



# Telltale

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Monthly Newsletter

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Tuesday: noon—5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday-Sunday: 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Closed Mondays

Closed Club Holidays:

New Year's Day	1 January
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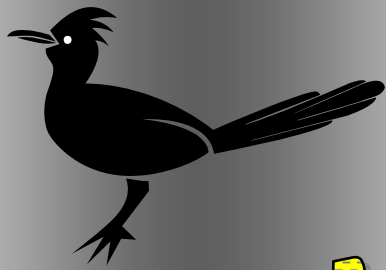
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Cover photo: J-24's and J-22's mix it up at Frostbite (photo by Bill Records)

## Austin Yacht Club 2008 Race Calendar

Jan 19	Frostbite Series Race #1
Jan 26	Frostbite Series Race #2
Feb 2	Frostbite Series Race #3
Feb 9	Frostbite Series Race #4
Feb 16	Frostbite Series Race #5
Feb 23	Race Committee Seminar
Mar 1 – 2	TSA Road Runner Regatta
Mar 16	Spring Series Race #1
Mar 22 – 23	Easter Laser Regatta (Fleet Event)
Mar 30	Spring Series Race #2
Apr 5	Spring Long Distance Regatta
Apr 13	Spring Series Race #3
Apr 20	Spring Series Race #4
Apr 27	Spring Series Race #5
May 4	Spring Series Race #6
May 17	Southcoast Intergalactics (Fleet Event)
May 24 - 25	Turnback Canyon
May 31 – Jun 1	TSA / Area F Mallory Cup Qualifier
Jun 7 - 8	Centerboard Regatta
Jun 14	Summer Series Race #1
Jun 21	Summer Series Race #2
Jul 5 – 6	Keel Fleet Event
Jul 12	Summer Series Race #3
Jul 19	Summer Series Race #4
Jul 26	Summer Series Race #5
Aug 2	Summer Series Race #6
Sep 7	Leukemia Cup Warmup Race #1
Sep 13	Night Race (Fleet Event)
Sep 14	Leukemia Cup Warmup Race #2
Sep 21	Leukemia Cup Warmup Race #3
Oct 4 - 5	Leukemia Cup Regatta
Oct 11 – 12	Sunfish Regionals (Fleet Event)
Oct 19	Winter Series Race #1
Oct 26	Winter Series Race #2
Nov 2	Winter Series Race #3
Nov 9	Winter Series Race #4
Nov 16	Winter Series Race #5
Nov 22	Wild Turkey Regatta (Fleet Event)

**Errata:** Eric Faust was mistakenly listed as the winner of the Hap McCollum Cup and Spinnaker B Fleet in the Red Eye Regatta report on Page 10 of the January 2008 Telltale issue. The skipper and owner of the winning J/22 #1510 was Mark Salih. Mark Salih was the Spinnaker B winner of the Red Eye Regatta and recipient of the Hap McCollum Cup. Our sincere apologies.



# TSA Roadrunner Regatta

## March 1 & March 2

Volunteers are needed! To volunteer or for more information, please contact the AYC office or email Brigitte Rochard at [brigitte-rochard@yahoo.com](mailto:brigitte-rochard@yahoo.com).



## B&G Spring Work Day

### Saturday, March 8th 9am-2pm

Please come out & help with some general cleanup around the club. We'll have a list of specific projects posted on the web site within 2 weeks. Please RSVP to Jim Casto if you know you're coming.



## AYC 2008 Non-Racing Events

February 21	New Member Candidate Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
February 19	J-24 Social
February 28	Board of Directors Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
March 8	B&G Spring Work Day (9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.)
April 6	Catalina 22 Race Seminar (1:30 p.m.)

## From The Commodore

By Bob Goldsmith



The Frostbite series is off and running for its second year under direct AYC management. **Steve Eller** has the race management running at a high level of excellence, and the weather has been all over the place (Frostbite series or not, this is still Austin) which always makes for an interesting

event. The turnout has been very good, and the crowd in the clubhouse after the races large and happy. For those of you who wolfed down every bit of the tomato soup and grilled cheese sandwiches after the first race, be on notice that the Social Wonderwoman **Jeanne Goldsmith** and her Ragin' Food Cajuns' are fixin' up a two gumbos feast for the end of series buffet. And the trophies, which you can preview in the office, may be the best ever this year. Hats off to Trophy Chairman **Wade Bingaman**. There will be a lot of series races this year, and the Frostbite is an auspicious start.

Did you attend Gary Jobson's Keel Fleet sponsored presentation last year? That was a really special evening as we got to hear what it is like to race in the big time from someone who has been there and is a very entertaining speaker to boot. This year US Sailing, which sponsors the speaker series, had not only Jobson but also well known racer and rules expert **Dave Perry** and America's Cup PRO **Peter Reggio** "available" but these guys book up fast. Perry and Reggio are already getting geared up for the next America's Cup series and Jobson will soon be heading to China for the Summer Olympics. AYC will sponsor the event this year and while negotiations are still in progress, it looks like we will be able to get **Gary Jobson** again for a date in April TBA. For an inland YC like us to be able to book celebrity/sailors at the top of our sport is something special, and you will definitely want to be there.

See you out there.



## PB&J registration starts February 15th !

Please see Page 9 in this Telltale for details. For more information and to register: [www.austinyachtclub.net](http://www.austinyachtclub.net)

## Thoughts of Vice

By David Lewis

*A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds, adored by little statesmen, philosophers and divines.*

—Ralph Waldo Emerson in *Essays, First Series, Self Reliance*

[I loved how **Bob Goldsmith** started every article that he wrote for the Telltale last year with a pithy quote. I thought that was really cool. So, I decided follow that path. At least for now; we'll see how it goes.]

Yikes, here we are already over a month into 2008. A new AYC Board with new ideas that run the gamut from heresy to anathema, with a few shining nuggets of genius waiting to be uncovered. It's that time of year where the status quo is questioned and we cast about for someone who can remember why it was that we changed to the way we do it now (whatever "it" may be) and how it was that we used to do it before we changed.

Actually, it's not as bad as all that. A new Board does bring new ideas, as it should, but this Board seems geared more toward evolution than revolution. I do expect to see changes at AYC this year. More little ones than big ones. Most that I'll like, but perhaps some that I'll hate. Some that will last for years, and some that will fade away faster than a wax gloss on old gel coat. But all the changes will have one thing in common—they'll be put forth and championed by people that have only the best interest of AYC at heart. By people that truly want to make AYC an even better institution than it is—that want to leave it stronger and grander than they found it.

As Vice Commodore, my little corner of the world is regattas. I don't expect any big changes there. We're still going to have them, Mostly the same ones that we've had for the past several years—Turnback Canyon, Leukemia Cup, Centerboard Regatta, Road Runner Regatta. We are going to bring Spring Regatta back this year as an official regatta, although it will still be just a one-day event. Building on last year's momentum, the biggest change that we hope to see in regattas is a continuing increase in participation.

While serving on the Board certainly provides a ring-side seat and inside track on change at AYC, we don't have a lock on it by any stretch. **Steve Vaughn** decided last year that he wanted to reverse the declining participation of the Keel Handicap Fleet. And he did. Dramatically. The Long Range Planning Committee, guided last year by **Lanelle Montgomery**, has provided a vision and a template for measured change that should provide a strong thread of continuity and a touchstone of

stability as we grow the AYC of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Other examples abound.

Dr. W. Edwards Deming, one of the world's most renowned quality gurus, used to say that there are two types of organizations—those that are getting better and those that are dying. If you're standing still, you're dying. At AYC, we're not standing still—we're busy trying to separate the foolish consistencies from the noble traditions. If you've got ideas, let us hear them. Silence implies assent.

## Race Commander Report

By Steve Eller

I am happy to report that the 2008 Racing Calendar was approved by the Board at the January Board Meeting. There were a few last minute changes to the final calendar so even if you think you have the final version THROW IT OUT and get the approved version off the website or use the version printed on Page 2 of this Telltale. Thanks again to everyone who participated in this process – your input made for a better schedule of events this year.

The Frostbite Series is off to a great start. We have had 30 – 40 boats each weekend and the weather has been great. If you haven't made it out to race yet you are missing a great opportunity to get "limbered up" for the 2008 racing season. Don't let your competitors get all that practice in without you.

We have a Race Committee Clinic coming up on February 23. This is a great way to learn all of the ins and outs of running races at AYC. Even if you have run races at other yacht clubs, this clinic will help you learn to do things the AYC way. Please make a plan to attend.

I look forward to seeing you out racing at AYC this year!

## Fleet Commander Report

By Christopher Dwight

Harbor News...

**Storage Letters** – Perhaps you are like me and found an unexpected "Storage Letter" in your mailbox. Starting late in 2007, our General Manager **Bob Woods** has been sending out *Friendly Reminder* letters regarding boat and equipment storage in our shared-use areas such as dry out, the work area, the hoist, and the point. As Fleet Commander, I have strongly supported these

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## Sail Training Report

By John Grzinich

During January I had a bunch of committee meetings and did lots of emailing to map out sail training plans for 2008. Some areas are firmer than others. Most important, for parent's working on summer plans for their kids are the PB&J clinics and junior summer camp schedules (see detail below). For more pizzazz and efficiency in our 2008 sail training events, we are purchasing a projector for showing slides and videos.

**Adult Training:** All day adult clinics will be offered similar to last year's clinics with some variation in subjects. There will be racing clinics, and "learn to sail" clinics. The all day clinics will combine both "classroom" and "on the water" training. I am hoping for more cooperation this year with the weather person for the "on the water" sessions. We just started planning for possible "Racing Clinic" in early March so you all can get ready for the "Spring Series". I expect to post the details in a few weeks on AYC's "Adult Training" web pages.

This year, in addition to the full day clinics, we are going to try some short lectures. We know many folks are time constrained these days, so in an effort to accommodate, we'll try some Saturday morning and Thursday evening lectures. We may also have some lectures prior to the Friday beer can races. The idea is to provide a short path from the lecture to the beer can races to quickly practice what they learned shortly after the lectures with their own boat or as crew. All this will depend on level of interest.

We've compiled a smorgasbord of potential sailing topics for clinics and lectures. We can't offer all this, but based upon interest and participation (both students and volunteer instructors) we'll schedule clinics and lectures throughout the year. Feedback will be very important to the adult training plans for 2008. Don't hesitate to email me.

Many thanks to the "Adult Training" committee: **Steve Vaughan, Renee Ruais, and Linda McDavitt** for working on these plans with me and coming up with some great ideas.

**Junior Programs:** Once again, **Doug Kern** and **John Moran** return to run the popular **PB&J program** for our juniors in the age 4-9 range. They've mapped out an excellent schedule for 2008; Detailed information should be online soon, and registration begins Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>.

Now, on to the "**Junior Summer Camp**" plans. Thanks to **Kelly Hawk** and **Linda McDavitt** for working with me on this plan, and to **Johannes Brinkman** for providing

Potential Adult Training		Duration
One Day Beginner Sailing	class+water	full day
Beyond Beginner	class+water	full day
Center Board Racing	class+water	full day
Start Clinic	class+water	full day
Spinnaker Clinic	class+water	full day
PHRF Race Clinic	class+water	half day
One Design Race Clinic	class+water	half day
Windsurfing	class+water	half day
Race Course Tactics	class+water	lecture
Crewing Clinic	class+water	half day
Race Committee Training	class+water	half day
Boat Handling	class	lecture
Boat Buying Skills	class	lecture
Sail Construction and Trim	class	lecture
Men's Sail Camp	class+water	full day
Women's Sail Camp	class+water	full day
Rigging and Deck Layout	class	lecture
Rules Clinic	class	lecture
Mark Roundings	class+water	half day
Heavy Air Sailing	class	lecture
Light Air Sailing	class	lecture
Wind Shifts	class	lecture
Top Racing Tips	class	lecture
Shifting Gears	class	lecture

PBJ Class	Ses-sion	Ages	Time	Dates (Saturdays)
Sailing	Ses-sion 1	4-9	9:30 - 11:00	May 31, June 7, 14, 21
Sailing	Ses-sion 2	4-9	11:00 - 12:30	May 31, June 7, 14, 21
Wind-surfing	Ses-sion 3	7-14	9:30 - 11:00	June 28, July 12, 19, 26
Wind-surfing	Ses-sion 4	7-14	11:00 - 12:30	June 28, July 12, 19, 26
Sailing	Ses-sion 5	4-9	9:30 - 11:00	Aug 2, 9, 16, 23
Sailing	Ses-sion 6	4-9	11:00 - 12:30	Aug 2, 9, 16, 23

excellent advice. The camps are for ages 8-16, and will consist of 4 full week camps, and a 3 day advanced camp prior the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. This is less ambitious than last years plans, but the camp committee feels is one that is affordable and that the camps can be filled to the 20 student capacity. Please see the schedule on Page 7 of this Telltale.

Registration is expected to begin Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. Some information is online now under the Junior Sail Training section of the AYC web site. BTY: We need to hire new instructors this year. We are looking for US Sailing Level 1 Instructors and Sailing Camp Counselors for the summer camp.

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**Frostbite so far:**

Well, the racing season is upon us, so it seems. But I suppose in Austin it is always racing season. Although there have been some (relatively) cold winter days, the weekends to date have been

mild, bordering on warm. Yes, it is handicap racing, but there have been anywhere from four to six Ensigns out racing each weekend (a pretty good turnout considering the number of boats on the hard), so we can keep our own private score (a fleet within the fleet), with no trophies to hand out, of course, but as an unofficial record. A brief synopsis of the series to date:

Frostbite #1: **Bill Hawk** and his daughter **Erin** were joined by **Randolph** and **Jonathan**. After a poor start, Bill pulled out to the front over the initial upwind leg, and stayed there. **Robin Drummond** had **Frans** and **Karel Dahmen** along with **Danny Lien** on board. Although they received a DSQ for failure to check in (Note to Ensign sailors, you MUST check in with race committee at the beginning of the races), they finished a strong second. **Lewis Price** was out racing as well, and had for crew his step daughter and her boyfriend. Though downwind was a bit of a slog for them without a spinnaker, they were \*very\* fast upwind. **James Wilsford** on **Esmeralda** rounded out the fleet that day. Oh, great wind, and with temperatures in the high fifties, it didn't get too chilly.

Frostbite #2: The previous week, **Erin** was squeezed out of the crew rotation by **Randolph** and **Jonathan** taking on all the work. This week **Bill** opted to keep it all in the family, bringing on **Tracy** in addition to **Erin**. They obviously didn't miss anyone as they were untouchable in this light air race, staying in front all the way to the finish. The finish was surely one of the more unusual in recent memory (as in, say, forever). With most of the fleet about 100 to 200 yards from the line, **Eagle** (**Tom Romberg** and **Charlie Arnold**), who had started about 10 minutes late, was maybe half a mile back. Well, most of the fleet sat there drifting en masse (where the masse was something like 20 boats) toward the race-shortened finish line. But the boats WAY back

were drifting slightly faster in a nominally less calm air. And we waited and waited as they drifted down right on top of us and even managed to pass all of us (actually having a bit of momentum to carry them through the fleet) right at the finish! Meanwhile, almost all the boats were overlapped with each other in some way or another (calling out rights! as if anyone could do more than drift at that point...). I'm not exactly sure how the RC was able to sort it all out. **Jonathan, Sarah, Danny** and **Randolph** all on board **J. Seagull** got the worst of it, finishing at the back of the scrum.

Frostbite #3: Good to better wind again, and quite warm. **Jonathan Baker** was sporting shorts and a t-shirt at the helm of **J. Seagull** (joined by **Lewis Price** and **Randolph** as pick-up crew). **Bill Hawk** switching it up again, bringing on **Fred Deboes**, and the two of them sailing with three offspring between them were still untouchable, getting out front and staying there. **Baker** in second, **Drummond/Dahmen** behind that. The fleet did compress briefly on a long upwind leg from D to K, but then spread right back out, accordion style (seems the right side paid off after all). **James Bené** and a friend came out with some younger sailors to start with us and sailed well while they were on the course. **Annie Lancaster** joined **Hap** and **Charlie Arnold** on **Eagle** and they were also looking strong until a spinnaker wrap around the forestay on the initial downwind leg caused what must have seemed like an interminable delay. In any case it dropped them to the back of the fleet, but through hard work and persistence they were able to come back and pass a boat. **James Wilsford** had **Larry Ratliff** on board, and they were joined by Larry's brother **Seth**, where they were taking things relative easy and avoiding spinnaker work (making for what must have seemed like an interminable downwind leg from I to D!). The **Drummond/Dahmen** team continued to sail strong for a third place across the line (except for rounding a mark the wrong direction).

In short, it has been fantastic seeing some boats out competing that haven't seen so much racing time lately: **Dos Locos, Hedonist, Puff Daddy**. It is also great to have some boats starting and racing with us in the spinnaker division even if they aren't flying spinnakers. Now we just need to get some of our other boats fixed up and back on the water (**Festina Lente, Chaparral, Flying Dutchman, Gravy Boat**) and maybe we can manage a ten boat start sometime this spring!

**Obituary:** AYC member **Patricia "Pat" Lane**, born June 30, 1924, died peacefully at home in her sleep on Tuesday, November 20, 2007. Pat embraced her life wholeheartedly, serving in her church and cultivating friendships that endured over her entire lifetime. The many people whose lives she has touched will long remember her down-to-earth humor, her kindness, her hospitality, and her independent spirit. Friends and family members will especially miss her rambunctious cheering during football games, her enthusiasm for playing bridge, and her delicious pecan "sand tart" cookies. Throughout her life, Pat generously shared her home and her love with many people. Her children include Kay Thomas of Ashland, Oregon, Trisha Wallace of Roanoke, Martha McLane of Severna Park, Maryland, and Laura Dailey of Hewitt, Rex Thomas, Jr. of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, Shannon Thomas of Georgetown, and Bill Lane of Lubbock. A memorial service for Pat was held Saturday, January 19, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., at the First Presbyterian Church of Austin. For a fuller chronicle of Pat's life, please visit [www. http://wcfish.com](http://wcfish.com).

## From the Secretary's Desk

By Randolph Bertin

Yes, believe it or not, I am planning to publish a member directory and handbook for the AYC this spring. However, the directory will only be as good as the information inside. And all that information will come from whatever the club has currently recorded for you. PLEASE take a moment to go to the AYC website and update your member information, or mail the form on the right. Maybe you sold a boat last year, or bought one. Or you have a different phone number. I will incorporate any changes made by the end of February.

To update the information on the AYC website: First, go to the home page: <http://austinyachtclub.net/>. Under My Account, there is a drop down menu with "Account Summary" as the first choice. Select that, at which point you will need to provide your ID and password. From your account summary page, you can select from a variety of options on the left hand side of the page (Edit Profile and Address, Manage Phone Numbers, Edit Boat Information, etc.).

Also, if you are interested in sponsoring the directory, please contact me: [secretary@austinyachtclub.net](mailto:secretary@austinyachtclub.net)

In exchange for a contribution, we would be happy to place some information about your company sponsorship (text and graphics) inside the directory.

## AYC Membership Directory

### Information Update

*It's that time of the year again to publish another membership directory! Please update your personal information online at [austinyachtclub.net](http://austinyachtclub.net) or fill out this form and mail or fax it to the AYC office at 5906 Beacon Drive, Austin, Texas 78734-1428, Office FAX: (512) 266-9804.*

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Tel. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/ Partner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Tel. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Tel. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

AYC Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat #1 Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Sail #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fleet: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat #2 Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Sail #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fleet: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat #2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat #3 Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Sail #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fleet: \_\_\_\_\_

## Sail Training... *Continued from Page 5*

We are still in the planning phase for ongoing **Junior Clinics**. In the meantime, **Steve Gay**, fresh from attending US Sailing's National Sailing Programs Symposium

(his report is on the AYC web site and in this Telltale), is active in holding high school practice sessions on Sunday afternoons.

I encourage you to email at [grz22ebox-sailtraining@yahoo.com](mailto:grz22ebox-sailtraining@yahoo.com) with your ideas, needs, and suggestions for sail training activity during 2008. If you are interested in volunteering for sail training planning, or teaching, please let know.

John Grzinich

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◀ **Junior Summer Camp**

Session	Instructor Training and Camp	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5
Dates	June 5-6	June 9-13	June 16-20	June 23-27	June 30-July 2	July 7-11
Optimist & Pico		Sailing	Sailing	Sailing	Racing	Sailing
Windsurfing		Sailing	Sailing	Sailing	Racing	Sailing
FJ & Laser		Sailing	Sailing	Sailing	Racing	Sailing

## C-22 Fleet News By Peter Broberg



John Grzinich passes the torch to Peter Broberg (Photo right)



New officers were elected at the Jan.29 meeting of the Catalina 22 fleet. They are:

Captain -	<b>Peter Broberg</b>
Asst. Captain -	<b>Johannes Brinkman</b>
Treasurer -	<b>Wade Bingaman</b>
Website/photographer -	<b>John Grzinich</b>
Measurer -	<b>Roy Crouse</b>

There will be a free Catalina 22 specific Race Seminar on Sunday, April 6th at 1:30 p.m. It will be about a 3-hour session including tips for improving your boat rigging/speed, basic racing skill, and tips specific for racing a Catalina 22. All captains and all crew, whether rookies or veterans, are urged to attend. The fleet will publicize this event to other local non-AYC Catalina 22 owners in an effort to expand our fleet.

For 2008, fleet dues are \$50 for skippers and \$25 for crew. Please make checks payable to **Wade Bingaman** and mail to him ASAP at 9204 Creeks Edge Cr, Austin, 78733.

The Spring Series will be genoa only, and the remainder - - Summer, Leukemia Cup, Winter - - will be spinnaker. If a significant number of genoa boats race in any of the spinnaker series, the fleet will award a trophy to the top genoa boat.

Nationals will be at Grapevine the last week of May. **John Grzinich** and **Johannes Brinkman** are planning on going. Several others in the fleet are "maybes". **Wade Bingaman** indicated that if he would get enough fleet support, he wanted to have the 2011 Nationals at AYC and would head up the effort.

Lack of crew was mentioned as a factor in boats not racing. **Peter Broberg** volunteered to be the lead per-

son in trying to find crew for any boat wanting to race but needing crew.

**Roy Crouse** and **John Grzinich** agreed to update the fleet member list. This will include both skippers and crew. If you know of someone that should be added to the list or if your contact information has changed please contact John.

Everyone agreed they enjoyed the informal fleet pacing/racing that occurred once last year. Although no date was set, it was agreed to do this again this year. It was also agreed that if enough boats wanted to, the fleet would try a "boat swap" day where all the participants moved from boat to boat, trying one short race on each boat. This would allow everyone to test their skills on faster/slower boats and have an opportunity to sail with differently-rigged boats.

## Fleet Commander Report

By Christopher Dwight

letters. These reminder letters help to ensure that we all understand the current rules regarding shared-use areas. For the most part, members receiving these letters have supported our efforts to ensure fair and equal use of shared facilities. If you receive a storage letter, please remember that these are friendly reminders of our current rules and not a formal notification of your boat being "improperly stored" as defined by the harbor rules. Our hope is that when made aware of our rules, members will choose to comply.

**Storage Utilization** – Our storage areas are all nearly full, though each month there is some turnover. As of February 01, we had four deep-water wet slips open that will be soon assigned to members on the waitlist according to request date and priority. We continue to have a number of shallow-water inside slips open. In our dry-sail area, we have six open slips available. We also have four open board-boat slips.

**Wait-List** – I worked to verify our current wet-slip wait-list requests and priorities. The updated wait list is available in the club office. Note that Harbor Rule 13 defines the procedure for requesting a change in priority. Rule 13 states that, "Any applicant on the wet slip waiting list may request a higher priority by making a request in writing to the Fleet Commander and listing all sailing and racing experience to justify the priority change." If for some reason a pending request is missing, or if the request specifics are inaccurate, please contact me at [fleet\\_commander@austinyachtclub.net](mailto:fleet_commander@austinyachtclub.net).

## SC-21 Technical News

By Bruce McDonald



### Making a Mast Track Gate for South Coast 21

Over the last 5 or so years, the South Coast main sail has come with mast slugs. The obvious advantage is that the sail is more sensitive to changes in Cunningham tension and less apt to bind when raising or lowering the sail. It also has the advantage for some of us that we can leave the sails on the boom and simply put a sail cover over the main. In order to keep the slugs in the track, one needs a mast track gate. This is a simple thing to make, yet I have had a number of club sailors express interest, so here it is.

#### Materials:

- One piece of aluminum stock 1/8" x 3/4" x 5".
- Two #10 x 1/4" pan head stainless screws.

#### Tools:

- Hack saw.
- Metal files.
- Power drill and bit.

Drill a 3/16" hole at either end of the stock (see illustration). File smooth curves at both ends of the piece of aluminum and feather edges of stock to prevent snags.



File side of stock that fits against the mast to fit the curve of the mast. Firmly tape the aluminum piece to cover the mast track opening and drill two 5/32" holes to correspond to the holes in the stock. Use the #10 screws to thread the drill holes in the mast.

The final result will look something like this.

## PB&J News By Doug Kern



Register for PBJ and get your kids sailing this summer! The summer 2008 AYC PBJ program is open for registration. Mark the calendars for the dates below and sign up today on the AYC web site ([www.austinyachtclub.net](http://www.austinyachtclub.net)). Space is limited, so don't wait.

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PBJ teaches kids how to sail, have fun and stay safe on the water. This summer, we'll have the same format as last year, hopefully without the mid-summer flood.



There will be six sessions for up to 100 kids, with each session spanning four Saturday morning classes. There will be four sessions using the Opti and Pico sailboats, with up to twenty 4-9 year-olds per session. Two sessions are planned for windsurfing, with up to ten 8-14 year-olds per session.



Members and non-members are

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*Duane Dobson holds spirited discussion of Rule 18.3 (b) with fellow non-spinnaker participant (Photo courtesy of Bruce McDonald)*

# J<sup>®</sup> 24

Well, where have those J24 folks been? Nothing in the telltale for two issues! Have they given up, sold their big lumbering tanks, have they traded them in for J22s and Ensigns, gotten too busy with family and work to come out and play? Hardly!

As the new fleet captain, I take the brunt "o' the Cat o' nine tails" for missing the call. (Sorry, I've been reading Patrick O'Brien!) Anyway, the AYC J24 has been gathering together, active in the series races, and building our fleet.

First, the latest of or newsworthy items – the annual Fleet holiday party, held last December 2007. We had a great attendance of more than 35 skip-pers, crew and supporters. We were



well feed by the wonderful efforts of **Pat Cauhey, Rob-**

**bie Nelson, Stephanie XXXX,** and others. We dined on smoked turkey and brisket, greens and sauces, cakes and cookies, and the standard libations of rum, wine and whiskey. We took the time to acknowledge the contributions of **Tom Lappin** for three years as our past fleet Captain (great job Tom, Thank You!), and a handful of other volunteers and organ-

izers who made the year so special and successful. Lastly, but certainly not a minor event was our annual white elephant gift exchange. Excellent tastes in wine and rum were fought between the attendees while various toys, a Daisy BB gun, a set of knives and boat accessories were passed around to their limits of exchanging. (Hmm, sounds like we're a little dangerous, doesn't it?)

Where have all the boats gone? We're out there. Just ask the J22 sailors. We've been mixing it up out there with the J22s and others in the Frostbite Series the last three weeks. **David Broadway** and his **Superman** crew have been right up there at the front of the fleet, with **Dr. Gamble's Ooh Ahh** and his team. The weather has been fantastic and the competition has

been terrific, as we have been starting with the 22's and others in the Spinnaker class. Actual finishes and corrected times have placed J24s in the top 5 every week. Take a look at the results on the AYC webpage.

If you've been wondering, should I be racing yet? Darn right you should! Come on out. We've got plenty of crew, and we would love to increase the competitive numbers. Get your boat in the water! Now is the time to enjoy sailing Lake Travis with great wind and no "stink pots" racing up and down in the main basin.

So, what 's next? What's coming up that you just should not miss? Well, we have our opening social on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Join us for happy hour with free appetizers at the **Third Base** sports bar and grill (6<sup>th</sup> & Mopac). This is a meet and greet social. Please put it in your calendar to attend. You'll have a great time seeing your fellow J24 sailing buddies, perhaps meet some new folks, and get a chance to fight for experienced (and new) crew members! Besides, it's a great place to drink a beer or two and tell lies about last year's sailing season!

Lastly, I want to make sure you local sailors keep you eye on the national level J24 sailing events. Three boats and at least 16 AYC sailors will be in Tampa and St. Petersburg, Florida in February for the J/24 Midwinter & the 2008 NOOD regattas. **Bob & Eric's Mr. Happy, Roger's New Rules** and **Charlie Singstad's Code Blue** will all be in Florida for these events. Keep track of their racing progress at: <http://midwinters.j24d10.org/> and

[http://www.sailingworld.com/nood\\_regatta.jsp?location=597](http://www.sailingworld.com/nood_regatta.jsp?location=597)

We have plenty of social events to look forward to for 2008 too, and we want your help in brainstorming some new ideas. Some early plans are an AYC version of J/ World's on the water competitive sailing school, a series of training videos to improve your sailing and racing skills, a couple of outrageous thematic parties, a swap meet, and more. Make sure to come to our first social event on Tuesday, Feb 19<sup>th</sup> at **Third Base Sports Bar & Grill**, and get your season started!





*Hakuna Matata and Slow Play head for the finish (photo by Elliot Bray)*

### **2008 Series Racing Begins with Frostbite**

The Frostbite Series certainly fulfilled its name for Week 1 with racers bundled up head-to-toe. The weather did nothing to diminish the turnout however, and 36 boats started the day of brisk competition for the first series race of 2008. By Week 3, the jackets and earmuffs were off and we were all enjoying one of the nicest sailing days since last spring.

The second week of the series proved to be interesting for all and troublesome for some. After a short delay waiting for wind, all fleets ended up with the same course for the day. The wind cooperated long enough to spread the field slightly, and then died off to add a substantial challenge before picking up again to provide one of the most exciting finishes in recent club history. More than a dozen boats fought for position at the finish line.

It is not too late to join the fun and the weather looks promising for the rest of the Frostbite Series. So, dust off your boat and come join in.



*More than a dozen boats vie to cross the Frostbite finish line (photo by Craig Isaacs)*

### **2008 Events**

**Sail Training / Race Training:** For 2007, the Keel-Fleet sponsored a very successful seminar featuring **Gary Jobson**. Sail Training Commander **John Grzinich** is taking the lead for a similar headliner event for 2008 near the end of March. You won't want to miss this, so watch the AYC calendar and news for details.

**Friday Beer Can Races:** This year's Beer Can Series will run from April to October with **Jim Tillinghast** reprising his role as coordinator. These Friday evening gatherings are an excellent time to bring family and friends out to enjoy burgers and sailing. It's also a great opportunity to get new crew tuned in and ready for race day.

**July Celebration:** Mark your calendars now for the weekend of July 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. **Barry Bowden** will lead the charge to bring back a Keel-Fleet summer tradition. The details are still in the works, but this looks to be a great addition to this year's events.

**Fleet Championship:** **John Maddalozzo** will be heading up the 2008 Fleet Championship. Similar to last year, this year's championship will be tied to a Fleet or AYC racing series/regatta later in the season.

**Night Race:** Night racing is back by popular demand at AYC. **Damon Galloway** will be organizing this revived favorite for September 13. Check the AYC and Keel-Fleet calendars for future updates.

**Wild Turkey Regatta:** **Dana & Remus Broussard** will be coordinating Wild Turkey again this year on November 22. Plan for a great day of racing food and drink.

**Annual Meeting:** This year's annual meeting will be held in November, and as Fleet Captain, **Steve Vaughan** will host and organize the gathering. There will be plenty of good food and drink on hand and this is

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a great opportunity for everyone to help set the course for the coming year.



*Sting and Red cross paths near Windy Point (photo by Susie & Bruce McDonald)*

### Keel Fleet Business

If you have not renewed your PHRF certificate in the past two years please do so by filling in a PHRF rating certificate request form ( [http://austinyachtclub.net/fleets/Keel-Fleet/PHRF INFO/PHRF\\_request\\_form.pdf](http://austinyachtclub.net/fleets/Keel-Fleet/PHRF_INFO/PHRF_request_form.pdf) ) and sending to the 2008 AYC Handicap Committee Chairman or dropping off at the AYC office.

There are still a few folks left that have not yet renewed their membership. Don't miss out on the sailing, the parties, and the chance to have your say. You can email the fleet secretary at [remus@lobos.net](mailto:remus@lobos.net) to have dues charged to your account. Or better yet, come out to race and talk to any fleet officer.



*A beautiful day and a smooth start for the Non Spinnaker fleet at Frostbite (photo by Susie & Bruce McDonald)*



*Wilsford, Brown and Howard at I Mark (photo by Susie & Bruce McDonald)*

### Red Eye Regatta Correction

**Mark Salih** was the Spinnaker B winner of the Red Eye Regatta and recipient of the Hap McCollum Cup.

Your friendly neighborhood Keel-Fleet



## College Sailing

College sailing began in 1890 and is the breeding ground for most of America's top sailors. It has become the highest level of dinghy (small boat) sailing in the country second only to the Olympics. The [Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association \(ICSA\)](#) is the governing authority for sailing competition at colleges and universities throughout the United States and in some parts of Canada.

### **Who Are College Sailors...**

Educated- College sailors have higher GPA's than any collegiate varsity sport. (US News, Vol. 135, No. 9; Pg. 27)

## Junior Sailing By Brigitte Rochard



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The TSA Roadrunner regatta is back, Austin's stop for the TSA Youth circuit will be March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are looking for volunteers to assist with registration, kitchen and race committee. Lake Travis is one of the best-attended venue.

Different series are competing. The optimist series: Green fleet open to all novice sailors



with a separate course in AYC cove, White fleet for age 10 and under, Blue fleet for age 11-12 and Red fleet for age 13-15. We also organize the 2008 Texas Junior Laser Championship (Full-rig, Laser Radial and 4.7) and we will have sailors from different high schools on Flying Junior and 420. At least 80 young sailors and their parents from the entire state are expected.

The level of competition will be very high in the Optimist classes as no less than 8 Texan sailors qualified in the US team last year. We need to make sure that this AYC stop is up to its reputation!

Saturday evening Dinner will be served Rudy's BBQ. The price will be \$10 per person and \$5 for the volunteers. We encourage you to join the organizing team or the race committee for an outstanding weekend! Contact AYC office or email **Brigitte Rochard** at brigittero-

chard@yahoo.com. Thank you!



## UT Sailing By Ben Davis



Wow! A lot has happened since our last entry into the Telltale. I'll attempt to highlight our accomplishments and end with our plans for spring 2008. First of all, the team would like to thank **Pat Hitchins** for his announced commitment in assisting the team as our spring

coach. His wisdom and expertise will undoubtedly help our team progress and attract dedicated new sailors. Secondly, the team competed in two regattas during the holiday season. On December 31-January 1, the University of Tulane hosted the Sugar Bowl Regatta. Texas placed third. Also, January 5-6 Texas competed in the annual Rose Bowl regatta hosted by Los Alamitos Bay Yacht Club in Long Beach California. The Texas Team placed 17th.

We hosted the first official SEISA regatta here at AYC on February 26. The SEISA Q1 had shifty and light 3-5 knots NW breeze. We placed second in division A with seventeen points close behind USA with thirteen points. Our B division placed sixth. Our thanks go out to **Steve Gay** our PRO. After Q1, we hosted the SEISA annual meeting at the Forty Acres. The meeting addressed the new changes in the Nationals requirements and we decided to have SEISA Dinghy Championships (3/29-30) and Woman's Championships (4/5-6) here at Austin Yacht Club. Look out for more updates!

Ben Davis, AYC REP

[www.texassailing.org](http://www.texassailing.org)

## **NSPS Report** By Steve Gay

### **National Sail Program Symposium 2008 St Petersburg, Fl Jan 9-13, 2008**

I represented the Austin Yacht Club at NSPS 2008 and submit the following report.

All forms of sailing programs are present at the symposium and the vast array of knowledge and ideas that flows through is staggering. Each organization attending should strive to send up to three people to cover the break out workshops. This is the Super Bowl of U.S Sailing, Sail Training.

Attached is the agenda showing how many workshops were given and what the subjects were. The ones I attended and lessons learned were as follows:

#### **Thursday:**

1. Gary Jobson opened with a presentation on the Olympics and the Americas Cup. AC might be in trouble.
2. Rob Hurd (Coach at Tabor) did a work shop on Curriculum Development (see notebook p. 43).
3. Amy Gross-Kehoe did a workshop on Boats for your program. Ours are fine.
4. Gary Jobson did a workshop on Outward Bound programs (pp. 57-60). We should find kids to attend.
5. Dawn Riley (head of French Americas Cup syndicate in '07, only woman on Koch's A/C boat, Skipped on all women's A/C boat, and crew on America True co-ed boat) and 4 time participant in A/C did a presentation on the Am Cup in Valencia. Our women's program needs to continue.
6. Tom Farquhar talked about Judges and Umpires (pp.71-76).
7. I sat on a panel that discussed Do's and Don'ts of being a Program Director.
8. Diane Wenzel hosted a panel discussion on Non-Competitive sailing programs. Not a bad idea.

#### **Friday:**

1. Ed Baird (skipper of Alinghi – Winner of '07 A/C gave a 25 years ago to today visit of his sailing exploits leading up to his skippering of the '07 A/C winner. Amazing laid back guy.
2. Bob Gaffney talked about a HS program in a Com-

munity sailing Program.

3. Nevin Sayer presented the Open Bic and other Bic products. Not for us.
  4. Cappy Capper talked about Overcoming adversity (loss of vision in one eye). Good lesson.
  5. USF Rescue Demo @ USF waterfront.
  6. Sailed on Pixel, Bahia, Vega, and Walker Bay. Did not particularly like any for AYC program.
  7. Opti demo on Roll Tacking with Todd Fredzyn (US Opti sailing team coach). Excellent!
  8. USF vs. Echard in Team Race Demo. SAISA sailing skills are very good now.
  9. Opti Capsize and Bail drills et al. with Tom Coleman. Fun to watch.
- Boat maintenance with Rich Feeny.

#### **Saturday:**

1. Meagen Johnson presented "Zap the Gap" or more about understanding and dealing various generation gaps (Tradition 1909-45, Baby Boom 1946-64, Gen X 1965-80, Echo Gen 1980-94) pp.115-117. It will be easier for me to relate to younger generations.
2. Arns Manella talked about Intellectual Disabilities (pp121-125). Be patient.
3. Amy Zang talked about adding "Sizzle" to your youth program. (p.101). Tack, Jib, Dance.
4. Update IT's over lunch.
5. Revitalize w/Match Racing with Larry Langdrigon (pp. 203-209). Our program should continue.
6. Experiential Learning with Dr. Jayne Greenberg (touch, feel, smell the environment). Add green to our training.
7. Special Olympic coach Jack Yoes from HYC talked about the games in China. Pp.143-148.
8. Code of conduct developed in the Opti class as a model with Robin Keubel. Pp. 211-212. Be firm and have written policy.
9. Grae'l project – how to teach the masses to sail. Axel Grae'l's (Brazil) family accounts for almost all the Brazilian Olympic medals.

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The Symposium notebook that was provided has 229 pages of lecture and workshop outlines and topic discussions with numerous other handouts. Names, positions, addresses, contact info all well documented for later use in networking. These folks share secrets that help the sailing sport!!!! I would like to keep the notebook in my library and will make it available to all.

Steve Gay 01/16/2008



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welcome. Parents are needed to help with setting up boats and cleaning up lunch. For more information and registration, see [www.austinyachtclub.net](http://www.austinyachtclub.net). For past PBJ photos, see [ay-kids.blogspot.com](http://ay-kids.blogspot.com).



### 2008 PBJ Schedule

Fee: \$40 per sailor

Three Rules: wear your life jacket, listen to the coach, have fun.

Registration: [www.austinyachtclub.net](http://www.austinyachtclub.net).



### PBJ session #1.

Optis/Picos. 9:30a-11:00a (May 31, June 7, 14, 21)

### PBJ session #2.

Optis/Picos. 11:00a-12:30p (May 31, June 7, 14, 21)

### PBJ session #3.

Windsurfers. 9:30a-11:00a (June 28, July 12, 19, 26)

### PBJ session #4.

Windsurfers. 11:00a-12:30p (June 28, July 12, 19, 26)

### PBJ session #5.

Optis/Picos. 9:30a-11:00a (Aug 2, 9, 16, 23)

### PBJ session #6.

Optis/Picos. 11:00a-12:30p (Aug 2, 9, 16, 23)



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