

JUNE 1983

telltale

AUSTIN YACHT CLUB



*1983 AUSTIN YACHT CLUB
GOVERNOR'S CUP REGATTA*

What's going on ?

SUMMER SERIES BUFFET

AND TROPHY PRESENTATION

Sunday

JUNE 26

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SUMMER Buffet





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On The Cover: Painting by AYC artist Janice McLemore.
McLemore is Regatta Co-Chairperson for
Governor's Cup slated for July 2-3.



FROM THE COMMODORE _____

The fickle finger of fate once again strikes the Turnback Canyon Regatta. AYC, for the second time this year, drew a record turnout, only to have historic but less than ideal conditions for the 1983 Turnback Canyon Regatta. Under the circumstances a semi-good time was had by all. The competitors at least got a hell of a head start on their summer tans.

Ray Shull and his Race Committee did a commendable job under very trying circumstances and are to be thanked for their effort and responsible action in shepherding in the sailors stranded on the race course Saturday night. Claude and JoAnn Welles and Trenton and Michal Wann are to be congratulated for their excellent organizational effort for the regatta. The large crowd and weather conditions certainly complicated the race and shore functions. However, their planning was superb and kept the activity running smoothly. The trophies this year were great.

We certainly appreciate the Lago Vista Fire Department for their keeping the dinner line open late to serve the late arriving hungry sailors. We all missed dancing and listening to the Geezinslaw Brothers Band. However, they have agreed to reappear at AYC this year for a later event.

The AYC Open Sailboard Regatta the weekend following Turnback fared only slightly better with again less than ideal wind conditions. Teri Nelms organized a marvelous regatta only to have the number of participants fall short of expected because of the light wind conditions. Thanks Teri! Better luck next year.

The past two weekends were certainly a change in the great winds that we have had for sailing so far this year. I think it lulled a number of participants in Turnback into being less than prepared for such a long stay on the water. Consequently, their boats were not equipped for sailing after dark. The Turnback Canyon Regatta historically has become a race that tests both competitive sailing skills and preparedness of the participants for the unexpected. Turnback is a great fun event but should be entered with a sincere respect for and understanding of what may be encountered.

Please note in this Telltale issue a schedule for CPR classes to be offered by the Safety Committee in July and August. Pat Turpin is organizing the classes on week nights as well as weekends so that all interested members should be able to attend. I certainly encourage each of you to take advantage of these classes. The experience gained just might make a difference in saving the life of a fellow club member or family member some day.

The AYC calendar is full of activities for the next several weeks. The Summer Series Races are well under way and the new Centerboard Only Series is scheduled to start in late July. The Junior Sailing Camp and Junior Sailing Program are starting as of this writing. The Governor's Cup Regatta is just around the corner and should again set a new attendance record.

We should all be preparing for what may prove to be the premier social event at AYC - the Mardi Gras with Cajun Cooking. I am getting hungry just thinking about it.

Good Sailing! See you at the clubhouse and on the race course.

Thanks

Rod Malone, Commodore

FROM THE BOARD

BOARD NOTES

At their meeting May 26, 1983, the Board of Directors determined that:

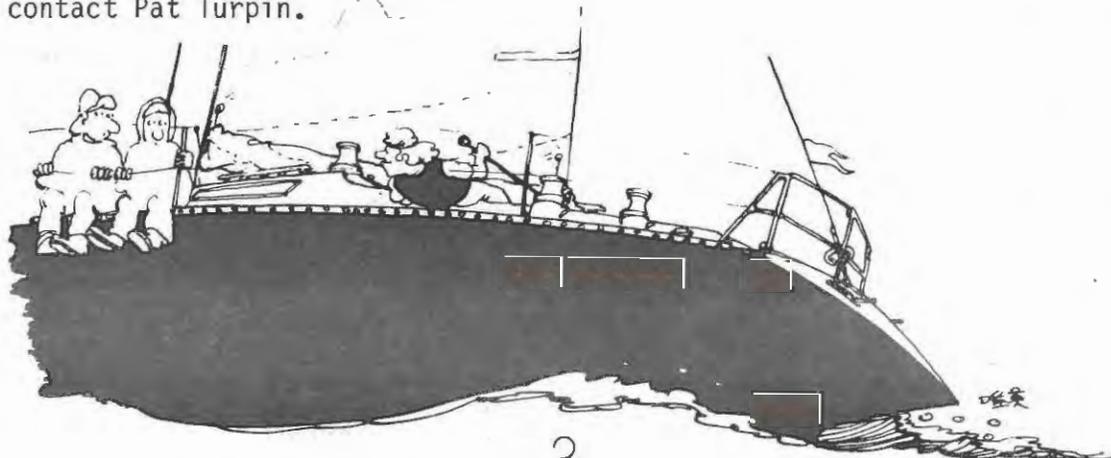
1. All student members will be expected to go through the normal routine which would include the review period before being considered for permanent membership status.

2. The Harbor Committee will research the possibility of designating a certain percentage of slips for cruising boats, and there will be a waiting list for each and each year diminish the percentage of cruising boat slips down to a ratio we can live with. The committee will consider this suggestion at their next meeting to determine if it could be workable.

3. A Basic Life Support CPR course will be offered at AYC. It is a 6-hour course and can be taught either in one 6-hour or two 3-hour periods. It will be offered at these four dates: July 12 and 14, July 23, August 8 and 10, and August 20. For additional details contact Pat Turpin.

4. Security Gate will be left open for open regattas and two hours on Sunday for series races. For small regattas and seminars the gate will be left closed, but the gate combination should be sent with the invitation; for personal social events the gate will be left closed and will be the burden of the host member; and for regularly scheduled events like sailboard and Laser races and junior sailing classes the gate will be left open from 4 to 7 p.m.

5. The Fleet Commander purchase and install rubber padding for docks 1 - 5 and that the slip holder be assessed for the cost incurred in installation, estimated to be approximately \$50.00 per slip.



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"BEFORE THIS, HE WAS SAILING LASERS"

TURNBACK CANYON REGATTA

PHRF SPINNAKER "A"

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|--------------------|----------|
| 1. Russell Painton | J29 |
| 2. Carl Vernon | Olson 30 |
| 3. Miles Wood | Hobie 33 |
| 4. Rolly Lawson | Olson 30 |
| 5. Rick Smith | J29 |

PHRF SPINNAKER "B"

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|------------------|---------------|
| 1. Claude Welles | Cal 9.2 |
| 2. Don Shaparey | Wavelength 24 |
| 3. Galen Lyons | Ranger 28 |
| 4. Hap McCollum | San Juan 28 |
| 5. Herb Duncan | Cal 9.2 |

PHRF SPINNAKER "C"

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|-------------------|----------------|
| 1. Jed Gibson | Columbia Sabre |
| 2. Frank Riha | Catalina 27 |
| 3. John Kuban | San Juan 24 |
| 4. Eddie Calogero | San Juan 24 |
| 5. Linda Golden | San Juan 24 |

PHRF SPINNAKER "D"

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| 1. Wayne Carelock | Mustang 22 |
| 2. Ray Lott | Coronado 27 |
| 3. Erhard Sudermann | Ranger 23 |

PHRF NON-SPINNAKER "A"

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| 1. Gene Preston | Hobie 33 |
| 2. Bruce McDonald | Cal 29 |
| 3. Jim Turpin | Hunter 33 |

PHRF NON-SPINNAKER "B"

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|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. Dave Hilfer | San Juan 24 |
| 2. John Vance | Pearson 26 |
| 3. Dale Edwards | San Juan 7.7 |

CATALINA 25

1. Gary Schmidt

CENTERBOARD HCP

- | | |
|----------------|-----|
| 1. Tom Romberg | M20 |
| 2. Tom Bauer | M20 |

ENSIGN

1. Tim Erwin
2. Tommy Kozlowski

J 24

1. Mark Rylander
2. Carol Shough
3. Wilson Smith
4. Mary Pilney

MERIT 25

1. Carl Morris
2. Brent Pepper
3. Tom Whipple

SOUTH COAST 21

1. Bud Boucher
2. Buddy Gough
3. Duane Dobson

CATAMARAN HCP #1

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|------------------|-------------|
| 1. Eric Solowiej | Nacra 5.2 |
| 2. Douglas Graff | AMF Trac 18 |
| 3. Dennis Paun | Nacra 5.5 |
| 4. Kenneth Ogden | Nacra 5.5 |
| 5. Scott Harris | Tornado |

CATAMARAN HCP #2

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|-------------------|------------|
| 1. Bob Saurenmann | Kraken 25 |
| 2. Darwin Barnes | Prindle 18 |
| 3. John Ridley | Freestyle |
| 4. Bill Steeley | Nacra 5.2 |

NACRA 5.2

1. Mike Nelson
2. Jack Rees
3. Thomas McMillan
4. Joe Beissner
5. Mark McCreary
6. Fred Schroth
7. Tom Lum



NACRA 5.8

1. Bob Patterson
2. Charlie Morse
3. Dennis Brown
4. Bill Collins

HOBIE 16

1. Kim Korner



PRINDLE 16

1. Richard Sharp
2. Don Roller
3. Tom Shay

CATALINA 22 - Boat of the Month

by Duane Dobson

A Catalina 22 and its skipper and crew must be the boat of the month or maybe of the year. I'll give you my reasons and you judge for yourself.

Saturday, May 28, the first day of Turnback Canyon (AYC to Lago Vista) was not going well. At 4 p.m. after 5 hours of racing, we finally made the mark at Arkansas Bend and our hopes of getting to Lago Vista by the 7 p.m. cutoff appeared dim. By 6 p.m. we were close to Graveyard Point but still a long way from Lakeway. We, along with a lot of other small keel boats, cats and center-boarders, started casting around for a sailboat with a motor to tow us to the finish. There were a lot of competitors in bigger boats with motors who were giving it up and heading for Lago Vista. I hailed several for a tow and I haven't been turned down so often since I was in high school. Even the AYC rescue boat told me "later." On thinking it over now I guess a bigger keel boat with an engine could rationalize not taking a smaller keel boat in tow. Towing a keel boat will slow you down and they were probably as anxious to get to Lago Vista as the rest of us. What

I can't rationalize is a keel boat with an engine passing up a centerboard or cat. I watched a good number of bigger keel boats go by an M-20. He has no place to spend the night without a tow. In addition we could all see the line of storm clouds building in the North. Towing an M-20 or similar boat wouldn't slow anyone down much, but back to the story.

A Catalina 22 motored by at about 6 p.m. and I asked, "How about a tow to Lago Vista?" The Catalina helmsman replied that he was low on gas but that he would go on to Lakeway, fill up, and return to pick us up. The Catalina 22 disappeared and I started to think that when he got to Lakeway he would decide it was a quicker trip to Lago Vista without a return trip to Graveyard Point and a South Coast in tow. At 6:35 back from Lakeway comes a Catalina 22 under power, working his way through the fleet of sail boats motionless except for bobbing in the wash from passing power boats. The Catalina 22 helmsman spotted our South Coast among the other boats and waved to us as if they had found the prize in the Cracker Jack Box. In a minute he's alongside asking if we still need a tow. For over 2 hours the Catalina's six horsepower tows us through calm, storm, rain and finally darkness to Lago Vista.

If you are not sure what the Corinthian spirit of yachting entails and want to know, then ask skipper Gary Payne and crew Randy Alexis of Catalina 22 HALLUX VALGUS. They know.

JUNIOR SAILING

AYC's junior sailing program for 1983 will start on Wednesday evening, June 15, and will continue each Wednesday evening thereafter through August 24. Details will be mailed individually on May 9 to all eligible junior sailors listed in the 1983 Club Directory. Any questions should be directed to Sam Fine, 282-3582.

Focus on Youth

THE DAY (ACTUALLY A WEEK) OF THE SNOTRAGS

Well, it's finally over. After a week of gybing and tacking under the watchful eye of Barb Hlista (who seemed to have loads of fun with the general recall flag) and Jim Baker (who is still trying to convince people that the Dinkeys (dinghys) are really a lot of fun). Hour upon hour, day after day, sunburn after sunburn we slaved out on the grueling waters. And there were also our true friends, the tump and the turtle. They were with us for the whole camp, and nobody knew when they were going to strike next.

But really, the Junior Sailing Camp was a lot of fun when we had good conditions. Unfortunately, the weather was another one of our "true friends." The first whole day (Monday) we were under a flash flood watch, and it poured. There were also beautiful displays of static discharge in the night (known as lightning). Luckily, the food was great. Parents came in every night and cooked the meals, and our cook did breakfast and lunch. The cabins (when you could see through all of the clothes and wet towels on the floor) actually passed the Health Inspector's criteria. (All except cabin 7).

We learned a whole bunch about sailing no matter what experience we had. Some people came to camp not knowing the first thing about sailing and left camp as confident skippers. Others with more experience honed their sailing skills to a fine edge and left camp with dreams of winning the nationals in something. In what was a problem. There were lots of people that were definitely pro-centerboard. Others had a taste for keelboats. There were many debates and snickered comments on this subject. As for what we learned, here are a few things.

- Never right a tumped Laser with the mainsheet cleated.
- Never try to tie a Laser to the "NO WAKE" buoy in broad daylight.
- De-rigging is not fun no matter who says it is.
- How to remove underwear from a flagpole.
- That mustard stains T-shirts.
- How to tie two Dinkeys (Dingheys again) behind a Laser (known as the Mother Duck)
- How to swim a Dinkey (are you getting the picture now?) to the dock with a clenched lower mandible (jaw).

and many other things that every well rounded sailor should know.

Aside from that there was also the problem of a name for the "Junior Sailors" because we are not "Juniors" any more. In Houston, their junior sailing group is called the "Ragnots." Well, we are now called the Snotrags. We are a very proud group and we always salute our supreme Snotrags and listen intently to our professors of Snotology, and we hold the greatest respect for our illustrious leader (and mascot), the Great Snotdog!!! All of this is only temporary, but until someone comes up with a better name, Snotrags will have to do.

To sum it all up (truthfully), it was a great week. We may have complained a bit at times, but we really loved it. We thank Jim and Barbara as well as all of the JCs for a really fun week.

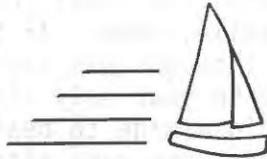
Gavin Clarkson
Martha Van Hooser
Snotrags at Large

Other Snotrags

David Allan	Wendy Mgebroff
Paul Allan	Julie Nelms
Kelley Dailey	Connie Niemann
Christy Garrison	Lynda Pulley
Dede Garrison	Matt Romberg
Todd Grassi	Brian Wann
Doug Mack	Peter Woodrow

Junior Counselors

Patrick Barlett Lara Jacques
Ellen Bozyan Ann Kitzmiller
John Halter Doug Malone



WOMEN'S SAILING CAMP AFTERTHOUGHT

Please pick up your camp duffle bag in the AYC office:

Lee DeKeyser
Atelia Clarkson
Ann Baylor
Greta Rymal
Amy Rodnick
Carol Conway
Bonnie Breeze
Jacque Hargrave
Robin Hardy
Lisa Anderson

Thanks,

Barbara

regatta

SAIL BOARD REGATTA JUNE 4-5

by Nelson Estes

The sailboard regatta of June 4-5 was notable in part because there was some wind at times, unlike the no-wind regatta the week before. There were 39 entries represented. Open Division I (light and heavy divisions), Bic (light and heavy) Windsurfer (light and

heavy divisions) and Division II.

The wind quit during the finish Saturday morning and reappeared for the 2:30 afternoon racing (for three additional races.)

The chop from the power boat fleet rather annoyed, helped or hindered some competitors. There was only one protest for the entire weekend - a port/starboard right-of-way.

Most notable was the complete observance of rule 60 by all competitors for the triangle races. Last year's experience may have been remembered. There were plenty of RC members and competitors from powerboats and sailboats who knew what to watch for and were willing to protest to ensure fair racing.

Sunday's long distance started with a breeze, ran out of steam and wind and rule 60 was canceled and every sailor air-paddled, rocked and ooched through the shortened-course finish line.

Regatta competitors and other Division I boards are invited to take part in the Governors Cup regatta where sailboard racers are accepted subject to the race committee approval. Don't forget the 5:30 Tuesday evening practice racing that ends with the June 28 practice.

Addendum by Teri Nelms

As Race Commander of this regatta, I certainly have to make a few comments of my own. (Take note, all future Race Commanders: To command authority at any regatta, the Race Commander must have in his/her hands at all times a clip-board with crumpled papers and tickets attached. For best impression, thoughtfully scribble notes at appropriate times. Keep your USYRU rule book visible at all times.)

I would like to thank the people who made this regatta function on a level expected of the Austin Yacht Club. Nelson Estes did preliminary foot-work and was the field (?) judge. Bill Levens was chief mark-setter and boat-driver. McKenna Nelms was assistant mark-setter on Sunday. Lawrence and Annette Taylor and a boat full of kids drove rescue. On the committee boat, proper courses were set up by Pat Katon and Pat Halter. Wanda Malone, Michael Wann, Pam Kern and Ann Kitzmiller did everything else that involved pencil and paper and clear thinking. I only wish I had a recording of the two "mommies" as they observed their darling sons compete against each other. All we needed was Carol Shough, who was smart enough not to come.

"My little Doug just passed your slow little John..."

"Oh yea? Well sweet little John should have protested him, I saw what he was doing..."

"Oh-h-h-h, Little Doug hurt himself... Come here, Honey, and Mommy will blow on it..."

Thanks also to Dennis Awbrey who was the unmentioned judge ghosting around the course in the Hobie 33. He and Katon ran the protest committee that threw poor little Ricky out on his buns. Bad Dennis, bad Pat. I'm going to tell Mommy...

The free-style event was judged by Vicki Holmes and Pat Katon. The winds arrived just in time to make the event possible and showed the remarkable amount of grace/clumsiness required to do tricks on a sailboard.

I should probably mention here that the local sailboard hot-shot, John Bartlett, got beaten in the triangle races by his little baby

brother, Matt. He was extremely generous with his compliments to Matt the two times Matt came in inches behind him on the finishes. He was even nice when Matt beat him twice; until he realized that the tie-breaker went to Matt, the "last boat to beat." At least you kept it in the family, John. If I were you, I'd claim I taught him everything he knows- it may be your only claim to fame. John did manage to beat Matt in the long distance race after rule 60 was abandoned. I'm not sure it's a compliment to know that he won because he can cheat better than Matt!

The only other repeatable event occurred Sunday during the long distance race. One of the female sailors arrived on the course in her black and white checked tennies and a long white skirt. She said the backs of her knees were sun-burned and she couldn't wear pants. The end result of her appearance was to give Katon a heart attack - a screaming fit over "A SKIRT! A SKIRT! I CAN'T STAND IT! NOBODY CAN SAIL WITH A SKIRT ON!! SHE'S COMPLETELY RUINED OUR IMAGE HERE! A FLUFF ON THE RACE COURSE!! KILL HER! HOLD ME BACK! I CAN'T STAND IT!!" etc. Needless to say, I will make sure that our Corinthian sailor gets a long white sailing skirt as soon as possible.

Thanks to all the contestants for their attendance and to the local supporting dealers who helped with the regatta!

Division II (6)

- 1 Matt Bartlett
- 2 John Bartlett
- 3 Rick Moss

Bic Light (5)

- 1 John Collins
- 2 Gary Mizener
- 3 Nancy Thomas



SPECIAL REPORT

FLYING DUTCHMAN REGIONALS - 1983

by Teri Nelms

Bic Heavy (5)

- 1 Rick Shough
- 2 John Halter
- 3 Dan Brown

Windsurfer Light (6)

- 1 Doug Malone
- 2 J. D. Carbello
- 3 Kandy Van Dyke

Windsurfer Heavy (7)

- 1 David Moffatt
- 2 Zach Vela
- 3 Roger Duffee

Division I Light (5)

- 1 Gayle Lockwood
- 2 Fred LeBlanc
- 3 Viki Monks

Division I Heavy (6)

- 1 Doug Cumming
- 2 John Treanon
- 3 Delbert Hirst

Long Distance Division II

John Bartlett

Long Distance Division I - Heavy

Zach Vela

Long Distance Division I - Medium

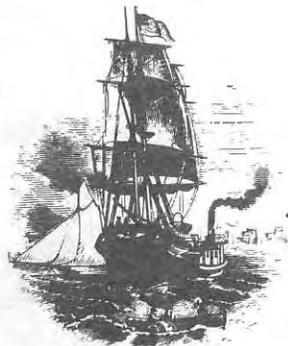
Ray McCurdy

Long Distance Division I - Light

John Collins

Freestyle

David Moffitt



Alston Boyd and Bob Thompson got smart this year. They joined forces on the FD and skipped the ill-fated Turnback Canyon to win the Flying Dutchman Regionals on Lake Maumell in Little Rock, Arkansas.

As I was not allowed to attend this year in the status of Shore Mommy, recounting this event will be sketchy and probably not reflect the whole truth of what transpired. According to the story I was told, Alston and Bob are Olympic quality sailors, made no mistakes and sailed every race to the peak of performance of both boat and crew. Ha. I leave the evaluation to the readers, I will repeat details.

Seven boats competed in five races, the first of which was a Gold Cup and the remaining four were Gold Cup/WLW (gasp!). The winds varied from 5-10, going lite to nothing in the last race. (5-10 would have been a storm for poor old Turnback.)

Competition was heaviest between Boyd and Chet Hight, the local talent, and Jim Hunter who won Nationals in 1982.

In the first race, Chet won because Alston and Bob were at the far end of the line and did not hear the course. They thought it was the long course instead of a Gold Cup. By the time they figured it out, they were in fourth.

In the second race our guys did a serious horizon job on the rest of the fleet even though the retrieval line on the chute came loose and they had to do two manual takedowns. (Horror!)

In the third race, Chet won, Jim Hunter was second, and Alston was third. "I can't remember ANYTHING about that race..."

The end of the fourth race showed Boyd in first and tied for overall first with Chet. They managed to come from the behind position of third at the LAST MARK to win that one.

In the fifth and final race, Jim Hunter won, Alston took second and Chet dropped his boat-and-a-half lead over Alston when he hit the leeward mark, knocking him to a third place finish.

I am sure there are no wild parties to tell of and since Bob Thompson got married the weekend before the regatta I know they had a socially uneventful weekend. Having been to Lake Maumell (the one you are not allowed to swim in but power boats can use it) I'm certain there's nothing more to report.

Congratulations, guys!

FROM THE FLEETS

Catalina 22

by Tom Lang

The spring series was well-attended by C-22's, with an average of eight boats participating. Congratulations to the winners of the first C-22 fleet trophies: Gordon Hamilton, Bill Word, and Tom Lang in first through third places.

The summer series is shaping up to be just as exciting, although attendance is off somewhat. Let's get out there and race! The weather is no excuse; it's been great. And it's not the same boats winning again. Although Bill is again doing well, neither Gordon or Tom has raced. In their places, Steve Pervier, Brad Jones and Calin Popescu having been doing well.

Walter Allan has a foolproof excuse for not concentrating on the competition: Charlene has launched the newest fleet member - Lindsey Joy, who came on board June 4th. Her LOA of 19 was just shy of the fleet's racing size, but she'll make a fine cruiser. Despite the shortage of dock space at AYC, we hear she's already got a "wet slip."

The Turnback Canyon Regatta will not soon be forgotten. We'll be telling the grandkids, "Remember back in '83, when the wind was zero knots gusting to .01?" Although 27 C-22's were enrolled, less than favorable conditions on Saturday prevented anyone from reaching Lago Vista without aid of a motor. On Sunday, the situation was 100% better; instead of no one finishing, one boat did. This time, the culprit was the time limit. Steve Pervier and Gary Payne were engaged in a memorable dash to the finish line, crossing within but a few boat lengths after nine hours. Unfortunately, this excitement was missed by the committee boat, which had departed 11 minutes earlier. Ron Tobin was not far behind; he crossed the line just a few minutes later. Most of the rest of us had to be content with deciding who held out the longest without motoring. Despite the weather, we had a great time. The turnout of C-22's was inspiring, especially the number of out-of-townners and "rookies."



South Coast 21

by Ray Shull

To all South Coast Fleet members, I have some good news and some bad news.

First the bad news is that the fleet and class dues are overdue. Everyone needs to send ten dollars to Tom Farrell to take care of this. Tom has volunteered the services of his bank's overdue bill collector, Leroy, to help remind us to pay. Tom said Leroy would be paying a "social" visit to anyone who doesn't pay up. In case you can't remember, Leroy was the crew member who pulled Tom's genny apart and ripped his winch off during a tack.

Now the good news: Governor's Cup is almost upon us. The premier Texas mid-summer regatta is going to be a good one from the way things are shaping up. If you haven't made plans to sail this one you should get going. We anticipate a large turnout and no excuses will be allowed short of death of the skipper or failure of Mansfield Dam. In each of the above cases, survivors are expected to make an attempt at participation. Attendance will be taken and Leroy may pay you a visit if you're not on the water.

Since the last Telltale article, we have had the South Coast 21 Metcalf Trophy Regatta and the completion of the Spring Series. Duane and myself went into the last Series race tied for the lead. Duane had trouble finding room between the committee boat and a leeward competitor at the start. He solved the dilemma by waiting until the rest of the fleet had started and the line was less crowded.

However you can never count out cunning and treachery and by the time we rounded the Fourth mark, Duane was right with us along with ten other boats who made the wide swing around

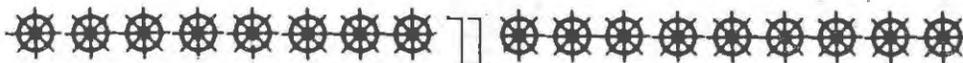
the mark. We had the inside, however, and planned on covering Duane to the finish. However, Duane created a hole and we fell into it, and he slipped by as we wondered why our wind had suddenly disappeared. We tried about fifty tacks to break his cover and kept looking for a hole for him, but neither worked. Meanwhile, Jimmie had sailed to the other side of the lake and went by everyone to win the race. Duane, by beating us, won the series which had an average of over seven boats per race.

Two weeks later we hosted the Metcalf Trophy Regatta. Three of the hot-shots from Shreveport and a boat from Lafayette came down to try and return the Trophy to Louisiana waters. Eleven Austin SC-21's came out to make sure it stayed in Texas.

The first day saw a repeat of the winds the last time AYC hosted the regatta as an approaching front brought 15-25 mph wind speeds. Bud showed that his heavy weather skills were still good by winning both races that day. Mike and Jimmie also sailed well finishing near the top each time. The Shreveport boats were close behind those three.

The second day arrived and with it light winds as the front stalled over the hill country. The light to non-existent winds coupled with a fleet of ten thousand bass boats searching for a million-dollar fish made clear air and boat speed a must. A massive shift right before the start made the pin heavily favored. Mike read it perfectly and was first off the line. A gaggle of boats at the boat end ran out of wind and watched helplessly as the other boats sailed away. Mike held on to win the race, we were second, and Bud made the comeback of the regatta to finish third after starting near the back of the fleet.

After the lunch break, the wind died completely and the race committee made the wise decision to postpone un-



til the wind returned. Finally around 3:00 a light norther filled in and we were able to get two more races completed.

Bud continued his domination by winning them both and with them the regatta trophy. Mike sailed consistently to finish second in the regatta and Jimmie followed in third. Two of the Shreveport boats followed in fourth and fifth.

The regatta was a great success and one of the highlights was hearing Hollis Metcalf (the builder of the South Coasts) tell his stories about the history and construction of the South Coast 21. The fleet thanks everyone for making it possible. I especially want to thank Duane and Bud for organizing it and Dennis Awbrey and the rest of the race committee for giving their time to conduct the races and for the great job they did.

J-24

by Jane Ashby

The Summer Series started with 12 boats on the line and the new two-races - round-the-buoys format. Jet Stream showed good form to win the first race after being pressed hard by Grin-and-Bare-It (2nd). Patty Wagon (3rd) nudged Running on Empty (4th) as lady skippers Hlista and Montgomery geared up the the Ladies' Day Race.

The second race caught the Smith crew with their boat already on the trailer a little too eager to maintain a dry boat. Hlista marched to first place after withstanding a last beat rush from Cherico (2nd) and Montgomery (3rd). Shough grabbed fourth. Cajun Queen, Superman, Surface Tension, Box Lunch, Rokslide, and others trained crew, worked on starting finesse, and plotted wind shifts, but failed to garner one of the front four spots.

The Texas J-24 Circuit Regatta comes to town July 9 and 10, billed as a July J Jubilee. Fifty boats are expected on the line. The Dallas circuit results showed Bruce Golison (1st) of North Sails fame, Marvin Bechman (2nd) of general sailing fame, and the Smith Gang (3rd) of AYC fame taking top spots. DeCluitt settled for 20th after an unfortunate DSQ.

Miscellaneous: DeCluitt heads for San Diego to the North American Championship with ace crew--- Turnback, that unforgettable annual pilgrimage to Lago Vista, is forgettable--- Lady Outlaw sporting a new paint job has also found the secret to no water in the bilge--- Welcome new J owners Bob Kieras, Gordon Fowler, Gary Grudnitski and Mary Pilney, Bill and Beverly Cherico, and Max Hoene.

Fireball

by Teri Nelms

I can't believe I haven't written anything on Spring Lakeway. It's been so long ago that I can't really remember anything about it except the COLD WATER. Yes, Folks, I have never arrived at Lakeway dry, and even with mostly light air, this year was no exception. BUT IT WASN'T MY FAULT. Going into the dock, one sudden gust hit us and it was an immediate windward capsize with me still hooked up and dragging. We were the only sailors at Lakeway who ate with our wet-suits and blue noses on.

I don't recall anything really spectacular going on except Taco Breath did manage to give Baker/Nelms a run for our money, but even worse, he and Bangs battled it out on the run back from Lakeway. Bangs was beaten, and in a fit of disgust, has put his Fireball up for sale and committed



the ULTIMATE SIN...he has a KEEL BOAT ON ORDER. I actually think that Lakeway had little or nothing to do with his decision. I mean, how much partying and serious laying around can you do on a Fireball? We're talking peak technical performance with no room for a six-pack on board. You may have a good idea, Steve, and you can plan on having the whole Fireball FLEET crew for you on Turnback next year.

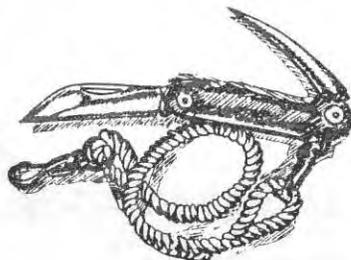
Speaking of Turnback, I'd rather not. I slumped that weekend and sailed on a G-Cat. I figured we'd easily be the first boat to Lago Vista since catamarans are SO FAST. Nobody told me that catamarans not only don't tack but they also don't do anything else in no wind. At least I had a front trampoline to lie on and I could stay under the shadow of the jib. We drifted for five hours and never even made it to Lakeway and were then towed for three hours to Lago Vista. Thank you, Honda motor, I would not have survived without you.

Our participation this series has been slim and everybody seems to have good excuses. We will ALL turn out for Governor's Cup, including our long-lost friends from Houston, John and Sue Schoen.

I had several important things that I had intended to discuss in this article, but I have been told by our current Editor to "keep it short, Nelms, I'm running out of space." Too bad. I had all that neat gossip... I hope I don't forget it all before the next Telltale....

Fat Chance!

Ed.



Laser

by Ken Sherman

The Laser Fleet began its Wednesday night racing series on May 4th with a spaghetti dinner by Chef Shermanoff, who then elected himself Fleet Captain for 1983. The series ended on May 25th with a spectacular down-to-the-wire grudge match between David Hall and Barb Hlista. The crucial race for the series winner was a heart stopper in which they traded the lead four times and finished six inches apart over a two mile course.

The rest of us have also had some exciting racing. Captain Sherman got to the windward buoy first for a new high in his racing career, but then went to the wrong buoy since he did not have someone to follow (also a first).

The Under 21 crowd has been pushing the Over 30 gang pretty hard. Some excellent finishes were achieved by John Halter and the Monske brothers.

There will be races every Wednesday through the end of July. We will not race in August. Races begin again the first Wednesday in September. There will be a Laser Seminar on September 10.

Anyone who wants to race is more than welcome to come out. If you are "hot" you can race with Hlista and Hall in the A Fleet. If you are not, then come race in the B Fleet with me.

May Series Results

Average place/best of seven races

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|-------------------|------|
| 1. Barbara Hlista | .75 |
| (won on match) | |
| 2. David Hall | .75 |
| 3. Trenton Wann | 3.43 |
| (won on match) | |
| 4. Nick Monske | 3.43 |

- 5. K. Sherman 4.0
- 6. Tom Kozlowski 5.5
- 7. Kelley Cusenbary 5.7
- 8. Doug Srofe 6.3

May 18th

1st Race

2nd Race

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|-------------|-----------|
| 1 Hall | Hall |
| 2 Levens | N. Monske |
| 3 J. Kern | Sherman |
| 4 T. Wann | J. Kern |
| 5 Cusenbary | J. Halter |
| 6 N. Monske | Levens |
| 7 J. Halter | T. Wann |
| 8 Kozlowski | Kozlowski |
| 9 Sherman | Cusenbary |
| 10 - | Pecherer |

3rd Race

- 1 Hall
- 2 J. Kern
- 3 J. Halter
- 4 Sherman
- 5 Levens
- 6 N. Monske
- 7 Kozlowski
- 8 T. Wann
- 9 Cusenbary
- 10 Pecherer

MAY 1983 SERIES - RACE RESULTS

May 4th

1st Race

2nd Race

- | | |
|-------------|-----------|
| 1 Hlista | N. Monske |
| 2 D. Hall | D. Hall |
| 3 Cusenbary | E. Monske |
| 4 N. Monske | Hlista |
| 5 E. Monske | T. Wann |
| 6 Srofe | Cusenbary |
| 7 T. Wann | Srofe |

3rd Race

- 1 D. Hall
- 2 Hlista
- 3 E. Monske
- 4 N. Monske
- 5 T. Wann
- 6 Cusenbary
- 7 Srofe

May 11th

1st Race

2nd Race

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|-------------|-----------|
| 1 Hlista | Hlista |
| 2 E. Monske | T. Wann |
| 3 Kozlowski | Kozlowski |
| 4 T. Wann | N. Monske |
| 5 Sherman | Sherman |
| 6 Srofe | Srofe |
| 7 Young | Young |

3rd Race

- 1 Hlista
- 2 T. Wann
- 3 N. Monske
- 4 Kozlowski
- 5 Sherman
- 6 Srofe
- 7 Young

May 26th

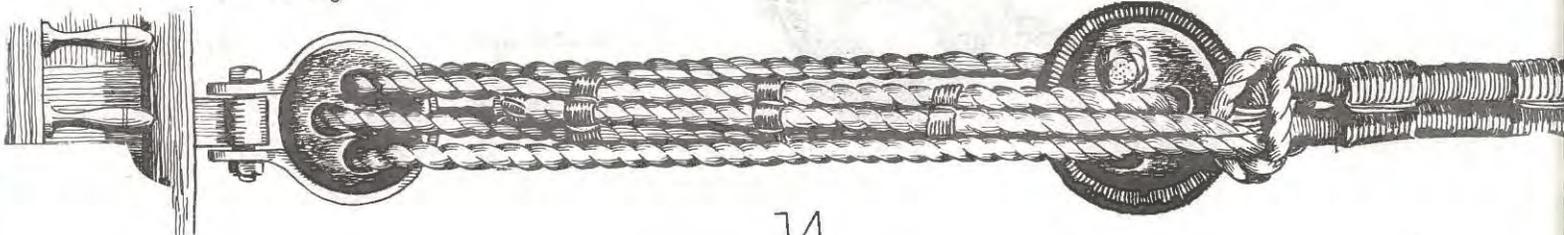
1st Race

2nd Race

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|-------------|-----------|
| 1 Hlista | Hlista |
| 2 Hall | Hall |
| 3 J. Smith | J. Smith |
| 4 T. Wann | Sherman |
| 5 Sherman | T. Wann |
| 6 W. Smith | Schroth |
| 7 Cusenbary | Cusenbary |
| 8 C. Smith | |

3rd Race

- 1 Hlista
- 2 Hall
- 3 T. Wann
- 4 J. Smith
- 5 Cusenbary
- 6 Schroth



Coronado 15

by Cynthia Darwin

The water is finally warming up, and so is the C-15 competition on Lake Travis and other watering holes across the state. The first AYC Summer Series races drew respectable starting lines of C-15's, including several of our new fleet members, while other AYC and Fleet 34 members trailed their high performance dinghies to White Rock Lake in Dallas for 1983 District competition.

AYC's Terry and Greg Schertz finished the regatta in first place, but only one quarter of a point behind was a new Dallas C-15 sailor who is rumored to have captured some Lido National Championship in the past. David and Bonnie Odell brought in a strong third in that regatta, while Bob and Claudia Musselman of AYC steered their way in the light airs to fourth place. Also representing AYC were Vern Harris and Kristi Blankenship who tied for eighth place with Dale Edwards and Rudy De La Garza. Capturing first place in B-Fleet competition were David and Donna Bass of Austin (David had laryngitis and sneaked up on everyone), while John Mandell and Roy Smith took home a third place trophy in that fleet.

John also took home the new title of District Secretary. Seems he didn't get enough of this officer bit by being Fleet Captain this year and went out seeking more abuse.

All in all, Austin teams are regarded as hot competition around the circuit, with many area C-15 sailors indicating they'll be here for Governor's Cup to match wits against our best. That AYC event will be the first of three district races which will determine the winner of the annual district traveling trophy. C-15'ers who want to try for that cup should also make plans to attend the Houston Regatta at HYC, July 23-24, and Indian Summer Regatta at Chandler's Landing, September 11-12.

Back on the homefront, several C-15 fleet members decided to cast their fates on bigger boats instead of the 15 foot Coronados for Turnback Canyon racing. (I did see Bob Stephens "turning back" somewhere around "C" mark in his C-15 on the first day. He claims, however, that's as far as he wanted to go anyway.) Many C-15 sailors signed on to help on race committee. Mostly, they don't want to talk about it yet, waiting until the first five layers of skin peel off their bodies.

Saturday, June 11, the fleet experienced their second annual Bloody Mary Morning with special guest star the Orange Mimosa. Thirty-two bodies attended and contributed to a super food spread. Special recognition to Mmes. Claudie Musselman, Bonnie Odell and Terry Schertz whose kitchen clean-up did not go unnoticed by the Brunch hostess.



PARTING SHOTS

And the winners are:

Men's Team Championship.....Paul Foerster, Jeff Johnson,
Bill Draheim
Women's Team Championship.....Pat Katon, Cynthia Darwin,
Cynthia Creamer, Linda McDavitt
Junior Team Championship.....John Halter, Rick Shough, Doug Malone
Men's Singlehanded Championship.....Fred Schroth
Youth Championship.....Matt Romberg
Women's Singlehanded Championship.....Barbara Hlista

Thanks to:

Kay Sousares.....Spring Series Buffet
Jim Quinn.....Exterminating the bats under Clubhouse
Jim Baker.....Junior Sailing Camp Director
Barb Hlista.....Junior Sailing Camp Coach
Claude & JoAnn Welles
Trenton & Michal Wann.....Turnback Canyon Regatta Chairpersons
Ray Shull.....TBC Regatta Race Commander
Dale Edwards.....AYC/USYRU Team Championship Chairman
Dennis Awbrey.....AYC/USYRU Singlehanded Champ' Chairman
Teri Nelms.....Sailboard Regatta Chairwoman
Hap McCollum.....TYA Smythe, Bemis, Sears Chairman
Steve Vaughan.....Who drove all the way to Lago Vista
to score the PHRF Class finishers after
the race up to Turnback Canyon---- all
four of them!

Available from the AYC Office are crew trophies from Turnback Canyon Regatta. They are 12-ounce mugs at \$1.50 each. Automatic gate openers are on hand in the Office for \$30.00. This is a one time fee but will remain the property of AYC in the event of departure from the Club.

The next Telltale will go to the print shop on August 15. All articles need to be received no later than August 7.

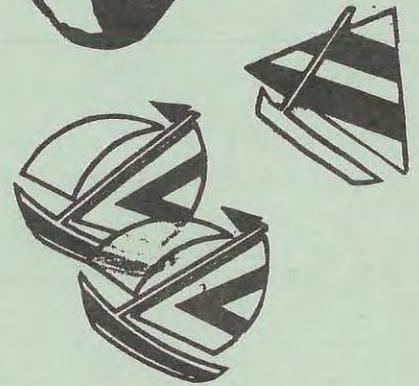
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