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Monthly Newsletter

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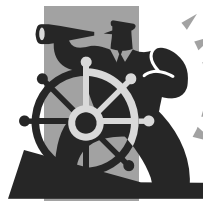
AYC Business Hours

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

From The Commodore By Danny Lien



Encampments of Boat People to Invade the AYC Point:

I have been warned. According to the UT Sailing Team, when the Dinghy Spring Championships are here June 1-10, for each of the three regattas, we can expect collegiate teams to set up tent encampments around the point. I don't know if teams are establishing territory (**Fred's** dogs may find a crowded point at dusk.), setting up massage tables for weary sailors, or perhaps building student study stations.

Our very own J80 circuit sailors maybe should come down for the evenings and show the college kids just how sailors build a bonfire and sing a few folk songs. (Unlike at DCYC, the AYC Commodore is not expected to call the local fire department.)

Be warned: AYC is storing gasoline if needed for **Terry McDermott's** watchful Truck ("Old Blue"). If you leave any boat, any loose trailer, or other piece of sailing

scrap on the point just prior to the Championships, you can expect **Terry** and his band of volunteers to move it out to the back forty to make way for the big-top tent and bleachers. Immediately after the dust settles and boats from Turn-back clear out, both AYC mast hoists and the North Ramp will be off-limits. Plan now if you will soon need to raise or lower your stick.

Who is coming? *Reprinted below from Scuttlebutt Website:

** The qualifying entries for the 2005 ICSA North American Women's Dinghy Championship regatta is now complete. Hosted by the University of Texas at the Austin Yacht Club on Lake Travis, June 1-3, the teams are (listed by district) MAISA: St. Mary's College of Maryland, US Naval Academy, Georgetown University, Old Dominion University, Hobart & William Smith College; MCSA: University of Wisconsin, University of Minnesota; NEISA: Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth, Brown,

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Spring Regatta Race Results

PHRF/Class A Fleet:

1: Schroth, F. 2: Welles, C. 3: Taylor, K.
4: Singstad, C./Pullen, T.

PHRF/Class B Fleet:

1: Henrickson, J. 2: Ethridge, R. 3: Laws, D.

Non-Spinnaker Fleet:

1: Wesson, S. 2: Johnson, R. 3: Northrup, B.
4: Payne, G.

One Design/J/29 Fleet:

1: Young, S. 2: Shull, R. 3: Tillinghast, J.

One Design/SC21 Fleet:

1: Cockle, J. 2: Burke, J. 3: Reynolds, K.
4: Kilpatrick, M.

Portsmouth/Portsmouth A:

1: Kuc, J. 2: Casto, J. 3: Stevens, R. 4: Crouch, B.

Portsmouth/Portsmouth B:

1: Dekeyser, D. 2: Bach, L. 3: Bach, S.

Centerboard Regatta Race Results

Sunfish:

1: Senneff, S. 2: Snyder, D. 3: Rabbitt, J. 4: Gust, G.

Laser:

1: Peckover, D. 2: Grogono, D. 3: Moore, B. 4: Baker, J.

Snipe:

1: Keckler, S. 2: Williams, S. 3: Culver, K. 4: Adam, D.

Portsmouth A:

1: Luckenbach, D. 2: Little, E. 3: Fish, S. 4: Powers, R.

Portsmouth B:

1: Wesson, S. 2: Garza, R. 3: Loehlin, J. 4: Gillilan, B.

Please Note: This publication of AYC's Spring and Centerboard 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 of AYC's Spring and Centerboard Regatta Race Results conflicts with information published in the AYC webpage at www.austinyachtclub.org, the AYC webpage shall control.



**Salsa Lessons on May 13
& 27th after hamburgers
on beer can night!**



2005 Racing Schedule

May 1	AYC Centerboard Regatta (day 2 of 2)
May 4,11,18,25	Wed. Night Sunfish/Laser Series
May 6,13,20,27	Keel Fleet Beer Can Series (Salsa lessons on May 13 & 27 after hamburgers!)
May 14, 15	South Coast Intergalactics
May 15	Summer Series #1 (J24) (FWS 1:30 p.m.)
May 22	Summer Series #2 (Keel D) (FWS 1:30 p.m.)
May 27-29	Turnback Canyon Regatta
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 #1
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

May 5, 7	Beginning Adult Keel Fleet Clinic
May 9,10	Texas Parks & Wildlife Boater Safety Class
May 14	Racing Clinic
May 23	Full Moon Raft-Up
May 24	Membership Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
May 26	AYC Board Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
May 27	New Member Social (6:00 p.m.)
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 Holiday Party and Luau
July 9	Children PB & J Clinic
July 21	Full Moon Raft-Up
August 19	Full Moon Raft-Up

Editor's Note: Your Editor's new e-mail address is: ymares@earthlink.net. Please send all articles to the new address. Thank you!



**May 28-29,
2005**

Austin Yacht Club and the Lago Vista Boat Owners Association invite you to bring

your sailboat, whether it is a monohull, multihull or centerboard, to beautiful [Lake Travis](#) (near Austin, Texas) and participate in the 2005 edition of the Turnback Canyon Regatta.

This Memorial Day weekend regatta is the oldest regatta in Central Texas, dating back to the early 1950's. Turnback is a two-day long distance regatta which starts in the vicinity of AYC on the morning of Saturday May 28th.

The course winds roughly 22 miles up the serpentine river channel of Lake Travis, ending at the Turnback Canyon cove which is part of the Bar-K Ranch community park at Lago Vista.

The boats anchor for the night and the participants enjoy socializing, dinner, and music Saturday evening.


Sunday morning, May 29th, the boats follow the reverse course back to AYC where we will close

out the event with more socializing and food as part of the regatta recognition ceremonies.


This regatta typically draws a large number of participants, so a wide variety of one design class racing is available as well as a multitude of handicap fleets. Whether you're sailing a keelboat, a multihull, or a centerboard boat you're sure to find plenty of spirited competition.

While most participants will be racing, if you're not interested in that the event also offers a non-competitive but fun cruising class for those who still want to enjoy the distance sailing, socializing, food, and entertainment. There will be special prizes just for this cruising class.

At this time of year the prevailing southeasterly winds often provide for fast and exciting sailing, with plenty of long runs and reaches (bring your spinnaker if you have one!). Central Texas summer weather has usually started to settle in by this date, so come prepared for the sun and heat but the good news is water temperature should be warm enough for comfortable swimming.



Wednesday Night Laser and Sunfish Racing has started, from 6pm 'til dark!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR AYC LUAU SATURDAY, JULY 2

Are you artsy-crafty? Helpers needed to make floral decorations and to decorate the club the day of the luau.

Is your middle name "Bobby Flay"? Helpers needed for food prep and cooking the day of the luau.

Do you like to eat? Helpers needed for food serving line (includes unlimited nibbling at the food buffet table).

Are you the last one to leave the party? Helpers needed for clean up (no telling what interesting artifacts people will leave behind).

Do you want to come to the luau but don't know what to do with your kids? A helper is needed to coordinate baby sitting services at the club.

Lastly - EVERYONE is welcome to help cook the pig during the pig roast.

Sign up sheet in AYC office.

Race Commander News By Bill Hawk



On Course-Side...

The racing season seems to be off to a good start at the Austin Yacht Club in 2005. We've completed the Spring Series, and are about to start the Summer Series. Turnout for all of the series racing has been great – we've averaged over fifty boats on the line each weekend, and had almost seventy racers on Opening Day. Individual fleet participation is up as well, for the most part – it's amazing what a full lake, good wind, and warm weather will do!

We've also successfully finished two of the four regattas scheduled for the year: the Spring Regatta to Lakeway, and the Centerboard Regatta. Unfortu-

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Spring Series Recap

While **Dave Broadway's Superman** program won the recently completed Spring Series, he had to work a lot harder than maybe in the past for this one as he won by only 1 point over a hard charging **Ohh Ahh!** team put together by **Dave Gamble** featuring guest driver **Danny Lien**. **Tony Slowik's Yikes!** team was third and **Butch & Pam Wilson's Aeolian** all women crew (by far the best looking bunch of the fleet as far as I could tell!) finished just one point behind **Yikes!** to round out the top 4. Congratulations to all of you!

And it is important to say that the fleet as a whole had a pretty good series as we had 10 different J/24s compete during the Spring Series and averaged close to 7 boats per race...making our Fleet the second most active one design fleet in the series. And looking ahead we will have another regular back in time for the start of the next AYC Series (the Summer Series) as **Charlie Singstad's Shad-owfax** is back in commission after being sidelined for most of the series due to a mast stepping accident. More boats, more fun...let the Spring Series momentum keep rolling!

Cowtown Stampede

Five AYC J/24s made the trip to Eagle Mountain Lake outside of Ft. Worth to participate in the Ft. Worth Boat Club stop of the J/24 Texas Circuit last month. The 21 boat fleet had plenty of shifty breeze on Saturday that had teams pulling out the jib for most the day. But it was back to genoa weather on Sunday in a dying Easterly. With all the variable conditions, consistency (really minimizing mistakes!) was the key to staying in the top of the standings and AYC's **mr. happy** team ended up winning overall without ever winning a race but also without ever getting tagged with a 2 digit score (the only boat to pull that off!). But Lake Travis seems to be a good training ground for racing in fluky wind as 3 of the top 5 boats hailed from AYC; **Roger Harden's Gucci Wet Spot** took second (with 2 bullets) and **Tony Slowik's Yikes!** (sporting some new hull graphics) rounded out the top 5, taking a well deserved bullet also! You can check

out all scores on the USJCA District 14 website (<http://home.austin.rr.com/j24district14/>). You can also check out a lot of great action shots of the fleet at <http://www.ecoreimaging.com/ptg45/mc/List.asp?SID=45&EID=171>, courtesy of Sue Bodycomb of YachtShots.



Guess who (hint: look at the kite!) leading the circuit fleet in race 4 of the Cowtown Stampede ...



Roger Harden setting up for a jibe at the offset mark on his way to one of his 2 Stampede bullets.

The next J/24 Texas Circuit stop will be near Wichita (yeah Kansas!) over Memorial Day weekend. This stop is also the USJCA Southwest Region's 2006 World Qualifier (which will be held in Melbourne, Australia). Whether you are planning on

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Catalina 22 Fleet News By John Grzinich



There has been plenty of Catalina 22 action on the water for the spring series races. The series was a Genoa only series (we alternate between Genoa and Spinnaker formats). We had excellent turnout for each race day. In the 3rd series race day we put 11 boats on the line. For the Series we averaged 7.9 boats starting per race, the 2nd highest fleet in AYC series, earning our own start in the last race day. 13 different boats raced in the series. Our C22 fleet did race committee for the 4th race day, so the series was decided in the fifth and final race day. With 2 races each race day of a series, after 8 races the trophy winners were: **Wade Bingaman** won 1st place, **Ted Owens** 2nd place, **Jordan Owens** 3rd place, and **Andy Rogers** took 4th place. The winners went home with one of those beautiful new 3 dimensional wood sailboat trophies **Wade** ordered for the series. **Wade Bingaman** (right) spring series C22 champ shows off his beautiful trophy with fleet member **Peter Broberg** (left) admiring.



C22 Fleet 69 (AYC) has 4 boats registered for the Gold Fleet and Spinnaker Fleet at the C22 Nationals in June at nearby Canyon Lake. We will be using the 1st several races of the summer series to get our boats, captains, and crew ready. The next series is a spinnaker series for C22's, but it's not mandatory. We've also set up a boat tuning day to do some boat to boat match racing to help fine tune our set ups for the Nationals, check out new sails, and give the crew some practice time outside of a formal race event. Since there will be many boats sailing with Bartlett sails at the C22 nationals this

year, including Dallas and Canyon Lake boats, **John Bartlett** will on the lake Sunday for the practice race with his pontoon boat providing feedback, tips, and coaching as we sail.

I want to give a special thanks to **Bruce Foster** in our fleet for all the recent back to back weekend volunteer work. **Bruce** worked Race Committee for Spring Regatta, and was Regatta Chair for the Centerboard regatta (as well as chef – cooking up the sausages). Thanks **Bruce!**

We'll see y'all on the lake for the summer series. And don't forget about Turnback, it's a great event for C22's since you can anchor up close to shore line in the cove at Bar K ranch, and actually use a C22 for what it was originally intended, camping out, and sleeping outdoors on it.

South Coast 21 Fleet News

By John Cockle



Hi All,

I want to clear up any confusion about SC intergalactics(the confusion may be my own...). It will be held May 14th and 15th.

The Spring Regatta was one crazy week-end, lots of wind for the most part. I heard stories of parts breaking and bending and crew bending and falling (almost in) but it was Fun. **John Burke** won the Trophy for fastest corrected time!!!! and the SCoasters were the only fleet to have a fleet in the regatta. 5 boats!!!!!!

- **John Burke**
- **John Cockle**
- **Kevin Reynolds**
- **Camden Bobek, Nancy Nitardy and Mike Kilpatrick**
- And the newest SC owners, **Yolanda and Adolph Mares**.

John Burke took two bullets on Saturday and in the beginning of race 3 on Sunday the **Itimidator** broke her Main halyard, but did finish the race. **Kevin Reynolds** on Saturday got a late start because of all the congestion on the rigging dock

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Membership News By Doug Laws



You are invited to attend the New Members Social scheduled at 6:00 pm, May 27th, just before the Beer Can race. Please come early for snacks, meet new members and take them sailing.

New Senior Members

Scott Fish was approved for senior probationary membership. **Scott** has extensive racing and sailing experience and plans to race a Flying Scott and teach his three sons to sail and race.

Vassil Papageorgiou was approved for Senior probationary membership. **Vassil** is learning to sail, taking lessons and buying a Catalina 25. He may also be looking for a crew slot during his probationary period.

Adolph and Yolanda Mares have applied for change of membership status from Associate to Senior. They have bought **Bob Freeman's** SC 21 and raced it in the Spring Regatta.

New Associate Members

Josh Belury has applied for Associate Probationary Membership. **Josh** has been very active in the Sea Scout and Junior sailing programs here at AYC.

Senior Probationary Review

Sara Makielski, Linda Donovan, Jane Scott and **Ronnie Witcher** have all satisfactorily completed their probationary requirements for racing and club volunteer activities and have been approved for full senior membership. Welcome.

Young Adult Members

Jordan Owens joined AYC in June 2004 and has

been approved for change to Young Adult Membership.

Resignations

Larry Hill & Rebecca Waddell have purchased a house near Canyon Lake and do not anticipate being in the Austin area enough to justify continuing membership at AYC. They have requested to resign effective May 1st. Please visit and race when you can.

Non Resident

Phil & Brenda Spletter are no longer coming to Austin on a regular basis and have requested change of membership status to Non Resident. We hope you are able to move back to Texas when circumstances permit, and resume full membership.

10 Year Ol' Salt

Bob & Ann Freeman have been members since 1985 and are over 62 years old. They have sold their boat and requested change to 10 Year Ol' Salt Membership.

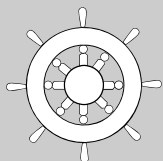
Leave of Absence

Sheryl Perier has moved to Wylie, Texas which is more than 200 miles from Austin. She has been approved for a membership change to Leave of Absence.

AYC Membership Status

	Mar EOM	Add	Sub	Apr EOM
Senior	343	3	5	341
Associate	14	1	1	14
Young Adult	5	1		6
Juniors	14			14
Ol'Salt 10 Year	12	1		13
Non Resident	7	1		8
Total Paying Members	395			396

Board Report By Danny Lien



AYC Long Range Planning Committee April 2005 Report to the Board:

ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES

- The Employee Handbook will be reviewed each year by the LRPC to determine the necessity for changes.
- The AYC LLC documents will be reviewed by

outside qualified legal support to determine how AYC might clarify and tighten the management protocols among the AYC entities, as well as distribution of funds from the entities to AYC.

- The LRPC will review the current budget timing and attempt to make recommendations to ensure more continuity of the budget from Board to Board.
- The LRPC will make recommendations on cash reserve issues and borrowing limits.

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Connecticut College; NWICSA: University of Washington; PCIYRA: Stanford, USC; SAISA: College of Charleston, Eckerd College; SEISA: Texas A&M University at Galveston.

<http://www.collegesailing.org> and <http://www.texassailing.org>

At time of this writing only the Women's qualifiers are complete. Coed qualifiers will be completed in all districts by week's end and Team Racing qualifiers should be complete about one week later.

Vic Manning is looking for a few more RC volunteers for the three Regattas. And if your home is a short commuting distance from the Club and you wish to house a race judge, you can email **Gail Bernstein** gcb@austin.rr.com as she is coordinating judge's accommodations. Do realize that individual judges may be only officiating in one of the three regattas so a new group may show up every few days.

Sunfish and Laser series startup: One thing never seems to change here at AYC. On early Wednesday evenings with little to no motor boat traffic on the lake and good evening winds, about 40 diehard sailors

can be seen furiously rigging their boats so as not to miss the first whistle. I know that many other Texas' Club sailors are envious of AYC's Wednesday racing opportunity. I plan to try it next week but I will be in costume so as not to be noticed at the back of the pack. I have got to learn to steer sometime, what better way?

AYC Women's Boat-handling Skills Group:

OK-I'm not sure what they really call themselves. I do know however that a good number of AYC women met this past week with the purpose of each choosing a crew position to learn and perfect, all toward an upcoming AYC Women's Match Race Series. I can't compete as I can't pass the entry physical, but I am pretty excited that the women's sailing group got organized so quickly. I even offered to loan 'my' boat. If you are interested, try contacting **Carolyn Wilsford**, or **Linda McDavitt** for more info.

Change of Gate Code: I told you last month that one of the privileges of being Commodore is that I get to select the gate code. Last month I told you the new alpha code was W-I-N-E or numerically 9-4-6-3. For political correctness and other reasons the alpha code has been changed. Please make a note of the new code, W-I-N-D, numerically 9-4-6-3.



The LRPC believes that more emphasis should be placed on AYC publicity. A recommendation will be presented to the AYC Board suggesting ways to implement this project.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

- The LRPC will study the feasibility of adding a second floor to the AYC Club House
- The LRPC will determine the requirements and costs associated with excavating beneath Docks 5 and 6 and will create a plan that can be implemented when the lake level drops enough to accomplish the plan.
- The LRPC will determine what information has already been gathered and what licenses are currently in place regarding the building of a breakwater across part of the north cove. If it is feasible, the LRPC will devise a plan to be implemented when budget and conditions are favorable.

The LRPC will study ways to improve the traffic patterns and approaches to the South Ramp.

MEMBERSHIP

The LRPC plans to survey existing members in an attempt to determine how we can attract new sailors to AYC and how we can keep the existing members more active.

HISTORY AND ARCHIVING

- The LRPC will study the current record keeping practice and make recommendations to maintain proper archiving of pertinent documents.

The LRPC, along with input from founding members and other long-time members, will attempt to reconstruct the history of AYC which will be made available to the membership and prospective members.

Committee Members: **Hap McCollum** (Chair), **Lanelle Montgomery**, and **Bob Goldsmith**.



Better late than never!

With half of the Spring Series in the books, **Bill Hawk** had yet to make an appearance with the fleet. And, when asked if he might join us to finish out the series, casually replied that he might, but wouldn't take it

too seriously, he had a bit of work to do on the boat and so forth. Well, help us all if he actually starts trying, because coming to start for the first time this year on April 10, and sailing with his crew of **Bill Curra** and AYC member **John Durfor**, picked up two first place finishes! They managed to achieve this feat against seven other competitors, one of the largest Ensign fleets to come out for quite some time.

Also coming out for the first time this year was **Robin Drummond**, not on her own boat, but sailing as crew with **Randolph Bertin** and **Tom Nelson**. **Robin** indicated that she might bring her Ensign to the start line later this year, but wants to get her feet wet with some beer can starts beforehand and get more comfortable with the boat. Whether as a skipper in the future, or as crew in the present, it's nice to have her join the fleet for a bit of racing excitement.

It certainly was exciting to have such a great turnout of boats on the water. But with the large number of boats seeing action, availability of crew was spread somewhat thin, and **Tom Groll** and **James Wilsford** ended up sailing their boats single handed (which for **Tom** included flying a spinnaker!).

Sailing conditions for the day were almost ideal, with moderate breezes and temperatures (though on the downwind legs there was just a hint of warm, humid summer in the air). There seemed to be a bit of jockeying back and forth between the boats in both races, though with a definite split into two groups: those flying spinnakers were in front, those not were bringing up the back. In spite of boats changing places on different legs, when the last boat crossed the line, the final ordering

was remarkably similar, with the top four spots in both races being claimed in exactly the same order by skippers **Bill Hawk**, **Jonathan Baker**, **Frans Dahmen**, and **Tom Groll** respectively.

The second place finishes for **Jonathan**, sailing with **Sarah Baker** and **Will Angst** aboard *J. Seagull*, cemented their lead in the series, and with only one race day remaining, effectively locked up the title. The race for second and third however was very tight with about four other boats having a reasonable opportunity to place in the standings.

The Series Finale

The conclusion to the series on April 17 saw another beautiful sailing day, again with moderate breezes, mostly cloudy, and still cool. A sherrif's boat was hanging about ominously near the starting line, but didn't seem to interfered with day's activities.

Apparently another sailboat, though, did interfere with **Ken Jolly's** activities. He had checked in with his *Electra*, but during the start sequence, a collision with said boat resulted in a ripped genoa unfortunately ending **Ken's** bid to round the buoys before it began. Hopefully this won't deter him from coming out to re-join the fleet at a later date.

Another casualty had occurred during the week before the race, as **Tom Groll** found himself with a broken gooseneck on Ensign 578. With his own boat out of commission, he and **Kelly Groll** joined **James Wilsford** (who was NOT keen on sailing single handed again) aboard *Esmeralda*.

This still left six boats to start the final pair of races. To make things interesting the race committee set us up for a rare triangle course on the first race, followed by a Gold Cup on the second.

Randolph Bertin, sailing with **Tom Nelson**, **Robin Drummond**, and **Fred Deboes**, managed to eke out a bit of a moral victory by reaching the windward mark first in the opening race of the day (despite a pretty bad start). Now, all it would take is several more legs just like that one and victory would be in the bag. However, a late decision to go ahead and fly the spinnaker, plus getting the spinnaker fouled when rounding the jibe mark of the triangle course allowed much of the fleet to

overtake them going downwind. And though finishing near the back of the fleet in both races, still had a great time and felt good about their improvement.

The combination of **James Wilsford** with **Tom** and **Kelly Groll** appeared to be a winning one for the day, as they built up a large lead and held on to claim the top spot in the final race of the series, after finishing 9 seconds out of first in the day's opening race.

And it was **Bill Hawk** who turned in yet another fine performance aboard *Prickly Pair* with help from **Bill Curra** and **John Durfor**, swapping places with **James Wilsford** by picking up a first in the first race, followed by a second in the second. Combining this with the previous week's victories, plus two dropped scores from one of the missed race days, resulted in a surprising third place finish in the series (well, if not surprising to **Bill**, it sure seemed so to a number of other fleet members.)

Frans Dahmen, sailing with his father **Karel** (85 years old and still going strong), sailed near the middle of the fleet for both races, which, combined with their high finishes early in the series, provided a low enough score to claim second overall in the series.

The **McKennas** sailing with regular crewman **Carl Meyers** kept much of the fleet in front of them for the day, which left them just one point shy of third place overall.

Close Competition

A number of AYC members have remarked upon the resurgence of the Ensign fleet, and we averaged six boats per race during the series, with a high of eight. It is also a very competitive fleet top to bottom, as we had five different skippers pick up a first place finish in the eight races that we completed: **Jonathan Baker**, **Frans Dahmen**, **Bill Hawk**, **Tim McKenna**, and **James Wilsford**. Although **Jonathan** won the series going away with his consistent performance, the spread between second place and fourth was very close. And every second counts, as we had several races and places decided by fewer than five seconds.

The summer series is next up, with the first of five race days beginning May 15th, and if the past is a reliable guide, it should be another competitive se-

ries. Hopefully we will continue to have good turnouts and a good time. Speaking of which, the Ensign fleet is planning to have a cookout after the opening of the summer series. So plan to stick around for a little while after the races and enjoy some burgers, hot dogs, and other fare (maybe we will finally get around to sampling the Scotch Mist).

In other news, **Jim Casto** has been busy racing his Catamaran this spring, having competed in four regattas so far, placing 2nd in three of them, and 3rd in another. He plans to join the Ensign fleet a bit more after Mother's Day as the Catamaran racing season winds down. **Jonathan Baker** also mixed it up in the AYC centerboard regatta at the end of April, sailing on his Laser.

The Coast Guard gives us the once over...

Off the course, several Ensign fleet members availed themselves of the opportunity to have their boats looked over by some Coast Guard personnel who volunteered their time to help us ensure compliance with various safety rules and regulations. I'm not sure who "passed" and who didn't, but **Tom Nelson** did discover an ulterior motive in their visit: recruiting! It was brought to **Tom's** attention that even though his daughter is only seven, it isn't too early to start thinking about a career in the Coast Guard.

Odds and Ends

Jim Casto has an extra spinnaker pole if anyone needs one.



First and second place finishers with their awards. Bill Hawk, who finished third, was handing out the trophies.

A History of the Luau

By Robbie Nelson

GET READY FOR AYC'S ISLAND LUAU AND DANCE PARTY on Saturday, July 2, 2005!

Here's a little history of the luau for your reading enjoyment. Don't worry, you can use silverware at AYC's luau!

(reprinted from www.hawaii-luaus.com)

In ancient Hawaii, men and woman ate their meals apart. Commoners and women of all ranks were also forbidden by the ancient Hawaiian religion to eat certain delicacies. This all changed in 1819, when King Kamehameha II abolished the traditional religious practices. A feast where the King ate with women was the symbolic act which ended the Hawaiian religious taboos, and the luau was born.

The favorite dish at these feasts is what gave the luau its name. Young and tender leaves of the taro plant were combined with chicken, baked in coconut milk and called luau.

The traditional luau feast was eaten on the floor. Lauhala mats were rolled out and a beautiful centerpiece made of ti leaves, ferns and native flowers about three feet wide was laid the length of the mat. Bowls filled with poi, a staple of the Hawaiian diet made from pounded taro root, and platters of meat were set out and dry foods like sweet potatoes, salt, dried fish or meat covered in leaves were laid directly on the clean ti leaves.

Much to the consternation of the proper Victorian visitors, utensils were never used at a luau, instead everything was eaten with the fingers. Poi of various consistencies got its name from the number of fingers needed to eat it... three finger, two finger, or the thickest, one finger poi.

A guest at King Kalakaua's coronation luau in 1883 described the lavish decorations typical of the traditional luau, "Tables were draped with white, but the

entire tops were covered with ferns and leaves massed together so as almost to form a tablecloth of themselves; quantities of flowers were placed about mingling with the ferns... The natives had turned out in great numbers, and the scent of their leis of flowers and maile leaves was almost overpowering."

These royal luaus tended to be big. One of the largest ever was hosted by Kamehameha III in 1847. The list of foods prepared included 271 hogs, 482 large calabashes of poi, 3,125 salt fish, 1,820 fresh fish, 2,245 coconuts, 4,000 taro plants and numerous other delicacies. King Kalakaua, who was known as the "Merry Monarch" for his love of parties and dance, invited over 1500 guests to his 50th birthday luau. They were fed in shifts of 500!

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but did very well. **Camden Bobek**, **Nancy Nitardy**, and **Mike Kilpatrick**, who had just finished fixing and tuning **Panacea**, did quite well too.

It was great to have 161 out there again with **Yolanda and Adolph Mares** racing **Cloud 9** the first time they sailed her. Welcome to the fleet!!!!

Somehow we (**Blue Bell**) got First!!!! My consistent inconsistency seemed to have gone away for the weekend, with 3, 2 and a 1 we took first by one point. **John Burke** had a mere 1,1 and a most impressive 5 for a total of 7 points.

Thanks to **Bruce McDonald** for the pictures and to both **Bruce** and **Charles Pope** for doing race committee.

New Member Social

There will be a New Member social on Friday, May 27th at 6:00pm. This will be just before the Beer Can race. You are invited to come to the social, meet new members, enjoy snacks and beverages and take them sailing if they want to crew. This will also be Friday night registration for the Turnback Canyon regatta, so come on out for festivities!

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nately, turnout for these events was not as high as for our series races. We've reduced the amount of racing this year, in an attempt to concentrate participation into the fewer regattas that are held. Since this does not seem to be working the way we wanted it to, I'd love to hear from those of you who didn't come out as to why you didn't.

In my completely biased opinion, the Race Committee for all events has been of very high quality. The communication between the fleets and the RC has been good, and we're going to work hard to keep providing what is requested for good races. In exchange, though, we need your help – Turnback Canyon is at the end of May, and volunteers are needed from **all** of the fleets to work Race Committee one or both days. Expect to hear from your fleet captains (more than once!) about this opportunity.

I'd like to thank the volunteers for the RC for the first two regattas of the year. These folks braved cooler-than-normal and very windy conditions to run a couple of great events. A new scoring program was given a "test drive" for both events, as well, and seems to work much better than the old one. For the Spring Regatta, the chase boats were manned on Saturday by **Butch & Pam Wilson** and **Bruce McDonald, Susie Corcoran, and Jeremy Frank**. On Sunday, the chase boat duties were handled by **James & Carolyn Wilsford, Charles Pope, Dane Ohe** and **Steve Keckler**. The event PRO was **Pat Manning**, who was helped by **Bob Leonard, Chris Bataille, Bruce Foster, Vic Manning, and Larry Ratliff**, who also did an excellent job scoring the regatta with the new program. The Centerboard Regatta was run by **Mike Kilpatrick**, with support from **Ray Shull, Jim Johnstone, Bobby Crouch, Margo Kamin, Tony Slowik, Hans Schuster, Winston Bumpus, John Grzinich, Bruce McDonald, Bill Hawk, Dan Wilson, Doug Laws, Frank Woodul, and Michael McCall**. Scoring for this event was handled by **JoAnn Welles**. So next time you see them, please take a minute to thank each of these folks for their hard work and time – and come out to work a race once in a while. It's a great way to meet new people, watch the excitement from front row seats, and maybe even learn something about racing and race management.

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taking your boat, want to crew, or are just curious, you should check out the NOR, which is on the before mentioned D14 website.



mr. happy getting ready to turn upwind at the leeward gate with Dave Broadway's chute pressing in the background .

Fleet Participation Trophy Scores

Now that Spring Series is over **Tom** has tallied up the Fleet Participation Trophy points to date. This is one of the two Fleet recognition trophies to be presented at our annual year end party, the other being the Fleet Championship Trophy. Checkout my last Telltale article on the AYC website if you missed my report on these new annual Fleet Trophies.

Tom is tracking the Participation Trophy standings by days of series participation (originally it was stated as being per series race). **Tom** felt that even if, worst case, we all go out and end up drifting around until they fly the abandon flag, your participation should count for the day since you took the time to put together a crew and rig your boat. This also allows for the situation where you may start the second race of the day but not finish it; since series RCs tends to score that as a DNC (since they don't track starters, if you don't finish the second race of the day they don't know to score you DNF). Since **Tom** will be keeping independent records from RC, he will account for those rare situations (but I am sure he would not mind help on that from you as needed!). As you can see from the current standings below, it is already a tight set of scores...

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Superman	Dave Broadway	5
Ohh Ahh!	Dave Gamble	5
3 Sheets to the Wind	Tommy Pullin	5
Aeolian	Butch Wilson	4
Out of Control	Stephen Burke	4
Yikes!	Tony Slowik	3
Ammo Box	Joe Mancuso	3
Running on Empty	Ryan Harden	2
Shadowfax	Charlie Singstad	2
Mr. happy	B. Harden/Nelson	1

Series RC Volunteers Needed

Yep, it has finally arrived...our Fleet's turn to run some series races! Specifically J/24s have series RC duty for the opening weekend of Summer Series, May 15th. As usual, we will need about 10 people. **Tom** along with **Robbie** and I are already signed up but we will obviously need some of you to help out also. Since the weekend before is Mother's Day you will have already punched the "family obligation ticket" so no excuse there! :-)
Tom said in a pinch he could be PRO but if you have ever felt like trying out being PRO, this is a great time as the 3 of us can be your back-up with you on the main RC boat...it really is true that being in charge of running the races gives you additional insight to how races are managed, something that you can put in your back pocket toward being a sharper competitor next time! But even if being PRO for a day is not your desire, we still need a timer, several mark boat people and some score scribes. Please contact **Tom** (tom@bevobus.com or 695-2493) to sign up before he calls you! Plan on being at the club around noonish...

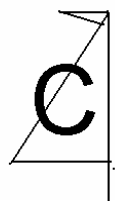
And speaking of Fleet RC commitments, we should all thank **Pam and Butch Wilson** for representing the J/24 Fleet as part of the recent Spring Regatta RC...Thanks guys!

Next Fleet Social

Since our Fleet has RC duty the traditional first series weekend of our Fleet Socials, our Summer Series social will be the following Sunday on May 22nd. The event will be coordinated by **Pam Wilson**, but more so than ever, the theme really depends on the Fleet's participation to make it as fun

as it is designed to be since it is a "build your own sub" party! The fleet will provide some of basics to make your sub (bread, deli meat, cheese, mustard & mayo) but the real party angle to this social is to bring something 'special' to jazz things up. Some ideas could include things like fancy cheese or other spreads, marinated mushrooms/artichokes, specialty deli meats, sweet or dill pickles, sweet or hot peppers, roasted or raw vegetables, olive tapenade, hummus spread, gourmet mustard, relish and/or salad dressing. Of course sub 'sides' like potato chips, potato salad, cole slaw, etc. are always welcome also. With the long break from Series racing ending for us that day, boat owners will be ready to get back on the water so there will be plenty of good crew openings available. Be sure to come out to race that afternoon and then plan on heading over to the J/24 picnic area near the north boat ramp afterwards to build your masterpiece sub and hear what everyone else has to say about the day's racing!

C Fleet News By Deke DeKeyser



Time flies when you're having fun! It's hard to believe but the spring series is now history. In all, C Fleet had six different boats that participated in at least one race and the fleet averaged just under four boats per race. A respectable, but not great turn out. This was partially due to the fact that two of our normally most active members could not sail this series. **Jim Henrickson** was out of town on business during the series and **Bob Perry** is recuperating from surgery. The word is that **Bob's** progressing well. We all wish him a speedy recovery and are looking forward to seeing him back on the lake later this summer. As for the series itself, **Walter Dwyer** made it look easy with three bullets in the first three races to clinch the series first place. Coming on strong and showing some new bursts of speed was **Doug Laws** with a 2nd and two firsts to finish in second place. The following is the complete list of results.

PLACE	NAME	BOAT
1 st	Walter Dwyer	Pearson 26
2 nd	Doug Laws	SanJuan 7.7
3 rd	Ted Scardamali	Columbia 8.7
4 th	Deke DeKeyser	Bongo
5 th	Dave Lewis	SanJuan 7.7
6 th	Steve Gay	Pearson Triton

Spring Regatta Photos

Courtesy of Bruce McDonald



A Spring Regatta Love Story

We fell in love again this weekend. We took her out on her first date...her maiden voyage. She didn't realize it was a Regatta. We weren't going to tell her. It was a surprise. When she touched the water, we were a little nervous. Was she going to like it? Hopefully, she didn't have any "baggage", we thought anxiously. It was going to be along day. So, we took it easy. The wind was blowing pretty hard. We pulled on this and that, nice and slow. She didn't complain. She kept pretty level. So, we took the next step....we raised her jib and pulled her in nice and tight. She leaned over and she loved it! She wanted to keep pointing at the wind, even when we were abeam! What a girl! No winching required. We love every minute with her. We eased up on her, then pulled her tight, leaned back, and watched her go! She didn't hesitate, no groaning, no strange sounds. We became a little worried when we saw the big belly on her main! But, that's o.k. After all, at 31 she wasn't a spring chicken anymore! There's no telling how old that main was! We didn't care. We were together for two glorious days this weekend! After the first day, we tucked her in her guest slip, wished her a good night, went home, turned on the computer, and watched her on the AYC videocam. Relieved at the low winds at night, we were able to sleep soundly. But, the very next morning, we woke up bright and early, ready to see her again and to set sail! She seemed so happy and relieved to see us too! We finished out our day together, folded her sails, took her back to her dry sail area, and we told her not to worry ... we would be racing her real soon. We wished her a good night, went home that night, and couldn't put her out of our minds... we were on Cloud 9!



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