on the Board. One consideration is the potential of more flooding and our current system for high-ground boat storage. I have asked **Bob Gallant** and **Tommy Gairloff** (B&G and Harbor) to look at an alternate organization of boat parking on high-ground and

exit from drysail. The goals are to be able to exit drysail from a higher elevation in the back and subsequently park boats in designated rows so that no trailers/boats are blocked. The last two floods did not flood the majority of drysail. Secondly, we could be prepared for member's ability to move their boats off grounds if we were to have continued forecasting for higher flooding. Much past planning work has been done, thanks to **Vic Manning** and others. Another focus requested by the Board is to build a member database in a format such that directory information, slip assignments, member-billings, and other club listings are cross compatible. This should help efficiency both for the AYC Board and for the office staff.

Danny Lien



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