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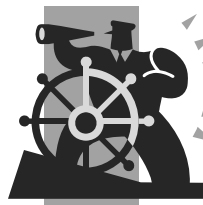
AYC Business Hours

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



Pre Luau "Beer Can" Friday Races:

Look for posters around the Club and AYC Website details concerning the July 1st Beercan, the night before the Luau, the night we roast the Pig! Please come out in appropriate Luau clothing whether you race or not, expect some Hawaiian flavor in the after race food and participate in the activities. Rumor has it that leis and other items may be on the course race marks and on additional marks in the harbor beyond the finish line. Points will be earned toward selection of the Luau King and Queen for those lucky enough to score. There may even be two free Luau tickets.

2005 ICSA Spring Championships:

To date the championships at the Club are a hit! We are a little over halfway through as of this Telltale deadline. Elsewhere in this publication **Kristen Johnston** of the UT Sailing Team has posted updates of the first five days of competition. Last Tuesday June 2nd, during the Women's Champs,

we ran 20 fleet races. June 5th, during the Team Race Championships we ran 54 (yes, fifty-four!) team races, albeit some concurrently. We have had many persons from around the country state that the venue is great and that AYC and our UT Sailing Team are doing a great job as hosts. I agree, as I am very proud of UTST's continued organization of the activities under **James Morley** and thankful for all the AYC volunteers who helped **Gail Bernstein** with finding housing for race judges, **Vic Manning** with race committee and **Terry McDermott** with grounds logistics.

Varmints: It is perhaps our Club Culture to have necessary rules but to maintain a limited enforcement-as-necessary policy. If you bring man's best friend to the point at twilight and you scoop the poop and ensure **no one** is bothered, or if you carry a dog to a boat for a family cruise, don't tell me about it! Please have no pets loose or leashed around the grounds. Also if your Regatta guests bring dogs/pets as they camp or picnic at AYC, please help them find an al

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Turnback Canyon Regatta Results

PHRF/Spin A Fleet:

1: Remmers, R. 2: Buck, P. 3: Van Fleet, J.
4: Stevens, R.

PHRF/Spin B Fleet:

1: Shull, R. 2: Henson/Vaughan 3: Spurlin, S.
4: Tillinghast, J.

PHRF/Spin C Fleet:

1: Slowik, T. 2: Jennings, W. 3: Lewis, D.
4: Sandbak, B.

PHRF/Spin D Fleet:

1: Ethridge, R. 2: Kilpatrick, M. 3: Donovan, L.
4: Boelens, M.

PHRF/Non-Spin A Fleet:

1: Ceraldi, R. 2: DeWitt, R. 3: Barrett, M.
4: Corwin, S.

PHRF/Non-Spin B Fleet:

1: Reible, D. 2: Griffith, G. 3: Johnstone

PHRF/Non-Spin C Fleet:

1: Wesson, S. 2: Northrup, B. 3: Hutchinson, R.
4: Witcher, R.

One Design/Catalina 22 Fleet:

1: Boemer, M. 2: Grzinich, J. 3: Owens, J. 4: Powers, R.

Portsmouth/Portsmouth A:

1: Green, C. 2: Kuc, J. 3: Rehage, J. 4: Granger, T.

Portsmouth/Portsmouth B:

1: Casto, J. 2: James, G. 3: Stockton, G. 4: Pasciak, J.

Please Note: This publication of AYC's Turnback Canyon Regatta 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 conflicts with information published in the AYC webpage at www.austinyachtclub.net, the AYC webpage shall control.

Turnback Canyon Review

By Paul Ballett



'Turnback 2005' turned out to have many of the ingredients that has made the regatta what it is for so many years. Thunderstorms greeted us on Saturday morning with very heavy rain and lightning, which certainly scared the TV news-crews if no one else. It also put off some



2005 Racing Schedule

June 1—10	Collegiate Dinghy National Championship
June 12	Summer Series #3 (Keel C) (FWS 1:30 p.m.)
June 19	Summer Series #4 (Keel B) (FWS 1:30 p.m.)
June 26	Summer Series #5 (Keel A) (FWS 1:30 p.m.)
July 23, 24	J/80 Circuit Stop
July 30	Dog Days Series #1
August 6	Dog Days Series #2
August 13	Dog Days Series #3
August 20	Dog Days Series #4
August 27	Dog Days Series #5
September 10	Dog Days Series #6
September 17	AYC Governor's Cup Regatta
September 18	AYC Governor's Cup Regatta

AYC Upcoming Non-Racing Events

June 11,18,25	Children PB & J Clinic
June 13-17, 20-24	Sailing Camp #1 and #2 (RSVP AYC Office)
June 22	Full Moon Raft-Up
June 23	AYC Board Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
June 27-July 1	Advanced Sailing Camp (RSVP AYC Office)
July 2	AYC Island Luau and Dance Party
July 7	Coastal Navigation & Bare Boat Chartering
July 9	Children PB & J Clinic
July 9, 10	Centerboard Clinic
July 14	Beginner Adult Keel Boat Training
July 21	Full Moon Raft-Up
July 28	AYC Board Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
August 19	Full Moon Raft-Up

competitors who came to register but never hit the water. Their decisions looked good as racing started with little wind and what there was, was dying. However, as we like to say in Texas if you do not like the weather just wait a while and it will change.

The wind picked up and after the cooling rains and competitors were treated to fantastic sailing conditions for the race to Lago Vista. **Ray Shull**

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Mark your calendars...
Saturday, July 2
...to attend the



AYC Island Luau and Dance Party!

The Luau pig roasting begins on Friday night, as does the "Hawaiian style" Beer Can races. Look for details on the AYC website and on posters around the club. You may be lucky and win tickets to the luau, and/or points towards your selection as the luau king or queen. The luau fun begins early in the morning with the traditional pig watch/roast (there is a volunteer sign-up sheet in the AYC office). Volunteers will be showing up around 1pm to decorate the club and prepare the feast. More volunteers are still needed during the party to take pictures, open bottles of wine, and assist in the serving line. If you'd like to help out, please sign the volunteer sheet in the AYC office.

At 6:00pm, the luau party starts with steel drum music by CJ, followed by dinner and live music from the Mau Mau Chaplains. We'll also have a funeral procession for "Porky", and the crowning of the king and queen of the luau.

Please call the AYC office (266-1336) to make your reservations now! Tickets are only \$20 for AYC members, \$30 for non-members (AYC members may bring one guest at the \$20 rate, any additional guests are at the \$30 rate).

Worried that you don't have anything to wear to the luau? Well, there are still some Hawaiian shirts available for sale in the AYC office. They are 100% cotton, made in Hawaii. Some styles and sizes are running out, so be sure to get yours the next time you are at the club. (Sorry, the luau beads are all sold out). **Aloha!**

Race Commander News By Bill Hawk



On Course-Side ...

By the time you read this, we will be almost halfway through our 2005 racing season. It seems to have been a pretty good year so far – series turnout has been very good, and the regattas have been well attended. We have had decent wind for most events, and after a couple of hot weekends the summer heat gave way to spring again.

Although strictly speaking they weren't an AYC racing event, the Collegiate Championships seem to have had good attendance, at least on the Sunday racing session. The point was crowded with spectators, and it looked like almost everyone took their boat out for a closer look at the racing. Of course, the sunny eighty-five degree weather and twelve knots of wind may have had something to do with that as well.

The Turnback Canyon Regatta was a success, with the possible exception of the wind on Sunday. Everyone seemed to have a good time, and quite a few folks had sunburns to show off after the holiday weekend. Now, if we could just figure out how to keep the power boaters at home . . .

Again, I'd like to thank the volunteers for Race Committee. Turnback is a difficult race to work, due to the length of the course, the amount of non-AYC traffic on the lake, and the varying skills of the racers and cruisers involved. Not to mention dragging out of bed early on Sunday to catch the shuttle bus – it's almost as bad as going to work, but without the air conditioned office.

Co-PROs **Dave Speed** and **James Wilsford** worked hard to get in two good days of racing. They were assisted by **Brittany Speed-Rosales**, **John Mandell**, **Dan Wilson**, **Mike McCall**, **Bob Jones**, **Barry Bowden**, **Barry & Rona Thornton**, **Doug Powell**, **Mark Bradford**, and **Tom & Kelly Groll**.

Take the time to thank each of these folks for their hard work and time. And remember, there's still one more opportunity for you to help out – the Governor's Cup Regatta is coming up in September.



With the advent of the summer series, the spinnaker season has started for the C22 fleet. We designate specific series as spinnaker and non-spinnaker since the C22 one design class races both ways. At the C22 nationals there are separate races to determine the spinnaker champion. The non-spinnaker races determine the overall C22 national champion. State and regional championships are held for both spinnaker and genoa. In fleet 69 we usually set aside 2 series for spinnaker racing, but of course, folks can race genoa as well. We've had a good turn out for the summer series with very close racing and excellent spinnaker participation. In one race we had 5 boats finish within 5 seconds giving the RC a challenge with scoring. At the 2nd summer series it took awhile for some wind to arrive. The RC was only able to get one race in, but I think the C22 fleet had the most folks hang around waiting for the start. **Wade Bingaman** leads the summer series with 2 wins, **Peter Broberg** has notched one victory, and **Johannes Brinkman** is doing very well with several 2nd place finishes. Here is some action on the water from the one race held for summer series race 2. **Wade Bingaman**(right) has a nice lead with **Johannes Brinkman** and **Peter Broberg** in a close battle for 2nd and **Roy Crouse** working his way up on the left.



The major regatta for AYC and May is Turnback Canyon, and the C22 fleet was the only one to qualify as a one design fleet with 6 boats registered. We had three boats from out of town and three from AYC. Even though the weather forecast for the weekend was precarious, and the start of the Saturday race was in very light air, the

wind filled in and we had reasonably good light air racing for whole weekend. **Marilyn Boemer** from Dallas-Grapevine sailing **Calypso** pulled out a nice lead in race one in the very light air conditions between B and C marks. No one could catch her after the breeze filled in. I was able to pull away from the other boats in the fleet and finished 2nd. **Jordan Owens** sailing **Grooner** started late but managed to pass the other C22's and finished 3rd. We had great BBQ, swapped sailing stories, and listened to a lively 3 piece county-blue grass group Saturday evening before the big thunderstorm rolled through. It was a rough night riding out the storm in tents and boats so we all got very little sleep. Sunday started overcast with a light south breeze. **Jordan Owens** took the lead, I was close behind, with **Marilyn Boemer** back in third. It was close racing all way down to Anderson Bend before I was able to pass **Jordan** and get into the lead. After rounding the mark at Anderson Bend we hit some dead air and bad power boat chop. **Marilyn** passed **Jordan**, rounded the mark, launched her spinnaker and proceeded to catch and pass me. **Bebop** (my boat) and **Calypso** (**Marilyn**) close reached, with both spinnaker and genoa past Lakeway no more than a few boat lengths apart at any time. **Grooner** (**Jordan**) was working hard to gain on us in third.



At Graveyard point we made the call to drop the chute and close reach on the left for the finish since we could see the RC boat had shortened the course at Arkansas bend. That proved to be a good call as we pulled out a lead. **Marilyn** and **Jordan** sailed higher to the right. We held the lead and finished first, **Marilyn**(**Calypso**) held off **Jordan** (**Grooner**) to finish 2nd. Since we finished the 2nd race in 1st place we got the tie breaker to win the 1st place trophy in the C22 fleet.

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I must thank my crew **Jennifer Loehlin** trimming the spinnaker, and **Ryan Kucera** on fore-deck for a great job of focusing on racing for the long long race days of Turnback. I also want to thank **Bob Jones** and **Mike McCall** for working on the Turnback race committee all weekend. The club and fleet really appreciate it.

Next, we are on to the C22 Nationals at Canyon Lake the week of June 12th.

John Grzinich, Captain

Sail Training Commander Letter

By Neil Jones

A Letter of Thanks! In case none of you have noticed, the junior training fleet has been changed from 6 each older Club 420s to 6 each 2005 FJs. We accomplished this by selling our older Club 420s and by using a volume purchase discount with respect to the UT purchase of 12 FJs and the additional AYC purchase of 6 FJs. The volume purchase discount was passed on to AYC in order to help us offset the cost of our new fleet.

In short, I'd like to express a profound appreciation for **Steve Gay**. **Steve** was instrumental in getting this plan in front of your board members and executing on the sale of our older Club 420 fleet. Today, AYC is one of the only clubs in Texas, maybe the South East, that has a combined UT and AYC fleet of 18 one design and same vintage boats to compete on. If you see **Steve Gay**, please thank him for his efforts in keeping AYC a step ahead of the other clubs.

Centerboard Regatta Review

By Bruce Foster



Centerboarders say "We don't need no steenkin' warm weather"

...though a drysuit would be nice. Despite a good forecast a cold front with lightning, rain and high winds blew in Saturday morning, delaying races until 1pm. Sailors used the time to scarf down the breakfast buffet featuring "real" egg & sausage casseroles prepared by **Denise Foster**. **Mike Kilpatrick's** RC team got things started in the 20kt, gusty wind. Over the course of 5 races, a few competitors had breakdowns and the Snipes opted for two races as a fleet to ensure everyone had an equal chance.

Dinner was bratwurst steamed in beer then grilled. **Pat Manning** made lots of her authentic German potato salad. No "lite" beer either!

Sunday was a great day for racing with 10-15kts and plenty of sun. After it was all over **Steve Senneff** won the 18-boat Sunfish Fleet. **Greg Gust** took 5 bullets, but a rudder breakdown in one race dropped him to 4th overall. (Next year we'll have a throwout!). **Doug Peckover** took the 6 boat Laser competition and **Steve Keckler** was first in the Snipes. In Portsmouth A, **Dave Luckenbach** won in his Flying Scot. **Steve Wesson** sailed his Aqua Finn to first in Portsmouth B. Trophies were soft-sided ice chests embroidered with the CBR logo designed by **Roy Crouse**.

After everyone thawed out—a great time was had by all!



The following membership changes were approved at the May board meeting.

New Senior Members
Melissa & Kenneth To-

thero have twin 13 year old daughters and wish to have the entire family participate in sailing and racing. **Melissa** has extensive racing and sailing experience, starting in 1978 when she joined the UT Sailing Team. During the next four years she raced with some of the most talented UT sailors we have had at AYC.

Bill & Linda Casnovsky have been sailing for over ten years and are partners in a Columbia 26. They have a daughter, **Joy**, and are interested in the opportunity to meet, socialize and sail with new friends.

Kelly Young has a son, **Michael** (19), and owns a Catalina 27. She has been sailing at AYC and elsewhere for several years and now wants to become a contributing member.

New Associate Members

Jeff Picard was previously a probationary member and had to resign. He now is in a position to resume sailing and racing and wants to rejoin AYC and complete his probationary requirements. Jeff owns a Catalina 310.

Senior Probationary Review

Mark Tremayne and **Robin Drummond** have all satisfactorily completed their probationary requirements for racing and club volunteer activities. Welcome to full senior membership.

Resignations

Robin Casey and **Lou Kimball** have sold their boat, released their slip and request to resign as of April 30.

Mike and Gail Mayfield are now cruising on a newly acquired catamaran in the Atlantic and Caribbean and have requested to resign.

Gerrit De Vries joined as an Associate Member this year. He is now going to be out of the country for an extended period of time and has requested to resign

10 Year Ol' Salt

Bob Kier is over 62 years of age and has been a member over 10 years. He does not have a boat at AYC. and has requested change to 10 Year Ol' Salt Membership.

30 Year Ol'Salt

Gerry Fox is over 62 years of age and has been a member over 30 years. He does not have a boat at AYC and has requested change to 30 Year Ol' Salt Membership.

Student Membership

Jacob Tarpley, son of **Curtis Tarpley**, has been active in sailing and has requested student membership.

AYC Membership Status

	Apr EOM	Add	Sub	May EOM
Senior	341	4	4	341
Associate	14	1	2	13
Young Adult	6			6
Juniors	14	1		15
Ol'Salt 10 Year	13	1		14
Non Resident	8			8
Total Paying Members:	396			397

Building & Grounds By Robbie Nelson



Umbrella Etiquette:

The B&G committee has recently purchased new pool umbrellas to help provide some shade in the pool area. You can help keep them

looking good by remembering to close down the umbrellas when you leave the pool area. Leaving them open can result in damage if a high wind comes up.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated by all!

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tentative in the future. Please note that many of us enjoy the fact that pets are not allowed at our Club.

Speaking of varmints; I have never seen as many snakes as I have this past year while swimming and walking in the area---mainly water snakes around docks and on grounds. I have seen about five in the last two weeks, two of which were pretty big. I have not seen any poisonous snakes to date and am not alarmed. However, be aware so as not to be too startled and feel free to report sightings to grounds staff or the office so we can keep a rough count.

We also have a small herd of deer on the Club property woods and/or the adjacent neighborhood parkland located "upstream" of the south cove and drysail area. I have seen them bolt out of the woods on Beacon Drive just up from the gate. Slow down if you don't want it to be your car that culls the herd. I have seen as many as six at a time on AYC grounds and just last week a scared fawn racing up and down through drysail. Staff reported to me that some members were leaving deer food on the grounds and I asked those involved to please put that to a stop. I have heard two schools of thought about the appropriateness of deer on the grounds; some voicing vigorous opposition and some very much in favor (you'd think it was a political issue.) Most of our "oak wilt-replacement trees" planted on the grounds are deer resistant, so our losses are currently minimal. Our caretakers have developed ingenious ways to keep the deer off AYC grounds, which unfortunately sends them across the woods into my neighborhood.

And still speaking of varmints; I saw a sign on the notice board stating, "Don't Feed the Ducks". I assume that this is from our caretaker staff, which is tasked with Club cleanup duties. I guess I am glad that we only have a few ducks here at the Club.

Race course conduct: If you are out there on the course "just a pissing in the wind" as the expression goes, please realize that if you are not under the radar, that your boat is identifiable by sail number and that the Commodore may get a call.

Full Moon Raftup: The Full Moon Raftup was a complete success for all involved. Just after the first few blistering days of the part of summer we call spring, it was fun to enjoy a good cool evening

breeze along with a moonrise. Ten boats (if you include the one kayak) and about 30 people showed up. Some sailed directly to the Travis Landing Park shoals where **Vic** on the **Manning/Ohe** boat had already anchored in 14 feet of water and hoisted all appropriate flags. Some boats sailed by and tied up later after an evening sail. Nothing was organized and it all worked out very well. **Vic** was promptly named commodore of cruise raftups. **Bobby Crouch** came by motor boat and was tasked as ferry captain and **Sharon Agee** and **Barbara Hawn** may have presented the best hors d'oeuvres. **Jim Tillinghast** also presented the best cheap wine, but there were many honorable mentions in that category. See you at the next Full Moon Raftup, June 22nd, just off of the Travis Landing shoals.

Breakwater?: Recent word to me around the Club is that if anything rises to the top of the list for the Long Range Planning Committee it probably should be a future breakwater plan for the docks. The fuss is about the influx of the semi-planing 30-40 foot powerboats on the lake. We probably should expect more. About the time that these boats fetch Windy Point, their wakes come through our docks and masts sometimes bump. I know of two Ensigns that recently locked masts but soon after a second set of waves freed their entanglement. During the Collegiate NAs I was asked to help unlock the masts of two boats on Dock1. They had been together for two days after unsuccessful previous attempts to free the boats. During a weather break in racing we enlisted the help of two college teams to hang on the shrouds and heel the boats closer together. We rocked one forward and one aft, while keeping all feet away from gunwhales. Locking up is not good for masts, wire, spinnaker blocks or windvanes. If you hear of more circumstances please tell your Dock Daddy, the staff, or **Tommy Gairloff**, so we can keep tabs on how much of a problem we may have.

Danny Lien





Summer Series opens with capricious winds

There was wind enough for the start of the Summer Series on the beautiful spring day of May 15, the only problem was trying to figure out where it was coming from. "Variable winds out of the East" hardly captures

the capricious breeze of the afternoon. Here are some sample wind directions from the AYC weather log during the race, with wind speed varying from 5 to 11 knots: 46, 19, 19, 30, 26, 37, 77, 101, 85, 95, 80, 111, 77, 59. And those are consecutive readings over a 13 minute stretch! Of course, we all had to sail in the same wind (more or less) and make the most of it.

In the Ensign fleet, **Tom Groll** made the most of it in the opening race of the series. Getting back into action after repairing a broken gooseneck, **Tom** and **Kelly** had certainly had enough of finishing in the back half of the fleet and came out ready to go. They also picked up a second place finish in the day, making for a great start to the series. **Jonathan and Sarah Baker** and **Will Angst** continued their bid to dominate the fleet by trading places with the **Grolls**, finishing second then first. **Frans Dahmen**, sailing with his brother **Peter**, picked up two third place finishes, and **Bill Hawk** brought back **Frederic and Nicolas Deboes** as part of his crew and finished in fourth. While it might be nice to recount some of the action leading up to the above mentioned finishes, your faithful reporter **Randolph Bertin** and his trusty mate **Tom Nelson** were too far back from the action to see what was happening, finishing ahead of **James Wilsford** (sailing solo), who suffered a broken shackle in the opening leg of the race. Closing out the day, **James** swapped places with **Randolph** and **Tom** on the second race to avoid being the last boat in the club to cross the line. **Jim 'one race per day is enough'** Casto also opened the series with the Ensign fleet, out-sailing **Randolph** and **Tom** for 5th place. It was great to have another strong turnout of seven boats on the line.

Cooking up some festivities

All in all, it was a rather short racing day, what with the East wind and a correspondingly short course. But that left us plenty of time for our first Ensign fleet cookout! It was a bring-whatever-you-feel-like-eating theme and it was great! Almost everyone stuck around to enjoy the mild (for May) spring afternoon, where we finally broke out a few bottles for the debut of 'Scotch Mist'. There was plenty of food, beverage and good cheer to go around, and while we may not yet be in the same league as the South Coast fleet with their permanent encampment, it was a really nice start. We hope to have at least one quasi-organized cookout for each of the remaining series, so keep a look out for those announcements in the future. Even for those Ensign fleet members who don't plan to race, we encourage you to come out and enjoy some food and friendship.



Remnants of the Ensign Fleet series opening cookout.

More racing

On May 22, our next scheduled day of racing, it felt more like Dog Days than spring, and it was pretty apparent why this series, which takes place primarily in the spring, is actually dubbed the Summer Series. Spring had somehow evaporated with high pressure bringing clear skies, blisteringly hot temperatures in the high 90s, and little to no wind. After a race committee postponement from the shore, and then another from the dock, a reasonable breeze finally filled in from the southeast, enough wind, at least, to get us all through the chop from motor boats cruising up and down the

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lake as we rounded the buoys a couple of times for one race. Once again, it is difficult to say much about the race due to so much of it taking place so far away! But it appeared that after the initial leg, most of us just solidified our positions and then slowly spread out over the rest of the course. **Will Angst** joined **Frans** for the afternoon as they teamed up to take first place. **Tom and Kelly Groll** followed in second, and **Jonathan and Sarah Baker**, breaking in another crewman in **Craig Garrison**, sailed to a third place finish. **Jim Casto** finished comfortably in fourth, and **Robin Drummond** re-joined **Randolph Bertin** again to have a good time on the water (staying on the lake after the race for a while to get in some extra tacks), even if they didn't have a good race, bringing up the back of the fleet. **Robin** had indicated she is about ready to come join the fleet in her own boat, and we might see her on the line before the end of the series.

Finishing Strong

With only two of the five race days having taken place so far, the series is obviously still wide open and up for grabs. That said, there are three boats definitely out in front (each of which has claimed a victory in the three races conducted so far), and it would be surprising if we didn't see them finishing at or near the top. But, which of them will claim the series victory will have to be settled on the water over the last several weekends in June. As it stands presently, the leading skipper is **Tom Groll** with two seconds and a first, putting him one point ahead of **Jonathan Baker** who has a first, second, and third, and yet one more point back is **Frans Dahmen** with two thirds and a first. The rest of us are in a tight point spread (16-20), but clearly some distance behind. With a dropped score or two, quite a bit can change, so we'll see how things play out over the long haul.

We have had good participation so far this year, and we hope to see many of you come out during June. Whether you have been racing in the series yet, or not, come out to give the Ensign fleet a strong series finish, and enjoy the fun and competition from the water! Also note: *The Ensign fleet is responsible for putting together the end of series buffet, and we will be needing volunteers to help coordinate this event, so look for emails and phone calls to come as a reminder in the next few weeks.*

Recruiting new Ensign fleet members

In order to try and continue building on the renaissance of the Ensign fleet, we are experimenting with some unorthodox recruiting methods. One involves tempting a prospective sailor with an offer of an available boat, and then when they accept, crash the boat in order to demonstrate just how incredible sturdy the Ensign really is!

Speaking of new members, we would like to welcome our newest sailor to the Ensign fleet, **Danny Lien**, who is getting ready to join us on the water aboard Ensign #810. We won't have exclusive rights to him, of course, as he will be maintaining his active involvement in both J80 and J24 circuits as crew. In his racing around the state, he sees Ensigns at every venue he sails and is pleased to be joining a fleet with a national presence. Although the general observation is that new Ensign owners seem to need a year or two to become competitive in the fleet, I suspect **Danny** will be competitive in the early going, not only because of his substantial experience and general sailing skills, but especially as he has sailed an Electra in the past and has crewed for **Tom and Frans** many times.

Answering the Call

A special thanks goes to **James Wilsford** and **Tom and Kelly Groll**, who represented the Ensign fleet by serving on Race Committee for the Turnback Regatta. **James** certainly earned whatever free beer, t-shirts or other paraphernalia might be handed out for service to the club, serving as PRO for the event, and going back out in a chase boat late Sunday afternoon, after two long days on the lake, to tow back some catamarans who had stalled in front of an approaching storm. **Tom and Kelly** also helped out with RC duty on Sunday. "Great job" to these hard working Ensign sailors and all the other AYC members who helped to make Turnback another successful event.

Odds and Ends

There has been a veritable rash of gooseneck failures this year, with **Randolph's** boat being the latest. Thankfully, **Tom Groll**, who had just been through a re-construction of his gooseneck, helped out to get **Randolph's** boom back into service before the week was out so that he could join the fleet

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Sail Training Commander Letter

By Neil Jones

First, let me say this is a difficult letter to write as it affects everyone who likes to see our kids and adults sailing. Our chapter as a club is to spread the knowledge and joy of sailing to whomever will listen and learn. With that goal in mind, AYC purchased sail boats, coach boats and constructed structures from which we can exploit Lake Travis.

The problem arises when we start taking the boats and facilities for granted. Currently, we have requests to use boats designated for sail training for personal pleasure sailing and Wednesday night racing. Personally, I have no problem allowing someone to use the boat to determine if a Sunfish is right for them or if an Opti is right for their child; however, the rules within AYC do not allow for racing in a sail training boat. They actually forbid the use of AYC Sail Training boats for the use of racing unless it is a sail training activity. Currently, there's only one Sail Training Commander and three primary individuals responsible for sail training for our young sailors, junior sailor and adult sailors. Only under the discretion of the Sail Training Commander can a training boat be used for anything other than a scheduled sail training event. In these cases, the boat must be reserved from the club and under an AYC leasing agreement. The purpose of the agreement is to control access of the sailing gear and ensure that it is well taken care of. Any damage to the gear or boat shall be paid for by the individual leasing the boat. The leasing payment also goes toward AYC Sail Training and helps pay for wear and tear on the equipment.

If you wish to use the equipment for learning to sail outside of the scheduled AYC events or for personal pleasure sailing, you must reserve the boat under a signed agreement. The boat must be checked out by the Sail Training Commander or another AYC board member or staff. Once the agreement is in place, you may use the boat; however, you MAY NOT use the boat during any scheduled AYC Sail Training activity such as PB&J, Learn to Sail, High School Sailing, College Sailing, Sail Camp or Adult Training activity. The primary function of this equipment is for club activities that are managed by the Sail Training Commander or his designate. The boats are not

to be used for racing Wednesday night, Beer Can or our standard scheduled races.

The true reason behind this issue is insurance. These smaller craft are easily damaged and an inexperienced skipper sailing in close proximity to a highly motivated racer can unknowingly work his or her way into an incident that could result in damage not only the AYC Sail Training boat but the other skipper's boat whom he or she has fouled.

Ok, I'm done preaching the rules which can be found in your AYC membership Directory and Handbook, page 43. If you wish to use the sail training equipment under the conditions outlined in this letter, please see the staff for a complete pricing schedule to lease the boats. If you are seriously interested in sailing and racing your own boat, there are plenty of used boats for sale or some people really do let you borrow their boat to try it out.

Sincerely,

Neil B. Jones, Sail Training Commander

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for the following race. So check out your goose-necks, and if you need a repair, either **Tom** can provide some skilled welding contacts, or you can even buy a new gooseneck (or just some of the specific parts) from Ensign Spars, Inc.

Also, make sure when you are launching your Ensign, that you use appropriate chocks to block the trailer tires. There appear to be some rocks lying around that have a mind of their own and, tired of servitude, decide they would just rather let the trailer slide down the ramp than do a proper job. A simple cursing against such rocks does not appear to have been effective in curbing this behavior.



PB & J starts June 11!

Turnback. . . . (Continued from Page 2)

set the fastest corrected time for a spinnaker keel-boat to win the **Bill Levens Sr. Memorial Trophy**. A strong showing of multi-hulls both big and small set fast on the water times, while enjoying some exciting and sometimes painful moments. Good food, good music and lots of liquids, both ingested and from the heavens marked Saturday night. It was Turnback after all. Sunday had less wind but offered a reasonable race for the early part of the course. The race committee wisely shortened to Arkansas Bend to ensure a fairer race before the boats reached the very busy waters to follow. Sunday finished with a fun afternoon at the club for Trophies and tall tales.

A regatta like this is a team effort by numerous members of our club, who give their time so others may enjoy the sport and camaraderie of such an event. I would like to thank everyone who helped out. **Mike Kilpatrick**, my co-chair, **Terry and Karen Reitz**, **Robbie Nelson**, **John Howard** and my wife **Kathryn Ballett**, registration. **Larry Ratliff**, scoring. **Corey Block**, Saturday breakfast. **Tom Lang** and **Eric Nelson**, for the NOR, SI's and all the web site work. Special Thanks go to the AYC staff that put in so much work for this particular regatta.

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A Special thanks to **WEST MARINE** and **Vic Manning** and **Bartlett Sails** who came through with some extra prizes for competitors.

Paul E. Ballett,
Turnback 2005 Regatta Chair

Did You Know? There are only 13 letters in the Hawaiian alphabet. Here are some of the key words you'll need for the AYC Luau:

mahalo = thank you	aloha = hello or goodbye
kau kau = food	hui = group or organization
maika'i = good	paniolo = cowboy (or cowgirl)
`ono = delicious	luau = feast (v. lua = bathroom or toilet)
hau `oli = happy	

Example: Aloha. Mahalo, AYC hui. Luau kau kau maika'i, `ono. Aloha, AYC hau `oli paniolo.

2005 ICSA Spring Championships

By Kristen Johnston

Hosted by the Southeastern Intercollegiate Sailing Association and Austin Yacht Club, the 2005 ICSA North American Championship is being held at AYC on June 1-10.

BACKGROUND - The ICSA North American Championships brings together sailors from 25 schools, representing seven North American districts, to compete in three distinctive events. In the Women's and Dinghy events, each college fields a separate A and B division team. Weather permitting, each division sails eighteen 20- to 30-minute fleet races over three days for a total of 36 races. A team's final score is determined by the combined results of its sailors in A and B divisions. The Team Race Championship pits each college's three-boat team against another's in a round-robin series of matches with the top-four of 14 teams proceeding to a double round-robin championship series to determine the overall winner.

Each of the 25 colleges participating will field separate A and B division teams for both the women's and dinghy events. District eliminations qualified 18 colleges to compete in the women's championships; 14 qualified for the team racing championship; and 16 qualified for the dinghy championship, which also includes two teams selected at-large. Of the 25 colleges qualified for these championships, 10 schools qualified to send competitors in all three championships: College of Charleston, Dartmouth College, Georgetown University, Harvard University, Hobart/William Smith Colleges, St. Mary's College, Texas A&M Galveston, University of Southern California, University of Washington, and Yale University.

Teams Qualified to compete in the 2005 ICSA North American Championships are as follows:

June 1-5, 2005 - ICSA North American Women's Dinghy Championship :

Brown University (Providence, R.I.)
Connecticut College (New London, Conn.)
College of Charleston (Charleston, S.C.)
Dartmouth College (Hanover, N.H.)

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Eckerd College (St. Petersburg, Fla.)
Georgetown University (Washington, D.C.)
Harvard University (Cambridge, Mass.)
Hobart/William Smith Colleges (Geneva, N.Y.)
Old Dominion University (Norfolk, Va.)
St. Mary's College (St. Mary's City, Md.)
Stanford University (Stanford, Calif.)
Texas A & M Galveston (Galveston, Texas)
University of Minnesota (Minneapolis, Mn.)
University of Southern California (Los Angeles, Calif.)
University of Washington (Seattle, Wash.)
University of Wisconsin (Madison, Wis.)
U.S. Naval Academy (Annapolis, Md.)
Yale University (New Haven, Conn.)

June 5-7, 2005 - ICSA/Layline North American Team Race Championship:

College of Charleston (Charleston, S.C.)
Dartmouth College (Hanover, N.H.)
Eckerd College (St. Petersburg, Fla.)
Georgetown University (Washington, D.C.)
Harvard University (Cambridge, Mass.)
Hobart/William Smith Colleges (Geneva, N.Y.)
Northwestern University (Evanston, Ill.)
St. Mary's College (St. Mary's City, Md.)
Texas A & M Galveston (Galveston, Texas)
University of Hawaii (Honolulu, Hawaii)
University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
University of Southern California (Los Angeles, Calif.)
University of Washington (Seattle, Wash.)
Yale University (New Haven, Conn.)

June 8-10, 2005 - ICSA/Gill North American Coed Dinghy Championship:

Brown University (Providence, R.I.)
College of Charleston (Charleston, S.C.)
Dartmouth College (Hanover, N.H.)
Harvard University (Cambridge, Mass.)
Hobart/William Smith Colleges (Geneva, N.Y.)
Old Dominion University (Norfolk, Va.)
St. Mary's College (St. Mary's City, Md.)
Texas A & M Galveston (Galveston, Texas)
Tulane University (New Orleans, La.)
University of Hawaii (Honolulu, Hawaii)
University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
University of Minnesota (Minneapolis, Mn.)
University of South Florida (St. Petersburg, Fla.)
University of Southern California (Los Angeles,

Calif.)
University of Washington (Seattle, Wash.)
Yale University (New Haven, Conn.)

At Large:

Boston College (Chestnut Hill, Mass.)
Georgetown University (Washington, D.C.)

DAY BY DAY LAYLINE TEAM ACCOUNT - Day 1 of the ICSA/ Layline Team Racing Championships saw plenty of sun, wind and racing. Immediately following the Competitor's Meeting around 9:45am, 13 teams divided into their color-coded boats and headed out to the race course for 54 races. Thanks to the amazing organization of the race committee, all teams were pleased with such a successful start. Group A and B both completed 21 races before the top four teams from each group were separated into a gold fleet to compete for the final four. Tomorrow the competitors will finish a series of 16 races (12 of which were sailed today) to determine the top four. The gold fleet (top 8) includes: Harvard, University of Hawaii, Hobart & William Smith, Georgetown, University of Southern California, Dartmouth, Yale and St. Mary's. Even though Team Racing usually involves multiple protests, on-the-water judging kept racing fair, and the process as a whole more efficient. The forecast for tomorrow predicts the same sail-worthy conditions seen today of winds averaging 15 knots, sunny skies and temperatures in the low 90's.

Sunburnt sailors returned to the race course today for day two of the 2005 ICSA/Layline Team Racing Champs. With their teammates and support groups spectating from floats and tubes as close as 50 ft away from the leeward mark, the competitors were cheered from the first round of the Gold Fleet on through half of the second round. Races began immediately after report time with 10-15 knots of wind and partly cloudy skies holding out through late in the evening. Conditions provided perfect footage for the ESPN camera crews who arrived in the afternoon after an hour-long break between morning consolation round and the Gold Fleet 2 round (the first time in the history of college nationals that racing was suspended for a "TV Time-out"). Everyone is especially excited to see tomorrow's insider footage since cameras will be attached to the masts of each FJ.

So far, the Race Committee has maintained its successful momentum, with one race being

sailed immediately after the next, and up to six teams on the collegiate N-course at once (as one pair of teams is finishing, another can be rounding the weather and off-set mark, as a third begins the starting sequence).

After tomorrow, the second Gold Fleet round will be completed, allowing the top four teams to be named and go into the final four scoring rotation. Currently, Gold Round #1 produced the following high-scoring teams:

Yale
USC/Hobart & William Smith (tied for second)
Harvard

RESULTS—

June 1-5, 2005 - ICSA North American Women's Dinghy Championship :

WINNING TEAM : Harvard

- Genny Tulloch 05
- Emily Simon 07
- Sloan Devlin 06
- Christina Dahlman 07

June 5-7, 2005 - ICSA/Layline North American Team Race Championship:

The following teams have advanced to the Final Four:

- Hobart/ Wm. Smith
- Yale
- Harvard
- USC

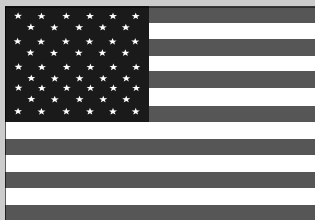
For complete final score listings and a full report, please see the website at <http://collegesailing.org/nas/spring05/>.



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