# AUSTIN YACHT CLUB

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January, 1970

A.Y.C. held a meeting of the Board of Directors on January 12 in the home of Commodore Tom Romberg. Present were Romberg, McBee, Downes, English, McIntyre, Niemann, Griffis, Weiler, Kern, Price, and Arnold.

Cliff Price presented the report of the Membership Committee and recommended to the Board of Directors that the membership classification and dues structure be simplified.

The proposed classes would be:

- 1. Life This category is closed except to present members of the trust. The cost would be \$1500.
- 2. Senior Initiation fee \$200.00 with dues of \$10 per month or \$100 per year prepaid.
- Student Initiation fee \$50 with dues of \$10 per month or \$100 per year prepaid. A "Student" is defined as a full time student under the age of 30.

An additional section may be added to the bylaws concerning leave of absence. It is felt that any request for this should be considered on its own merits by the Board of Directors.

The changes in the dues will be effective in the next billing. Changes in initiation fees will be effective March 1, 1970.

Changes proposed for Article III - Membership - Section 1. The Membership of the club shall be divided into four classes:

A. Life Senior

- B. Senior
- C. Students
- D. Honorary

Section 6. Add (iii). The initiation fee for Senior Members will be prorated on a \$50 per year basis over a 4-year period, and will be refunded accordingly for those moving from the Central Texas area.

Section 7. (Change wording after semicolon; the spouse, his or her unmarried, dependent, minor children, and unmarried dependent full time students of a member shall be granted all the privileges of membership but shall not vote except as hereinafter specified.

Add new <u>Section 8.</u> The Board of Directors may suspend all or part of the payment of dues of a member, with loss of club privileges, for a reasonable period of time in cases of illness or other extreme hardship, extended absence from the Austin area, or special cases be considered on individual merit by board of directors.

Change present Section 8 to Section 9.

The above recommended by-law changes will be voted upon by the membership at the next general meeting.

New members include Bryan M. Bell (Venture-21), Joseph J. Moldenhauer (co-owner with T. Leach in Thistle), William C. Walcutt, and Bryan W. Forister, Jr. Honorary memberships were awarded to: W. W. Agan, retired chief

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engineer for Randolph AFB and chairman of the water district; William Lester, Professor of Art at The University of Texas; and Harvey Mills, former manager of A. Y. C.

Fleet Captain, John Weiler, presented the following additions to Harbor Rules which were approved by the Board:

1. Boat storage spaces, whether docks, board boat platform, or dry sail, will be occupied or vacated only with the knowledge and approval of the club Fleet Captain.

2. No running, scuffling, or horseplay is permitted on docks.

3. No boats will be boarded or otherwise molested without the owner's consent except in emergency as provided for elsewhere in Harbor Rules.

4. Boats will not be left moored to T-heads overnight without permission of the Fleet Captain or the Club Manager.

5. Halyards and other such lines of boats in docks and of rigged boats on shore will be secured outwardly away from mast to minimize wear of rigging and noise of lines striking mast by wind action.

6. Any hazardous conditions, practices, or faulty equipment in the harbor and boat storage areas should be reported to the Club Fleet Captain.

Additions to House Rules approved by the Board:

1. The Commander of Buildings and Grounds shall be in charge of the use, operation, and maintenance of the Clubhouse, Cabins, Pool, utilities, and grounds in general.

2. In the interest of safety, swimming will not be permitted from the docks or in the main channel, except for boat cleaning and repair.

3. Parents shall supervise and be responsible for their children who are swimming in the pool or in the lake. The Club furnishes no life guards at any time.

4. No expenditures for the Club's benefit may be made by any member of the club without prior approval of the appropriate club officer. All bills are to be signed by the appropriate officer before payment by the treasurer.

Weiler noted Health Department regulations on boat heads. Niemann will report to the Board on a possible ordinance change regarding chlorination heads. The necessity of a hoist at AYC was discussed, and a committee of John Weiler, Fred Romberg, Bill Houston, and Frank McBee was appointed to discuss the type and location of the hoist.

Frank McBee reported that William P. Holloway of Holloway Engineering and Cable Supply Company donated the 6000-lb. anchor to the Club and placed it on the playground opposite the clubhouse. According to Jack Mathis of the Holloway Company, the anchor once belonged to a U.S. Cruiser which was a World War I ship that was also used in World War II and was eventually dismantled at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard.

Larry Niemann hopes to publish the 1970 Directory early in February and would appreciate members completing and returning the questionnaire as soon as possible.

Jack Downes reported on the enthusiastic turnout for the Sailing School sessions held every Thursday evening through February 5 at 7:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Lowich Bldg. at 11th and Guadalupe Streets. The subject for the January 29 session will be racing rules with Eugene English and Hap Arnold on the panel.

The Clubhouse now has heat, lights, and water. Coffee and cookies were served by the race committee Sunday, so that those who were not racing spent

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a comfortable afternoon watching the frostbitten sailors. \$3300. has been authorized by the Board for Clubhouse furniture, and Mary McIntyre and Sue McBee have selected some appropriate units within this budget.

Also included in the 1970 budget is an ice maker, refrigerator, fireplace, concrete under the Clubhouse, hoist, ramp improvement, electrical system, paving, another board boat dock. (As soon as finances permit, AYC will join the city water district in order that members will not have to use the local water.) The Board hopes that more \$1000. notes will be purchased by members. Only 32 of the 60 notes which are needed by the Club have been spoken for.

List of \$1000 notes: Frank McBee, Jr.; Francis E. McIntyre; Ed Wroe; Don Goldston; Richard Lane; Wm. Griffis; Frank Dannelley; Ray Hurd; A. F. Wittenborn, Maxwell White, A. C. Lagow, Homer Arnold, Jack Downes, John Williams, Alvin Peterson, Robert Ellzey, Clift Price, Fred Romberg, Jack Kern, Chester Snyder, John Alford, Jr., W. S. Bartow, L. T. Cheung, Thomas T. Lowry, Tom Romberg, Frank Crump, S. A. Caldwell, Jr.

Mary Griffis has offered to contribute her time as a bookkeeper so that the Club does not have to hire someone to assist Bill Griffis.

Aggie Painton has been appointed the new social chairman for 1970. Max White has been appointed the cruising chairman.

The Board unanimously decided that all correspondence shall be mailed to the Club address on Lake Travis: Austin Yacht Club, Route 7, Box 587, Austin, Texas, 78746. It should be addressed to the appropriate officer in order that it may be sorted.

Eugene English, Commander for Race Committee, reported on the decisions of the race committee. The classes of boats to be recognized are listed below in their starting sequence:

- 1. Keelboat handicap
- 2. Sunfish-Starfish and Boardboat Handicap
- 3. M-20
- 4. Thistle
- 5. Flying Scot and Centerboard Handicap
- 6. Snipe
- 7. Cal 20

Note: All boats must be equipped with sail numbers.

Board of Directors voted to have the boardboat handicap fleet to start with Sunfish-Starfish class, as indicated above, but they will race boat for boat without any handicap figures and the corrected time will not be computed; however, AYC will give trophies to the winners just the same as to other classes.

The Board of Directors emphasized that the Protesting boat must notify the Race Committee about the protest as the skipper crosses the finish line at the end of the race in which the infraction occurred.

The race committee will make a decision two hours before a race as to whether it will be cancelled due to weather. Anyone wishing to know this decision should call the Club manager, Irvin Norton after 12:00 Noon at the Club number. The race committee requests that skippers do not call members of the committee members at their homes.

The Committee boat will usually start and finish races at "C" buoy to allow spectators to watch the races from the clubhouse.

A Sub-committee was appointed by English to revise the racing instructions

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and report their recommendations to our next meeting. Gene George - Chairman Russell Painton - Member Don Church - Member

The Race Committee voted to direct Gene George's sub committee to specify that TIRC handicap system will be used in keelboat fleet and the Portsmouth system will be used to handicap the centerboard handicap fleet. Duane Dobson is designated to furnish TIRC ratings to race committee. Gene Cavin is in charge of furnishing Portsmouth ratings to race committee.

Appointment of sub-committee on recognition of classes by Austin Yacht Club:

- 1. Jack Kern chairman
- 2. Sandy Bauman member
- 3. Tom Leach member

Appointment of sub-committee on Trophies - - Series trophies, Regatta trophies and Perpetual trophies:

- 1. Russell Painton chairman
- 2. Larry Nieman member
- 3. Don Bynum member
- 4. Bill Geise member

Houston Yacht Club's Mid-Winter Regatta will be held the weekend of February 14-15, with registration beginning at noon Feb. 13. The first race is scheduled for 9:45 a.m. Saturday. Among those Austinites planning to attend are Tom Romberg, Clift Price, F. E. McIntyre, Eugene English, Russell Painton, Mark Finley, Bob Kelly, John Weiler, Bill Houston, Jack Kern, and most of the Snipe sailors.

--Carolyn Marshall

P.S. John Douglas thinks there may be other members interested in sharing the ownership of a keel boat. The boat, size, and composition of the group as yet undecided. Call him at GL 2-2239 if you are interested in exploring this idea.

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## Race Committee

Eugene English (Commander of Race Activities) Sandy Bauman Don Bynum Duane Dobson Gene Cavin Bill Geise Eugene George Tom Leach Larry Niemann Russell Painton Bill Eastman

### AUSTIN YACHT CLUB

## Fleet Captains

Cal-20 Fleet	Robert Ellzey
Catamaran Fleet	James Cowden
Flying Scot Fleet	Don Church
Keel Boat Fleet	John Weiler
M-20 Fleet	Jack Kern
Snipe Fleet	Don Bynum
Sunfish-Sailfish Fleet	Aggie Painton
Thistle Fleet	Russell Painton

## Event

## Chairman

## Publicity Chairman

St. Patrick's Day RegattaF.E. McIntyreGene and Adalaide Cavin
M-20 Midwinter Regatta M-20 Fleet
Snipe Regatta Snipe Fleet
Spring Lakeway Regatta Frank McBee, Jr Tim and Kathy Lowry
Turnback Canyon Regatta Clift PriceJohn and Kay Stark
Governor's Cup Regatta Jack Downes Peter and Jan von Wupperfeld
Fall Lakeway Regatta Sandy Bauman Duane and Nancy Dobson
Turkey Day Regatta Jack Kern Bill and Charlene Eastman
Cruises: Mar, Apr, May,
Jun, Oct, and Nov Maxwell White Larry and Carol Niemann
AYC Series Races: Winter
Spring, Summer, Fall,
FrostbiteBill and Caroline Howard
AYC Junior Championship Don Church
(Sears Cup)
AYC Women's ChampionshipRussell Painton
(Adams Cup)
AYC Men's Championship Eugene George
(Mallory Cup)
AYC Match Race Championship. Gary Boswell
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