

# Telltale

August 2009

Monthly Newsletter

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Tuesday: noon—5:00 p.m.  
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Cover photo: Commodore David Lewis (pictured, right) and Luau Chair Jorge Martin-de-Nicolas (pictured, left) make a grand Kahuna entry at the Luau with a deliciously roasted "Kevin Bacon" aboard a Laser on August 1, 2009. (Photo courtesy of Bruce McDonald)

## AYC 2009 Race Calendar

August 5	Wednesday Night Laser & Sunfish Series (FWS 6:00 p.m.)
August 6	Thursday Night Centerboard Series
August 7	Friday Night Beer Can (7:00 p.m.)
August 8	Independence Cup Regatta
August 12	Wednesday Night Laser & Sunfish Series (FWS 6:00 p.m.)
August 13	Thursday Night Centerboard Series
August 14	Friday Night Beer Can (7:00 p.m.)
August 19	Wednesday Night Laser & Sunfish Series (FWS 6:00 p.m.)
August 20	Thursday Night Centerboard Series
August 21	Friday Night Beer Can (7:00 p.m.)
August 26	Wednesday Night Laser & Sunfish Series (FWS 6:00 p.m.)
August 27	Thursday Night Centerboard Series
August 28	Friday Night Beer Can (7:00 p.m.)
August 30	Leukemia Cup Warm-up Series Race #1 (RC Keel Fleet B, Briefing 12:00 noon, FWS 1:30 p.m.)
September 2	Wednesday Night Laser & Sunfish Series (FWS 6:00 p.m.)
September 4	Friday Night Beer Can (7:00 p.m.)
September 9	Wednesday Night Laser & Sunfish Series (FWS 6:00 p.m.)
September 11	Friday Night Beer Can (7:00 p.m.)
September 13	Leukemia Cup Warm-up Series Race #2 (RC J22, FWS 1:30 p.m.)
September 16	Wednesday Night Laser & Sunfish Series (FWS 6:00 p.m.)
September 18	Friday Night Beer Can (7:00 p.m.)
September 20	Leukemia Cup Warm-up Series Race #3 (RC Catalina 22, FWS 1:30 p.m., EOS)
September 23	Wednesday Night Laser & Sunfish Series (FWS 6:00 p.m.)
September 25	Friday Night Beer Can (7:00 p.m.)
September 30	Wednesday Night Laser & Sunfish Series (FWS 6:00 p.m.)
October 3-4	Leukemia Cup Regatta
October 11	Winter Series Race #1 (RC Multihull, Briefing 12:00 noon, FWS 1:30 )
October 18	Winter Series Race #2 (RC SC21, FWS 1:30 p.m. )
October 25	Winter Series Race #3 (RC J24, FWS 1:30 p.m.)
November 1	Winter Series Race #4 (RC Keel Fleet A, FWS 1:30 p.m.)
November 8	Winter Series Race #5 (RC Keel Fleet Non-Spin, FWS 1:30 p.m.)
November 15	Winter Series Race #6 (RC Keel Fleet B, FWS 1:30 p.m., EOS)
November 21	Wild Turkey Regatta (Keel Fleet Event)



OCTOBER 3-4, 2009

## AYC 2009 Non-Racing Events

August 1	Summer Party: Luau (\$25/person before July 24)
August 1	PB&J Session #3—Week #1
August 8	PB&J Session #3—Week #2
August 15	PB&J Session #3—Week #3
August 16	Dock Work Party (8:00 a.m. Clubhouse)
August 20	New Member Candidate Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
August 22	PB&J Session #3—Week #4
August 23	Dock Work Party (8:00 a.m. Clubhouse)
August 25	PHRF Handicap Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
August 27	AYC Board of Directors Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
September 17	New Member Candidate Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
September 22	PHRF Handicap Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
September 24	AYC Board of Directors Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
October 15	New Member Candidate Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
October 22	AYC Board of Directors Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
October 27	PHRF Handicap Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
November 12	New Member Candidate Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
November 19	AYC Board of Directors Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
November 24	PHRF Handicap Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
December 5	2009 AYC Annual Banquet (6:30 p.m. Austin Club)

## Semi-Private Junior Sailing Lessons...



Erin Hawk (Photo left) and Mitch Deboes (photo below left) assist Coach Michelle Kasney during semi-private Junior Sailing Lessons offered this summer through AYC's Junior Sail Training Program. Please see elsewhere in this Telltale for an article with more photos. *(Photos courtesy of Editor)*



## Keel Handicap Fleet PHRF Committee Announcement

The KHF PHRF Committee will be reviewing the Melges 24 rating this quarter. The open meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at AYC. All interested parties are invited to attend.

## From The Commodore

By David Lewis



When I rolled up at oh-dark-thirty to join the 6-9 pig roasting shift, the final scenes of Talledega Nights were rolling on the outdoor projection screen that **Bill Benker** had set up the night before, **Tommy Gairloff** was reciting his favorite lines from the movie Airplane, and **Robbie Nelson** was making sure that everyone had a tot of rum for their coffee. (I'm pretty sure this was not the first tot.) A humid sunrise was followed by the sight of hot air balloons launching from near the dam and then dipping to the lake as they drifted our way, with the sound of their burners punctuating **Jorge Martin-de-Nicolas'** detailed description of how to keep our own Kevin Bacon "in the zone" at 243° to 246° by carefully averaging readings from the "fore" and "aft" meat thermometers every 15 minutes. **Eric Nelson**, coming off the 3-6 am shift, was having such a good time that **Robbie** couldn't coax him into the car until 7:30, with a promise of a pony ride. With the help of these and multitudes of other volunteers who donated many many hours of enthusiastic support, creativity, sweat, and devotion, the 2009 AYC Luau was a resounding success! The pig was succulent, the Mai Tai's started out great and got better and better as the night wore on, the fire dancer was awesome, and I didn't see a single person who looked like they were having a rotten time. We left after the rum limbo, a little after midnight, but I understand that some hardier souls managed to squeeze out several more hours of partying. A couple of tiki torches were still burning when the clean-up volunteers showed up on Sunday morning. Many thanks to all who worked so hard to put on this spectacular event, and thanks to all who came out to join in the fun!

So, with the Luau in the rear-view mirror, it's time to start looking ahead to our next big event—the 2009 Leukemia Cup Regatta on the first weekend in October (see announcement in this issue of the Telltale). Leukemia Cup is an important event for AYC in two ways. First, it is one of our premier sailing regattas. Second, Leukemia Cup is important because it is a major opportunity for us to give back to our community in the form of financial support for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and the important work that they do in fighting blood cancers and supporting leukemia and lymphoma patients and their families. This is AYC's third Leukemia Cup Regatta. Both of the last two year's regattas have featured exciting racing,

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## Vice Commodore Report By Steve Eller

My family and I just got back from our summer vacation. This year we spent a week on Torch Lake located near Traverse City, Michigan. My grandparents used to own a house on that lake and we joined my mother in a trip back to the lake where she spent many summers. I remember going to Torch Lake when I was very young and I remember my family discussing the yacht club north of the house where they sail E Scows.

Fast forward to college in the late 1980's where I started sailing at the UT Sailing Club. I got the opportunity to sail and race on an E Scow with a guy from Houston. We even raced in the Black Tie Regatta at Rush Creek Yacht Club in Dallas one year. I relayed that experience to my mother who reminded me of the "all-E-Scow yacht club on Torch Lake". Every since hearing about that I have wanted to find out if there really is an all-E-Scow yacht club up there.

I showed up at the Torch Lake Yacht and Country Club on the last Sunday in July. The club members were enjoying brunch in their rustic 1929 log cabin clubhouse complete with a stuffed moose head over the fireplace. Unfortunately, the TLYCC is not exclusively an E Scow yacht club – they also sail a few MC Scows and the juniors come up sailing Butterfly (another scow). Make no mistake however, this club loves their E Scows and they have 4 GENERATIONS of E Scow sailors at their club.

Not wanting to be left out of the fun, I hung around long enough to find a new E Scow owner who was planning to sail every afternoon and invited me to join him. I joined him on Monday afternoon and found myself sailing with the boat owner and the 68-year-old owner of another E Scow. The wind was fairly fresh and we set out for a great couple hours of sailing. If you have never sailed on a large scow (particularly one with a ridiculously large sailplan including asymmetrical spinnaker), the boats sail very nicely upwind and absolutely take off downwind.

As the new guy (and unknown quantity), I was given the job of trimming the jib which is never cleated lest a puff take the boat over. Having done a reasonably good job with the spinnaker set and douse after our first lap, I got promoted to spinnaker trimmer for the next lap taking over from the 68-year-old. I did not realize that he had been flying the kite without using the ratchets on the turning blocks (did I mention that it was really big). It is well known that Midwesterners are fairly stoic and not apt to complain or brag but this was ridiculous. Not wanting to be labeled the big wimp from Texas, I flew the big kite without the ratchets but it was certainly a challenge. Later in the week, another TLYCC member,

after hearing that I sailed with the 68-year-old, said in her understated Midwestern way "He is really strong." She would probably also say "Michael Phelps swims really fast."

I have spent a fair amount of time around the Great Lakes in summer. One thing that always stands out to me is how well the Northerners do summer. With a sailing season that run from Memorial Day to Labor Day, they do their best to play outside at every available opportunity. The TLYCC certainly embodied this. Their facilities are certainly no better than AYC's with the exception of the kitchen and food service. They do have a couple of tennis courts and a swim dock in the lake. However, with these modest facilities they had a crowd every day I visited the club. In particular, they had a large number of juniors on site and it seemed that TLYCC was a "cool" place to hang out.

I would love to see AYC attract that type of usage during our much longer "good season". If you have any ideas for things that could help AYC achieve this level of coolness please drop me a line. Also, don't forget that it is not too early to register for Leukemia Cup and to start fundraising.

## Race Commander Report By Rick Smith



*The AYC Harbor on July 25, 2009. (Photo Courtesy of Hector Lujan)*

All is quite on the racing front. I hope everyone is staying out of the heat unless you are moving docks. From the racing perspective the next event will be the Leukemia Cup Warm-up Series which will kick off on August 30th. Please note that we have changed the first gun times that were incorrectly listed on the web site. The correct first gun will be 1:30 pm (13:30 for ex-military). We will hold the competitors briefing in the clubhouse at 12:00 on the 30th. This will be a short series consisting of 3 weekend races. Watch for the NOR on the web site. The format will most likely be buoy racing to get everyone back into racing shape for the Leukemia Cup Regatta. Stay Cool.... Pray for rain.

## The Commodore . . . (Continued from Page 3)

excellent wind, and awesome parties. This year, the Society is worried that the low lake levels are going to dampen participation, so they are going all out on the party planning! Now, we all know that the river runs north to south in front of the Club, so we can run a windward/leeward course no matter how low the water gets. Nevertheless, this year's off-the-water events are going to be designed with the idea of getting people out for the party whether they're racing or not. In addition to the Silent Auctions that we have had in the past, this year's regatta will include a live auction as well. I've seen preliminary lists of the items they have put together for these auctions, and there are some very attractive packages. The Friday evening cocktail registration and check-in will include a raft up for those who want to enjoy the full moon. On Saturday, cruising boats may elect to participate in a Sail to Nowhere scavenger hunt as an alternative to the full-on racing that will constitute the standard regatta fare. Of course, we will have a great dinner and a band, as in years past, along with the other Leukemia Cup staples like Pamper Hour for those who don't want to hike down to the boats. Already pulled your boat out? Not to worry. If the water doesn't come up to the point that the ramp is usable before the regatta, we are planning on having a crane to lift boats in and out of the water. No excuses!

Another new and exciting item for this year's Leukemia Cup Regatta is the addition of the **Sean Gingras Challenge Cup**. The Challenge Cup is a new AYC perpetual trophy that will be awarded to the three boat team having the best combined racing scores and fundraising totals. This is a team competition, and all three boats on each team must be signed up for fundraising and registered in the Regatta. The Challenge Cup is dedicated to **Sean Gingras**, a 16-year-old leukemia survivor who was the Honored Hero for the 2007 Leukemia Cup Regatta. Sean sailed in his first ever sailboat race with us on **Vitamin Sea** on Sunday that regatta, and helped us pull out a first place in Spinnaker B. That was it—he was hooked. Since then, he has been a frequent member of our crew, sailing in most of the series races with us over the past couple of years, as well as in several regattas. Sean epitomizes what the Leukemia Cup Regatta is all about - having fun racing sailboats while fighting blood cancer. I'm looking forward to seeing him present the Challenge Cup trophy this year to the team that puts on the best overall performance toward this worthy goal! Get your team together, or sign up individually. If you register by August 18<sup>th</sup>, your boat name will be on the regatta tee-shirt. The Leukemia Cup Warm-Up series starts August 30, and the regatta will be here before we know it. Last year's regatta raised over \$63,000 for the Society. I'd like to see us top that.

## In Memoriam



**David A. Kenyon**

September 1, 1954-August 2, 2009

David A. Kenyon, 54, of Georgetown, passed away on Sunday, August 2, 2009 in the loving arms of his family. Dave was born September 1, 1954 in Casablanca, French Morocco to Charles Scherer and Reine Bernadette Kenyon.

Dave attended Texas A & M and University of Illinois where he earned a degree in Landscape Architecture. Dave worked as a Project Director for RVI Planning in Austin and left a legacy of work around the globe. He previously was a lead designer for Euro Disney in Paris, France and worked for 3D International in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. His management skills gained his projects several awards throughout the years, from the American Society of Landscape Architects, the American Planning Association, and the American Institute of Architects. Dave's love for landscape and architectural design lead him also to educate others, serving as a lecturer for Texas A&M University, the Italart Study Abroad program in Florence, Italy, the University of Colorado at Denver, Arizona State University and the University of Arizona, Tucson. Dave leaves behind to cherish his memory his father, Charles Kenyon and his wife, Sandra of Atoka, Tennessee; his mother Reine Kenyon of Tucson, Arizona; his three sisters, Ina Elledge and her husband Rick, Michele D'Alessandro and her husband Rick, and Catherine Kenyon and her husband Patrick Pettit. Dave was a favorite uncle to nephew and godson, Justin Elledge and his wife Sarah, nephew Nicholas Elledge, nieces Caroline Elledge and Jaime Donner. He treasured great nephew, Max Elledge and nieces Olive Elledge and Nicole Donner. He also leaves many more relatives.

Dave was a real renaissance man. He possessed a brilliant and creative mind. Dave was fascinated with the world and the people in it. Dave loved to entertain. Dinner at his house was a memory in the making. Fabulous food, music, and side splitting laughter were always on the menu. His guests were often a mix of family, professionals, and lonely hearts. Dave was a loyal friend who was honest and loving and kind. He was a proud member of the Austin Yacht Club; skipper of the J24 **ayeboat**. Sailing was his passion.

*The Austin Yacht Club extends its sincere condolences to the Kenyon family.*

## Sail Training By Bill Hawk

(Photos Courtesy of Bill Records)



### Sail Training Update

Summer is winding down, and the hectic pace of the Sail Training program has finally slowed down. We had a good response to our Junior Camp, PB&J was overflowing as usual, the Adult Learn-to-Sail classes were very well attended, and the ASA Program enrolled ten or more new students.

As a new twist this year, we decided to hold a truncated version of Junior Camp during July and August. Four four-



hour lessons (9am-1pm) for smaller groups of kids were scheduled each week from Monday through Thursday. These classes were offered at a reduced rate from the full camp, with a minimum class size of three students per week. Classes were limited to six students to allow greater attention from the counselors as well as to keep the class sizes manageable. Enrollment in the classes increased each week, and there was enough interest to

make it worth considering for future summer activities.



The Adult Learn-to-Sail classes got off the ground in early July. **Bill**

**Records** took the lead in organizing these lessons, and offered the interesting format of a Saturday afternoon, a Tuesday night, and an opportunity to race with an instructor in the Thursday Night Centerboard Series race. This format seemed like a good approach, but the heat of summer and dropping lake levels have put a hold on further classes until it either cools off or fills up, or both.



Since it became impossible to launch any kind of boat using our ramps, the Board decided to allow the Club's Flying

Junior (FJ) boats to be used by the general membership (with scheduling and check-out) in the Thursday night Centerboard Handicap Fleet races. The FJs will be available for racing until the larger boats can once again be launched.

The next tasks on the agenda for Sail Training are:

- Schedule additional Adult Learn-to-Sail Clinics, come high water or autumn.
- Schedule a "camp reunion" for all of this year's PB&J and camp attendees.
- Hold a Sea Scout Qualifier event on September 19-20.
- Schedule a Junior series, with an event each month, to run the duration of the school year. This will be coordinated with the incoming Sail Training Commander to allow continuity into next year.



### Alan's Green Fleet Clinic

Save the date for Saturday, August 29, 2009 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Junior Dock. For more information, and to register, contact Doug Kern.

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## Parents, are you interested in developing a Green Fleet at AYC?

Has your child just finished PB&J and interested in taking it to the next level? If so, let's make this possible! If you are interested in forming an informal group of parents that are willing to take the kids to attend and/or observe Texas junior circuit events this fall (such as in Ft. Worth, Seabrook, Rush Creek, and Lakewood during Sept.-Oct.) and throughout the year ahead, and to perhaps help organize informal events for our junior novice sailors, with the goal of starting a Green Fleet, please contact the Editor at [ymares@earthlink.net](mailto:ymares@earthlink.net).

What is a Green Fleet, according to USODA? "Green fleet is a special fleet for beginners. Green fleters can be any age up to 15. A green fleet might have skippers who are as young as 6 and as old as 15, but sooner or later they'll move into their age-appropriate fleet. A ten year old green fletcher would move into white fleet, a thirteen year old green fletcher would move into red fleet, etc. The purpose of the green fleet is to encourage novice sailors. To discourage sailors from staying in green fleet, in order to win races and receive awards, USODA's policy is to present "Participation Awards" to all skippers sailing in the green fleet. By not crowning a champion, sailors and their parents, are encouraged to move to the appropriate age fleet as they become more confident of their abilities." - United States Optimist Dinghy Association



**End of Summer:**

Well, we might wish it were the end of summer, but it was only the end of the summer series. In fairly light winds, five Ensigns came out to compete in our last opportunity for a series race for about two months. It was quite a competitive race for four of the boats. Unfortunately the other sailor ended up in a borrowed boat where he failed to check the bottom for growth until AFTER the race -- to say the going was slow would be like saying the lake level is low. In any case, we did get a couple of "foreigners" to join us for a trip or two around the buoys including **Eric Nelson** and **Steve Ehlers**. Wind or not, the **Liens** won the series going away, with **Tom Groll** finishing second overall.



Photo Left: Must be desperate times for this sailor to set foot on a floating picnic table

Photo Right: Dos Locos leads 578 (in disguise)

**Plenty of Nothing:**

Not much water, not much racing, at least not of the series kind. Ensigns have been turning out in force, though, for several of the beer can races: five boats each on successive Fridays in late July! **Gravy boat** edged out **Doug Laws** on **#810** one weekend, and the **Baker/Faust** team finished second the following week. With so little going on, there isn't much to report this month. Expect more of the same next month. After that, things should pick up again...



Assuming we still have a lake, racing resumes at the end of August. In the meantime, you can come out and join us for a trip 'round E,K and B on Fridays.



**Rogue Wave's** skipper, **Bruce McDonald**, is smoking in the summer heat winning every race but one to take home the South Coast 21 Fleet's Summer Series honors. **Gin-N-Tonic's** **Carl Morris** provided heated competition under the sweltering Texas Sun.

**New Fleet Members:** **Laura and Drew Trezise** are the proud new owners of **Gin-N-Tonic**, taking over the helm from **Carl Morris** who retired from sailing at the end of the summer series. **Gin-N-Tonic** is familiar with **Laura and Drew**, as they have been crewing on her for some time. Please extend a warm welcome to them both.

**Pig Roast:** As is to be expected, the annual pig roast was a huge success. **Ray Shull** spearheaded the South Coast 21 chefs' efforts to ensure the beast maintained a nice, cool 150-degree temperature. **Bruce McDonald, Tommy Meyer, Bill Benker, Carl Wiseman** and **Darren** all assisted in the efforts. Undisclosed sources report that the heat wave (not alcohol) affected the judgment of some of the chefs, causing them to dress up in hula skirts and coconuts tops.



SC21 Fleet's turn at Kevin Bacon (Photo Courtesy of Bruce McDonald)

**Leukemia Warm-Up Series:** The Leukemia Warm-Up Series is rapidly approaching with races starting Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. What a great time to fix up the boat and begin lining up donations for the Leukemia Cup. While some are concerned about the lack of water, our unofficial and unprofessional AYC weatherman states, "It will rain. You just wait (and wait and wait and wait) and see."

**Important Dates:**

Sunday, Oct 18<sup>th</sup> – South Coast 21 Race Committee

## Catalina 22 Fleet News By Peter Broberg



As we enter what we usually call the “Dog Days” of summer it seems like we have already been stuck there for a few months! The Summer Series seems like a distant memory but we need to recognize and congratulate **Roy Crouse** on **Lone Star** for taking home the first place trophy. **Roy** came out consistently and wound up winning the series without ever having the same crew from one race day to the next. **Wade Bingaman** on **Dry Heave** took second for the series and **Johannes Brinkmann** on **Strings Attached** pulled off a third place overall.

Many fleet members have answered the call for volunteers during the recent rush of dock moves and reconfigurations. Many thanks to all who turned out and worked hard in the heat to earn their breakfast taco. Hopefully we can all get together again in the near future to move everything back where it belongs!

As the next Series races approach those few of us with boats in slips need to come up with some novel ways to involve the rest of the fleet members. How about a race with 6 or more people on each boat? We could really gather some new data on boat speed with respect to weight to help the debate on class rules for standardized weights. Let's also consider a fleet pilgrimage back to the dance hall at Walburg when the weather cools off.

## Semi-Private Junior Sailing Lessons

By Yolanda Cortés Mares



Coach **Michelle Kasney**, former President of the UT Sailing Team and Women's Captain, gave semi-private sailing lessons at AYC this summer through the Junior Sail Training Program. **Erin Hawk** and **Mitch Deboes** ably assisted with all the fun on Picos and Optis. This was an excellent opportunity for kids to get more time on the water after Junior Sailing Camp and to develop some sailing skills. They did some match racing drills and a lot of sailing. The kids had a great time sailing to Windy Point, Stearns Island, and Cypress Creek, with plenty of wind to help them along the way. Kudos to all who made this possible!



***It's coming! Don't miss out!***

## The 2009 Leukemia Cup Regatta

October 2-4, 2009

Hosted by the Austin Yacht Club. Register by **August 18th**, and your boat's name will be on the back of the 2009 Commemorative T-shirt! Registration is easy! Just look on the AYC website and click the link to register through the Regatta Network.

Then, start your fundraising! Contact Debbie Wilkinson at The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society ([debbie.wilkinson@lls.org](mailto:debbie.wilkinson@lls.org) or 512-491-6610) and she will get your online fundraising page set up for you and send you your Sailor Packet full of fundraising ideas! Or, look online at [www.lls.org/ctx](http://www.lls.org/ctx) "2009 Luekemia Cup" to learn more about fundraising incentives and corporate sponsorships! **You don't even have to sail to fundraise!**

**REGISTER TODAY!**





Dock move in progress. (Photo Courtesy of Bill Records)

Well, we're well and truly into the Summer Doldrums now, with a record-breaking number of over-100-degree days so far this summer, and all of August still to go. Ugh. Sadly, we're also setting records for the water level on Lake Travis (or as someone referred to it, the Travis RIVER now...). Going into August, we're flirting with a 635 water level, and the dock moves continue. Many thanks to all the members of Keel Fleet who have been coming out to help with the weekly dock moves, and keep it up!

Not much to report on the racing front, now that summer series is over. The rescheduled Independence Cup was held on August 8<sup>th</sup>, and we'll have a regatta report in the next issue of the Telltale. **The biggest news is the introduction of the 2009 Keel Fleet Championship**, crafted by our Keel Fleet Captain **Larry Ratliff**. The Championship will include results from four events, starting with Independence Cup, and followed by the Leukemia Cup Warm-up Series, Leukemia Cup itself, and wrapping up with the Keel Fleet Wild Turkey Regatta. See Larry's write-up below for full details on the Keel Fleet Championship, including a description of the scoring system we'll be using to rank boats across the multiple events that constitute the Championship.

### A Fleet News

Since the last Telltale, we finished the Summer Series and can now report on results: **Jim Tillinghast, Greg Scully, Adolph & Yolanda Mares**, and crew on **Godzilla** ended up edging out the **Rochard** clan on **Coyote** by ONE POINT to take the series. **Coyote** was second, followed by **Claude and Joanne Welles** and crew on **Wild Hare**, who came in third for the series. The **Godzilla** crew also deserves congratulations for being the only boat in A-fleet to make every race in the Summer Series. The dropping water level on the lake made

it a challenge for many other A-fleet boats to participate, with dry-sailed boats no longer able to launch by the end of the series.

Of course, not being able to sail much in July didn't mean people were idle, as the dock moves kept a lot of people busy. Thanks again to all the members of A-fleet to came out for slave labor (er, I mean volunteer!) during dock moves.



Mission accomplished. (Photo Courtesy of Bill Records)

### B Fleet News

Well, dock moves largely replaced racing in July. Many thanks to the B-Fleet skippers and crew who helped with these - may I call them historic - moves. We can, however report on the Summer Series results which were not quite in when the last Telltale went to press.

Congratulations to the crew of the Capri-25 **Ornery** which took first place. And believe me the crew deserves all the credit.

**Mike Chambers** in **Oz** finished second and **Doug Laws** got third. I did a poll on which B-Fleet boats are still in position to both float and get out of the dock and we have most, if not all of the usual suspects still in the game. So I hope to see good competition the rest of this season. See you on the lake - er... river.

### 2009 Keel Fleet Championship, by Larry Ratliff, Keel Fleet Captain

As they used to say on Monty Python..."and now for something completely different", well, not completely different but with a new twist. For the past few years, we have used one event, The Leukemia Cup, with the same course for all classes, so that we could easily identify the keel fleet spinnaker and nonspinnaker champions.

For 2009, we want to make the championship more  
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representative and use a series of events. But, how do we score that kind of a series, with course lengths and entrants that may be different from event to event and class to class? US Sailing comes to the rescue with the "High Point Percentage System". Basically, your score is decided by calculating a percentage based on the number of boats that raced in your Class and how many of those boats you tied with or beat. It looks a little like a batting average in baseball, the example US Sailing uses.

For example, if your class has 5 boats and you finish second, beating 3 boats: Your Score is calculated by adding 1, (which represents your boat) to the number of boats you tied with or beat (3). The Percentage Score is calculated by dividing your Score (4) by the total of boats in your fleet(5), resulting in a Percentage Score of .800. For a five boat fleet the results are as follows:

<u>Finishing place</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Percentage Score</u>
First	5	1.000%
Second	4	.800
Third	3	.600
Fourth	2	.400
Fifth	1	.200

But how does it work when there are multiple events in the Championship series? Let's assume for the second event of the Series there are 10 boats in your class and you are 5<sup>th</sup> (beating 4 boats). Your Score is 5 and your Percentage Score is .500.

To calculate your overall place for the series your Scores for both events, 4 (for Race 1) and 5 (for Race 2), are added together and divided by the total of the number of boats you raced, 5 (for Race 1) and 10 (for Race 2). This gives a combined Percentage Score of .600 (9/15). As the Series progresses more scores will be added and at the end we will be able to determine our spinnaker and non-spinnaker Champions for the year.

### So, without further ado, here are the details for the 2009 Keel Fleet Championship Series:

- You must be a keel fleet member to compete and must compete in a keel handicap class.
- There will be 4 events in the Series – get ready because the first one was on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August:

1. Independence Cup August 8

2. Leukemia Warm-Up Series August 30, Sept. 13 & 20  
(Overall score for the Series will be used, not date by date)
3. Leukemia Cup October 3 & 4  
(Overall score, not race by race.)
4. Wild Turkey Regatta November 21

- There will be one throwout.
- Boats that don't compete in at least 3 of the series events aren't eligible for the Championship.
- Boats that do not compete, don't finish, are disqualified or withdraw after the race, are given a Score of zero for that race.
- Scores will not be combined for boats that sail in both spinnaker and nonspinnaker races during the Series.

A Notice of Series has been posted on the AYC website to give more information about the Series. The following link takes you to the US Sailing website where there is more information on this scoring method, <http://www.ussailing.org/rules/> click on the "Appendix A" item on the left side of the page to get to the document. If you have any other questions or comments please contact **Larry Ratliff** at 512-266-2262 or via e-mail at [wratliff@austin.rr.com](mailto:wratliff@austin.rr.com).

## Harbor News

As of August 12, 2009, Lake Travis is at elevation 635.00— beating the low water event of 1984. In 1984 the lake hit 636.58. The last time the lake was this lower was 45 years ago, in 1964!

### Upcoming Work Parties

- Sunday, August 16 8:00am - Reconfigure outboard cables on D2 and D3, reposition Junior Pavilion (again)
- Sunday, August 23 8:00am - Reposition Junior Pavilion / Board Boat 2 much further out of the South cove (pending new anchor points set)

### Summary Lake Forecast

August 12 - 635.0 MSL  
August 31 - 631.7 MSL  
September 30 - 627.3 MSL  
October 31 - 626.0 MSL

### Boat Storage

Dry sailed board boats and catamarans are being allowed storage on the AYC point **only with approval of the fleet commander**. To request assignment, please contact [Christopher Dwight](mailto:Christopher.Dwight@ayc.org).

## Texas Race Week By Eric Rochard



It was a big success. Less than a year after Ike, Houston Yacht Club harbor was filled with Optimists and Lasers. The attendance was up from last year with 117 Optimists, 43 of them in the green fleet! There were 40 competitors in Lasers and 7 in 420s.



I was part of the race committee on the Laser race course and the PRO, **Bill Richnow** from HYC, did a great job providing fair and challenging race courses. The first start was scheduled at 1:30 pm and the breeze was filling in nicely from the South/South-East to a good 15/20knots by the last race of the day. The dry weather was at least having a beneficial effect. The Houston Bay water was clean and salty and dolphins were hanging out around the sailors!



**Alan Rochard** was representing AYC and he finished 8<sup>th</sup> in the Laser radial class, winning a race (this is important because for every race you win you will get a

Texas "star" T-shirt!).



The quality of the young competitors was impressive and it does not come to a surprise that for the Laser National in Brenton Beach NJ, 5 sailors in the Laser radial top 20 are from Texas and in the Laser 4.7 top 10 it is even better as 5 sailors are from the Houston area.

The Club420 were challenged by the breeze and the shallow water of the Houston Bay but the participation was up from the previous years!



The Optimist RWB fleet was international with competitors from Japan, Bermuda and Germany. There were also strong teams from Louisiana and Florida. The mark roundings were impressive!

The Optimist green fleet was the greatest success of the Texas Junior Olympic with 43 competitors. Sometimes those young sailors were probably over heating as their fleet did record almost all the protests!

I enjoyed helping out the race committee. I learn more about sailing helping out with race committee than if I was just racing! The strong Optimist programs in Texas started a few years ago are now starting to feed the Laser classes. The Laser 4.7 is a nice transition for the younger sailors who are too light for the Laser radial and the participation has doubled from 2 years ago.

For the full results:

[www.texasyouthraceweek.com](http://www.texasyouthraceweek.com)

## Want to help with 2010 Social Events?

Steve Eller is anxious to get a jump start on putting together a great social committee in 2010! If you're interested in being a part of this, please contact Molly Lewis or Susie McDonald.

Here's what we've learned from experience:

- You don't have to be a social butterfly, a socialist, or a social worker, but...
- You do have to have a reasonably good, friendly attitude (most of the time)
- You really don't have to cook a lot, unless you just like to (but if you like to, you'll love this job!)
- You do have to be willing to jump in and help with what needs to be done, usually with a smile
- You don't have to actually have time for this
- You do have to enjoy spending the time you have, or can spare, up at the club (the amount is up to you!)
- You don't have to know what you're doing, but...
- You do have to be willing to ask for help
- You don't have to know a lot of people (but you will *get* to know a lot of people), and...
- You do have to enjoy people saying thank you every time they see you!

*This is definitely NOT the hardest job at the club, but it is one of the most appreciated and probably the most fun. So, if you've been looking for a way to get really involved, this may be the perfect opportunity!*



## Thank You Luau Volunteers!

Walter Allen	Bill & Kelly Hawk	Kandis Nelson
Chris Bataille	Ian Huddleston	Caroline Parobek
Bill Benker	Cynthia & Ken Jolly	Sarah Perez
Randolph Bertin	Bo & Bo Kersey	Anthony Plattsmier
Robert and Donna Black	Ann Kitzmiller	Barb Prashner
Karen Bogish	Tom Lappin	Larry Ratliffe
Barry Bowden	Doug Laws	Nelson Reynolds
Kurt Carson	Danny & Norma Lien	Charles & Joan Rowland
Linda Donovan	Muffet Livaudais	Renee Ruais
Steve Ehlers	Voldi Makie	Sania Shifferd
James Elrod	Vic & Pat Manning	Ray Shull
Don Floyd	Jorge Martin-de-Nicolas	Stacy Tucker
Bruce & Denise Foster	Terry McDermott	Scott & Shawnee Walsh
Tommy Gairloff	Bruce & Susie McDonald	And at least three
Kelly Groll	Brian Metz	others whose names I
Marilyn & Barton Hammon	Eric & Robbie Nelson	accidentally left off!

*Thanks also to our incredible staff -  
Bob, Tom, and Pam - for all your help!!*

## Socially Speaking By Molly Lewis



(Photo Courtesy of Renee Ruais)

I hope that many of you were able to come out and enjoy the luau this year! We had a fantastic time. **Stacy Tucker** and her crew of about 1000 – give or take – did an amazing job with the décor. **Pat Manning** and **Susie McDonald** and all their helpers cooked up some delicious dishes. **Barb Prashner** did a wonderful job lining up the *Bantons*, a great tropical band, as well as *Tropical Productions*, the highly entertaining hula and fire dancers. **Renee Ruais** has posted some videos of the hula and fire dancing on YouTube – check it out! **Walter Allen** set up his booth and did some great body painting – I was especially pleased with the little “Kevin Bacon” hula pig that he painted on my arm! **Vic Manning** served up some incredible Mai Tais. And it seems like there was something else . . .



(Photo Courtesy of Renee Ruais)



(Above Photos Courtesy of Renee Ruais)

Oh YEAH – THE PIG! I think that everyone will agree that one of the biggest heroes of the luau was **Jorge Martin-de-Nicolas**! He did an incredible job with all things pig-related: tracking down the lost pig roasting logs, making an unbelievable insulated pig sarcophagus/cooler (which has been dubbed the “Pigloo™” and I’m sure will be a critical element of luaus to come), brining the pig, coordinating and overseeing the 24-hour pig watch, helping facilitate an unforgettable pig processional featuring the roasted pig mounted on old Laser that was generously donated to the cause by **Steve Ehlers**. Of course, the whole “pig thing” took many other volunteers many hours as well. **Jorge** had lots of hands helping him get things set up, and we were very excited that we had so many volunteers willing to take their shift keeping “Kevin Bacon” company as he roasted away on Voldi Maki’s amazing motorized spit. Those who came out all reported having a great time, whether it was watching movies throughout the night and early morning hours on **Bill Benker**’s giant

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(Photo Courtesy of Robert Black)

movie screen, watching the hot air balloons make their trek over Lake Travis early Saturday morning, or braving the heat with a few beers, and maybe some rum, and lots of great company throughout the day on Saturday. In addition to providing a great excuse to get an early start on the luau partying, all of the efforts resulted in a great-tasting pig! Many thanks to **Bruce McDonald**, who stood for 3+ hours carving him up for the rest of us to enjoy! In addition to all those names listed above, there were many, many others who helped with the luau – many of you spending a lot of long, sweaty hours up at the club. As I was tallying the numbers, I realized that at least a quarter of those who attended the luau helped in one way or another. And the amazing thing is that a lot of those who helped seemed to think that this was half the fun – and that's saying something because the party was a blast! Thank you so much to all the volunteers! Y'all made the AYC 2009 Luau a truly great event!

Although the social committee (any many others) are taking a little bit of a breather now that the luau is over, there's still more social fun to be had around AYC in the upcoming weeks and months. We're in the planning stages for after-race socials during the Leukemia Cup Warm-up series starting on August 30, and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society are eager to jump in and get involved in these activities. If you're sailing, plan to stick around after the races, and if you're not sailing, come on out anyway for good food, good beer, and good company!



We look forward to seeing all of you around the club!

(Photo Courtesy of Bruce McDonald)

## From The Galley...

Luau Recipes by Pat Manning:

### Teriyaki Chicken

Chicken thighs (frozen)	5 lbs = 25 pieces
Soy sauce	1 cup
Sugar	1 cup
Ginger root	3 or 4 slices

Put the frozen chicken thighs and sliced, peeled ginger root in a large pot. Mix soy sauce and sugar together and pour over the chicken. Bring to a boil and simmer for at least 1 hour. It will make its own juice.

### Hawaiian Meatballs

Italian meatballs (frozen)	5 or 6 lb. bag
Pineapple chunks (canned)	Three 20 oz. cans
Cornstarch	1/3 cup
Cider vinegar	1 1/2 cup
Brown sugar	1 1/2 cup
Soy sauce	1/3 cup
Lemon juice	1/3 cup
Green and red peppers	2 cups
Chopped pimentos	3 tbsp.

Heat meatballs in oven according to package. One hour before meatballs are done start sauce. Drain pineapple reserving liquid, add water to make 3 cups liquid. Blend together pineapple liquid and cornstarch until smooth. Stir in next four ingredients. Cook until thickened. Add pineapple chunks, peppers and pimento. Stir well, cover and simmer over low heat for 15 minutes. Add meatballs and simmer at least 15 minutes.

### Orange Rice (6 servings)

Butter	1/4 cup
Celery diced with leaves	2/3 cup
Onion minced (dried)	1 tbsp.
Water	2 cups
Orange rind grated	2 tbsp.
Orange juice	1 cup
Salt	1 tsp.
Thyme	1/8 tsp.
Rice	1 cup

In hot butter, cook celery and onion until tender. Add water, orange rind, juice, salt, thyme; bring to boil. Slowly add rice, cook covered until tender. Add more water if needed.

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**WANTED: A literate sailor with a cruising state of mind, 20 odd feet of empty shelving and a little cash...**

I'm in the process of swallowing the anchor - chunk by chunk. (17 sailboats over the past 35 years.) The boats are all gone, but I still have my nautical book collection. One of the reasons I spent my work life in the publishing business is that I do love books. I have been an avid nautical book collector and have compiled a library - over the past 35 years - consisting of approximately 450 sailing books. The library is cruising oriented. It includes many "how-to" books authored by famous sailors, navigation books, cruising guides and many miscellaneous sailing oriented titles. I've probably poured \$10K to \$15K into the collection. I want to sell the books as a collection. ( I'm not interested in selling individual titles. ) Jan and I are in a downsizing mode and my nautical books have to go. \$2500 for the lot.



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