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Tell Tale
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Front and Back Cover by Lee Thomason

The outcome was a two to one vote against the purchase. The Board had no choice but to negate the contract. Our earnest money has been returned. Someone else has already offered a contract and Walter Carrington's office expects it to be closed in two to three weeks.

The Board is attempting to settle our legal battle with the Lakeland Hills Section One people by offering a compromise proposal. Lakeland Hills Section One is that group of property owners south of AYC property across Rittenhouse Cove. As you may have noticed there are three boat docks either floating or aground on the other side of the cove. Shortly after the founders of AYC purchased our present location they also purchased that tract of land from the 670 foot contour level to the edge of Rittenhouse Drive. The property owners in the Lakeland Hills Section One had and have an easement to use that tract of land for swimming, picnicing and boating. A previous AYC Board decided that the dock structures were in violation of this easement began legal proceedings to have them removed. Almost \$10,000 has been spent to date on legal fees. The latter part of last year our attorney became more active, precipitating action from the opposition and a court date was set for June of this year. Last December the AYC offered a compromise which would have given them the right to have one swimming dock on the Reserve Tract. They offered a counter proposal to which the AYC Board countered. This last proposal gives them the right to have three docks no larger than 30' by 30'. These three docks must stay on the Reserve Tract and not trespass on our property when the lake goes below 670 feet. Although we felt like we could have won the lawsuit; the cost (estimated to be an additional 15 to 20 thousand) would not warrant what we were giving up by allowing the existence the three docks.

The Spring Series is completed and the turn out was great. Sylvia and Ralph Kehle did an excellent job of feeding everyone at the Series and Buffet. Lanelle Montgomery, although currently cruising on a Cal 39 in Florida, provided excellent trophies for the lucky winners.

For those of you who missed it, the Spring Lakeway Regatta offered everything but Lakeway. Inclement weather conditions forced the Race Committee to alter the Saturday races from to Lakeway and back to round the buoys. Late afternoon rain storms gave way to sunny skies just in time for the spaghetti dinner. A repeat performance of AYC's Probationary Players brought the house down followed by dancing to the Fred Argir Trio. Many thanks to the people who made it happen, Jim and Caryl Smith, Regatta Chairpersons; Ed Halter, Race Management; John Mandell, scoring; and Teri Nelms and her troupe players for "The Lady Doth Protest Too Much."

And the Winners Are:

SPRING LAKEWAY REGATTA PERPETUAL TROPHIES

RACE TO LAKEWAY KEELBOAT CLASS-----Rod Malone

Awarded to the first place keelboat of all keelboat classes and divisions in the one race to Lakeway, determined under the AYC approved keel handicap system, with starting time differences adjusted into the elapsed times. (The keelboat that takes less time on the course than any other keelboat.)

RACE TO LAKEWAY CENTERBOARD CLASS-----Alston Boyd

Awarded to the first place centerboard boat of all centerboard classes and divisions in the one race to Lakeway, determined under the AYC approved centerboard handicap system, with starting time differences adjusted into the elapsed times. (Same as above.)

THE LAKEWAY TROPHY-----Rod Malone

Awarded to the first place winner of the class that has the largest participation in the regatta. In the event of a tie in the number of boats forming the largest class, it will be determined by a coin flip. Each class will be recognized as one class regardless of the number of divisions within that class. The winner of the highest ranked division (expert/novice; spinnaker/nonspinnaker) will be regarded as the class winner.)



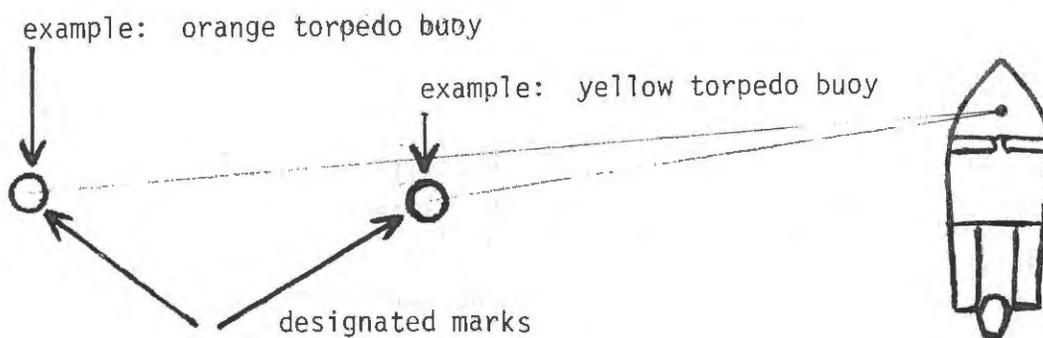
FROM THE RACE COMMANDER

John Mandell

A. CHANGE TO SERIES SAILING INSTRUCTIONS --- STARTING LINE:

Our weekly series races are conducted in 7 starts with 11 different classes. The number of competitors on the line varies considerably from one start to the next. To have adequate room for the larger starts, the line tends to be too long and non-competitive for the smaller starts. Several alternatives have been used in the past and have recently been reconsidered, with the result being a provision for, essentially, 2 starting lines, one long, the other short. The 2 lines will be indicated by a "designated mark," usually a yellow or orange torpedo buoy (but not necessarily). Each start (of 1 or more classes) would use the long or short line designated on the posted ORDER OF STARTS. For all classes, the FINISH LINE shall always be the shorter line.

This new procedure necessitates a change to the Series Sailing Instructions and will be done officially according to the provisions in the Sailing Instructions. It will become effective on Sunday, April 15 with the beginning of the Mid-Spring Series. Sailing Instruction #11 has been modified appropriately and copies of the new instructions will be available. The new instructions will be printed on a colored paper to distinguish them from the original. A replacement page for your AYC Handbook has been included.



EXAMPLE OF STARTING AREA WITH PROVISIONS FOR 2 LINES

Note that if your start uses the longer line, there will be a buoy in the approximate center of the starting area. This buoy is NOT a mid-line buoy

and is not considered a mark of the course.

I am confident that everyone will quickly become used to this change in our procedures and that it will tend to increase competition on the starting lines.

B. SAIL NUMBERS ON SPINNAKERS:

Scoring finishers of AYC hosted races and Regattas has become increasingly difficult and complicated with the level of participation we now enjoy. Scoring finishers becomes practically impossible when the recorders cannot identify the competitors, and this becomes the rule, rather than the exception, on down-wind finishes, such as we often see at 3 of our 4 Regattas, and occasionally on Sunday Races. As a result, the Race Committee has decided that, consistent with the high calibre of racing at AYC, all competitors should comply with the USYRU Prescriptions of IYRU Rule 25, which requires appropriate numbers on both main sails and spinnakers.

Rule 25 also requires that a yacht may not be disqualified for infringing these provisions without prior warning and adequate opportunity to make corrections. As a result, we have decided to make the notice official and to be effective beginning with Turnback Canyon Regatta and the Summer Series races which follow. Notice will be given in this and future Regatta notices and will appear on the Official Bulletin Board for Series Races.

We feel that this requirement is necessary for quality race management and is consistent with the current level of racing at AYC.

C. NEW MERIT 25 ONE-DESIGN CLASS RECOGNIZED:

I am happy to announce that the Merit 25 Fleet in Austin has achieved the required level of participation to become a recognized fleet in AYC Races. They will begin sailing as a one-design class with the Mid-Spring Series. CONGRATULATIONS!!

Achieving Fleet status does not mean an additional start will be provided, rather that the fleet will race, be scored and receive trophies as an individual fleet in the Series Races. It is the intent of the Race Committee to provide quality competition for one-design racing whenever possible, but to keep the number of starts to a reasonable minimum. We do not currently anticipate the need to increase the number of starts beyond the present 7.

D. REVISION TO RACE COMMITTEE POLICY:

Enclosed with this Telltale, you will find a revision of the Race Committee Policy that appears in your AYC Handbook. We have made a few changes to clarify and update the policy, primarily with the addition of the introductory paragraph and revision to the policy regarding cancellation of races.

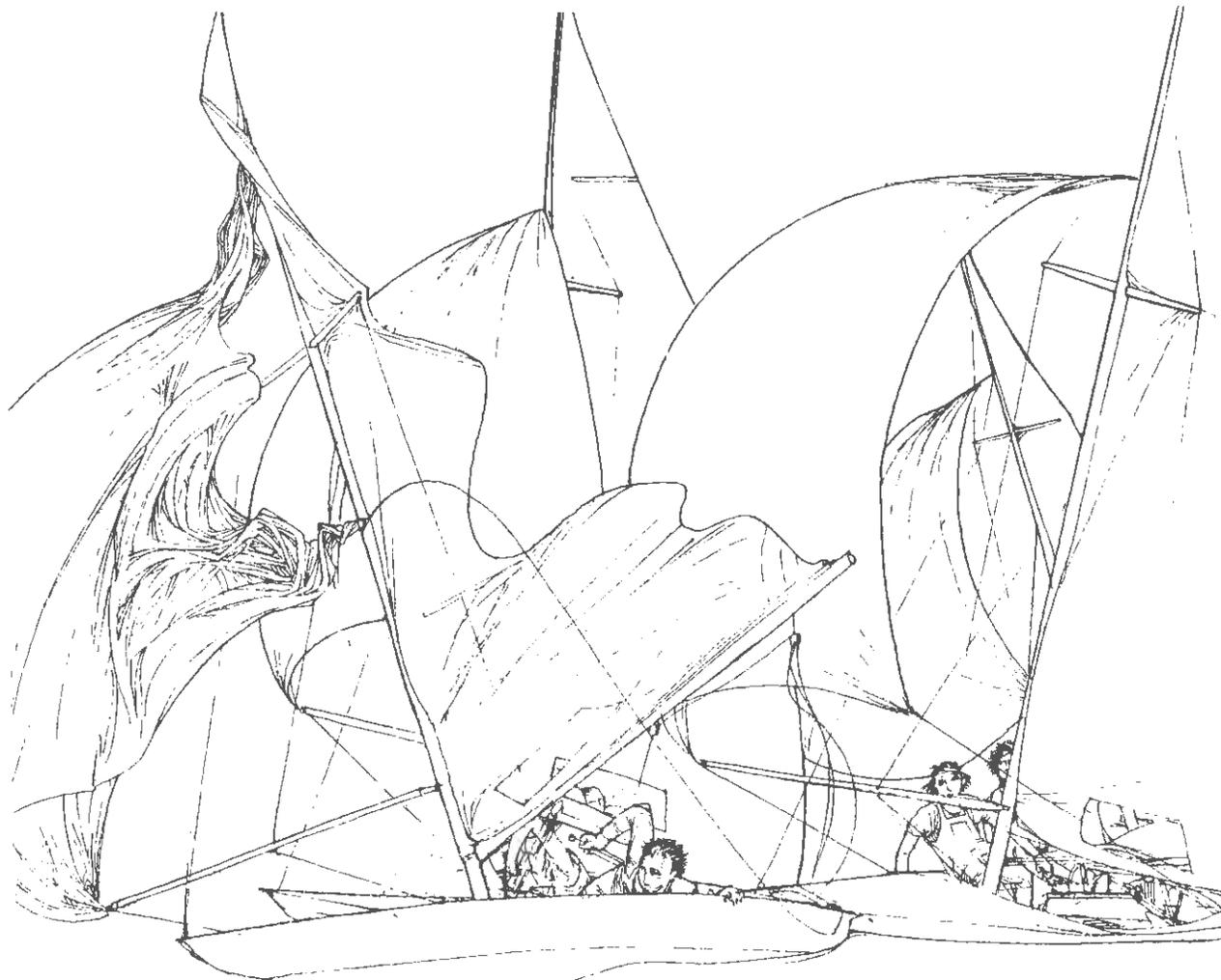
STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY
RACES (WARNING SIGNAL) SHALL
BE 2:30 p.m. Daylight Time
OR 1:30 p.m. Standard Time.
Daylight Savings Time goes
into effect the last weekend
of April!!!

JOIN USYRU!!! Forms may be obtained in the
AYC Clubhouse or by calling the
Office. The annual dues are:

- \$10.00 Youth member (under 21)
- 25.00 Regular member
- 35.00 Contributing member
- 50.00 Sustaining member
- 100.00 Supporting member
- 500.00 Benefactor member

Help support American sailors in
their campaign effort. Please send
your tax-deductible contributions
to the Gold Metal Fund, Box 209,
Newport, R.I. 02840.





USYRU ELIMS

O'Day: Eligibility-- AYC singlehanded at least 16 years in 1984
Registration Deadline-- 4:30 p.m. April 30 to AYC Office
Race-- May 5, 6
Bring your own boat/ to be sailed in Lasers

ADAMS/
MALLORY: Eligibility-- Adams: AYC woman skipper + 3 crew 18 years or older
(one crew may be 15)
Mallory: AYC man skipper + 2 crew 18 years of older
(one crew may be woman)

Registration deadline-- 4:30 p.m. May 4 to AYC Office
Race-- May 19, 20 in borrowed boat to be announced

JR'S : Sears, Bemis, Smythe
Eligibility-- 13-17 years men or woman in 1984, skipper AYC member
Registration deadline-- 4:30 p.m. May 4 to AYC Office
Race-- May 19, 20/ Thistle, 420, Laser

ALL: Contact AYC Office for registration packets.

NOTICE: If interested in Prince of Wales contact Steve Vaughan or John Mandell.

FROM THE FLEETS

Keel Handicap

PHRF A

by Gene Preston

The PHRF A boats had a big influence this year in deciding to shorten the California Cup to a one day long course race. Darn good thing it was shortened since the winds peaked over 40 knots Sunday. Dennis Awbry said he couldn't recall the wind ever blowing that hard for such a sustained period. Although Saturday was pretty breezy it was a Hobie day since LOON took first place and I took second in FLO. The course went to ARK twice. Many of us were able to hold steady planings on the downwind runs. I peaked out at 15 knots in FLO.

The spring series started out as a dud for many of you as the wind got lighter toward the end of the race. You may recall that JOYSTICK and FLO stayed on starboard tacks while the rest of you went over into that fluky air near the southwest shore after starting. I was too far out front to see that the wind died at the I mark just after Russell and I rounded it. My luck on the second race fizzled after that Express 27 forced me over early. Boy, a bad start ruins your whole day. The rest of you were so far ahead I had to run around like dummy asking questions about what happened. I asked Russell if he won. He said, "naw, that Hobie beat me with that factory rep., they were going back and forth across the lake."

The third race I think JOYSTICK took first place although I'm not sure. On that day my upper port shroud came loose and I got a DNF. After that I was too upset to think about the race. I do recall that it was a windy day and the course was 13. (13 stinks because it favors J29's.) The fourth race went to ARK (I thank you very

very much race committee). SO LONG was doing well until the starboard spreader came loose and dropped out of the race. Too bad since I was going to observe what John was doing to make Dennis's boat go. Bubba appeared on the scene in the fourth race and took first place since JOYSTICK had tried sailing sideways after rounding the D mark with spinnaker stuck in the up position.

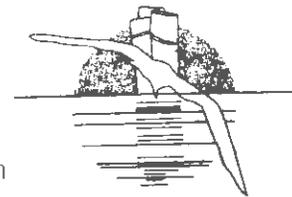
The fifth race started with crappy winds. LOW RIDER got a really good lift on the first leg to I bouy. But I hit the I bouy. Another one of those days. Bubba was so far out front of you other guys at the finish I had to get my binoculars out to find him.

Some general observations of the winners are in order. JOYSTICK took the first place in the series by sailing very consistently. SO LONG proved to Dennis that his boat would win at least second provided that it has the right helm. AIR SUPPLY squeezed out a third place but got some battle scars from somewhere. Rick, tell me about that big bandaid sometime on the side of your boat.

I need someone to help me with the next series since I plan to skip that one. Volunteers please give me a call.

PHRF B

by Anne Smith



With an average of twenty boats in B fleet at the start of each race in the Spring Series and all of the A fleet, it felt like Trafalgar Square or Picadilly Circus at rush hour. There were a number of new boats entered in the series including 5 J22's sailed by Bill & Linda Bebee,

Ben Knape, Michael Bartlett and Bill Mitchell, and 2 Merit 25's sailed by Ann Kraatz and Anne Smith.

However the Merits had an average of eight boats this series and will start the Mid Spring series as a class of their own. It also looks like with an average of 7 J22's this series that it will not be long before B fleet is bereft of the J22's.

We were not without wind for the series and the 3rd race especially provided spectators and victims with some memorable broaches. Carl Morris managed to shred his brand new red spinnaker, so if anyone needs to replace a protest flag, through over-use, you know who to contact.

B fleet had race committee duty on a most appropriate day, April 1. Under the leadership of Steve Bangs, we planned some April fools courses but the joke ended up being on us as the wind shifted, died and then filled in so that we had to postpone posting the courses. However one can only postpone so long when Hap McCollum bears down with a couple of near misses shouting "Where's the course?" Rather like the "Where's the beef" ad.

KEEL HANDICAP, CLASS C

by Bill Records



Class C of the Keel Handicap fleet continues to grow in numbers as well as in the level of competition. New members of class C are:

Dave Hilfer (SJ 24 #216)
John & Becky Kuban (SJ 24
"Magic Dragon")
David Wahlberg (KIWI 24 "Sweet
Vibrations")
Ben Botbol (MERIT 22 #193)
Gary Griffith (SJ 7.7 "Cuervo
Gold")

Lets all welcome them to the fleet and assist them in understanding the procedures of AYC.

The results of the Spring Series show that these new members are by no means new to racing. Dave Hilfer sailed brilliantly winning the first two races and ultimately the series. John and Becky Kuban sailed to second in the first two races and went on to take forth place overall.

There were some of us old timers sailing the glory as well. Knox Key (Cal 25) sailed progressively better in each race winning the last race and taking second place overall. Eddie Calogero (SJ 7.7) was as crafty as ever taking third place in the series, losing second to Knox by a tie breaker. Gary Hornbuckle (P260D) donned a spinnaker this series and sailed very consistantly, taking fifth place.

Do you ever wonder how PHRF ratings are established? Who sets them? Why? Who cares?! If so, you should join the PHRF station. This is your class association and needs your input. These are some important topics to be discussed at the next rating hearing. For information concerning this and your membership call Steve Hidell (PHRF Commodore) at 250-9373 (home) or 346-7000 (work).

In the new boat department, Hans and Anneliese Dahle are the proud new owners of Dussel Express (Catalina 27). If your in the vicinity of dock five, stop by and admire their beautiful new boat.

KEEL HANDICAP D

by Ralph Jones

The opening series of 1984 saw Clyde Brown dominate the D-fleet action with 3 bullets in 4 attempts while Richard McLarnon finished second and Jim Smith third. Wind conditions were generally good with the third race being

a screeching white-knuckler.

As I was competing in other fleets during the series because of crew problems -namely no crew - it was difficult to compose a race - by - race scenario. However, from spot-checking D-fleet progress helming a San Juan 24 downwind in one race and flying a J-22 chute in several others the Ericson of Clyde Brown was never really threatened for the lead in all three wining efforts. Congrats to Clyde & crew!

I apologize missing most of the action but will be as attentive as possible in the upcoming Mid-Spring Series when my racing effort begins in earnest.

Coronado 15

by Peggie Klema

Despite the cool waters and changing weather an impressive numer of c-15ers came out each week for the Spring Series races. Congradulations to the leaders and great sailing by all who were brave enough to take the chance of a dip in Lake Travis's cool spring waters. Series results are:

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| 1. Forrester | 4. Mandell | 7. Edwards |
| 2. Schertz | 5. Maguire | 8. Klema |
| 3. Bass | 6. Snead | 9. Moser |

On Feb. 19, 1984 many c-15 members showed up on the AYC grounds for two days of hard work. Grating, measuring, lifting, hauling, knee deep in cement and come Sunday afternoon a new ex-tension was completed to the north ramp. Good job and thanks for all your hard work we will all be grateful come summer and the long lines of launching boats will no longer be a problem.

Thanks again all of you.

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| Jim Smith | Peggie Klema |
| John Maddalozza | Rudy De La Garza |
| Susan Adair | Jim Eccles |
| John Mack | Greg Schertz |
| Carolyn Mack | Terry Schertz |
| Doug Mack | Marshall Enquist |
| Dale Edwards | Rick Smith |
| Sallie Buchner | Hap McCollum |
| Jon Klema | Jim Gras |
| | David Gage |

All sailors be ready CHEAP THRILLS IV is almost here. Another weekend of fun and enriched learning experiences for all. Take note all you beginners, possible new C-15 owners, and all passed Cheap Thrill sailors, come on out and let's do it again. So keep April 28 and 29 set aside on your calendars for some Cheap Thrills!!!!

Other special C-15 events you may want to keep note on are:

- June 9 and 10 - Coronado 15 Districts here in Austin
- June 16 and 17 - Inner Galatic Eastern Regionals in Fort Walton, Florida

Our big off the water activities this last month was an official Odell Hill Country Road Rally. The cars started off from the Zachary Scott Theatre parking lot in Austin and wound their way across the country side ending up at the LBJ ranch in the beautiful Texas Hill Country. Greg and Terry Schertz as on the water showed their talented team work and won the rally. A delicious picnic lunch was enjoyed by all, and thanks Bonnie Odell for all your hard work everyone had a great time.

Welcome to the new Fleet officers. John and Carolyn Mack have graciously accepted position of Membership Chairpersons and Bob Musselman has stepped in as Measures Assistant.



Fireball

Centerboard Handicap

by Teri Nelms

This is going to be short and not too sweet, as usual, because us world-famous playwrights/directors/actors do not have time to sit behind a typewriter when we have a major performance in a mere TWO DAYS hence. Yes, folks, by the time you get this, you will already have seen the AYC MASTERPIECE OF SHAKESPEARIAN ACTING, or you will be weeping and devastated because you missed it. Woe is you. You could have learned everything you need to know about yacht clubs, racing and motivations of sailors in one brief evening.

On Fireballs, which is where I have been EVERY SUNDAY WHEN MANAGEMENT WOULD LET ME RACE, I have noticed that I am the only one who has been BRAVE/STUPID enough to be out there with all the other dry, warm boats. Lee Cash is still hiding in his garage trying to re-do his blades so he will be competitive with PLUM LUCKY - THE FLOATING COFFEE TABLE. He claims he will try to finish it all up by Lakeway and come down here from Fote Wuth and kick my transom. Fred's 'Ball is still hanging on the wall in a state of repair while he plays Laser hotdog. Liz Garrison has sold her Fireball to someone who will only have to replace a few lines and then he should show up on the course with us. McDavitt has sold her boat and it is also being re-rigged. Lawrence Taylor has been out of town too much to sail but expects to be participating later in the spring.

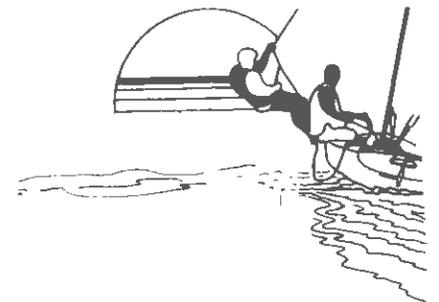
So much for everyone's excuses. I got to sail handicap and race against the 505 and Lasers and the FD's. Fortunately, everybody either missed some races or sailed up the wrong side of the lake and I actually won the series. Mind you, this was against incredible odds - a new crew who is tall enough to reach the top of the mast standing flat-footed on the dock. All the 13 to 15

year old girls think he is "so-o-o-o CUTE." Believe me, when you're trying to rig in a hurry, that's a handicap. Billy is proving to be a great crew but he is too stupid to crew on a big boat or any other centerboard boat but mine, so forget about stealing him.

Bob Thompson was seen on the wire of the 505 with Eddie Monske on the helm. Eddie is hot on a Laser and with the improved weight distribution they ought to give the local FD's a run for their money. Alston Boyd and Quentin Baker were all teamed up and ready to go to the FD Midwinters in Miami in March with Quentin's beautiful re-decked "Plum Lucky II" and Alston's new suit(s) of sails, but Alston encountered some gawdawful business disaster and they had to cancel the trip. The boat did get to go, however, as Kelly Gough hauled it to Dallas, then Kelson Elam hauled it on to Florida. The boat came back with a hull full of water and wet sails and said it was a no-fun regatta when all you get to do is sit on a trailer for a week and get rained on. Better luck next time, guys.

The Spring series trophy presentation was notable in that our beloved commodore, Hap, announced that the trophy had been won by Taco Breath, who got up, waved and walked out the door. "Oh, ha-ha, April Fool! Nelms won it." Oh, ha-ha, Hap, I'll get you later.

I look forward to seeing you all at Lakeway where I am sure I will arrive wet as I usually do. I will be the one in the blue wetsuit with the nose to match and the 8 foot crew. See you on the course, the theater calls me away from the typewriter.



J-24

by Peter "Bump 'em" Shough

The sailing year was launched at Six Flags for the J-24 Fleet this year. The event was held in the "Bump 'em" car booth, proving that, once again, sailors of these over grown Lasers sometimes get over zealous.

Look at the CONTACT:
Shough hits Superman.
Tull hits Smith's J-29.
Jackpot nails DeCluitt -
and so on.

A close look through the broken parts and pieces DOES reveal that the Smith Family did it once again. Another horizon job. Fortunately, they are heading for the J circuit regatta for the next couple of weeks. Superman and family crew survived the bangs to capture second. And a host of boats fought it out for third.

Jack Kern did a number this year by getting in our first Saturday practice session in years. Jack ran a Saturday's worth of starts. Good fun. Good practice. Plans are to do it every fourth Saturday of the month. BE THERE. It helps your racing skills.

Please send in the money now. All funds will be used to buy a telescope so the rest of us can see Jet Stream.

Laser

by Fred Schroth



This month the Laser Fleet space will be devoted to our first annual questionnaire. There probably won't be a second annual so make sure you fill this out and bring it with you May 2nd. Beginning at 6:00 p.m. May 2nd, a Wednesday, Nick Monske will sound horns to begin our Wednesday night season. You can hand him the completed questionnaire. No cheating. Two-skipper homes may use

Xerox.

Multiple Guess Section:

1. Last year the Laser Fleet had 100 races. 95 of those races were held on Wednesday night. Is Wednesday night a good night for you to sail?

- A. This year it will be.
- B. It was last year too.
- C. Sure, but not in a Laser.
- D. I told my spouse that's where I was.
- E. No. Fill in another day ____
Time _____

2. If the Fleet holds the Texas State Laser Championships in the Fall at AYC will you participate?

- A. Damn tootin'.
- B. Probably tootin'.
- C. If the weather is right and no relatives visit.
- D. If my in-laws are in town.
- E. No.

3. Will you sail in the Club Single-handed Championships May 5 and 6?

- A. Damn tootin'.
- B. If my arthritis is in remission.
- C. Probably not.
- D. Stuff it, Fred!

4. Do you feel that you are too old to sail Lasers anymore?

- A. Damn tootin'.
- B. Only when my grandkids beat me in light air.
- C. I'm younger than Hap Arnold.
- D. Cheap shot, Fred, and it won't drag me out.

5. Should we try to get you to come out more often?

- A. Damn tootin'.
- B. It's a waste of effort. I sail all I can now.
- C. It's a waste of effort. I won't come.
- D. Yeah. I use your letters to line birdcages.

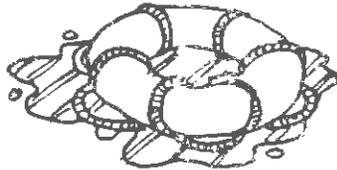
Short answers. (Nelms can use extra paper.)

1. Fred thinks getting a bunch of people together in any kind of sailboat is automatic fun. Being so simply amused, he finds it hard to imagine what, if any, extras are good additions to our program. Suggest something.
2. Many of you let your \$1,000.00 Laser sit all last year. What would you have done with the \$120.00 you would have had now had you invested your money in a C.D.?
3. If you have a crew on your other boat and you wish to sharpen his/their skills, why isn't Wednesday night Laser school mandatory?
4. What was your experience like on those occasions that you did sail Wednesday night? If you haven't ever tried it circle the word "Speculative" and answer anyway.
5. Is embarrassment a factor and if so, what potential sources of embarrassment do you see? Hint: You may answer this question "not for me, but I have a friend who..."

See you May 2nd - 6:00 p.m.

J22

by Wes Odell



J-22 Fleet #11 was formed on February 6th by nine owners of new J-22's. Since the organizational meeting, we've had an in-the-water seminar and our first meeting. John Bartlett of Ullman Sails was our guest expert at both meetings, assisted by Dick Dutrisac and Bill Draheim.

During the windy PHRF Frostbite and the AYC Spring Series, we've had a chance to see how these dinghy-handling keelboats perform. They're fantastic in a blow! They plane almost like a Thistle, and in marginal planing conditions under PHRF, can make up lots of time on the Merit 25's which don't seem to be able to plane.

In light air, they're not bad either, but heavy air is great. Set the chute, move the helmsman and a crew onto the transom, and the other crew aft - and look out! Also, only one brooch this year so far, while the bigger boats have all been playing dunk the masthead fly.

There's lots of interest and a willingness by the J-22-ers to take any of you others for a sail. So if you're interested in a non-sinkable dinghy, let one of us take you for a ride. Our next in-the-water program will be Saturday, April 21st. Mark your calendar.

In the Spring Series, PHRF "B", we made our 5-boat average, and we will do so again in the next series. So we're on our way to one-design. David Odell took 1st place honors in PHRF "B" followed by some Merits, a Cal 9.2, and then Steve Brown, Mike Bartlett and Bill Bebee.

By the time you read this, the Spring Lakeway Regatta will be history, but all nine J-22's are going to race. See you on the lake! (P.S. Don't forget to send Fleet dues to Steve Sjoberg.)

MERIT 25

by Mary Lou Lawson

Congratulations Merit Fleet #18! The newest fleet in the nation right here in Austin, Texas.

We were chartered by Merit Marine Inc. as fleet #18 on 2/23/84. Our first meeting as a fleet was held at the Austin Yacht Club, Thursday, 3/14/84. The meeting was attended by 18 people representing 11 boats. Our 12th boat, co-owned by Bert Pluymen and Karl Bayer, was not represented. We heard they had a helluva St. Patricks Day party the night before.

As our first order of business we

retired our acting officers, Terry Johnston-Fleet Captain and David Balfour-Secretary/Treasurer. In an orderly fashion? we proceeded to have our first election of officers. The results are:

Commodore - Carl Morris
Vice-Commodore - Steve Bangs
Secretary/Treasurer - David Balfour
Director of Publicity/Newsletter Editor/Telltale Contributor - Mary Lou Lawson

After much discussion, we adopted the National Class Rules even though all or most of those present found enough holes in them that we agreed to form a committee to look into them. The committee consists of the officers and the Merit dealer, Rolly Lawson. The committee will communicate with the national office and as many fleets as possible and report back to us with interpretations, suggestions, and possible modifications. I think it's important that the rules be tightened up so that all Merit 25 owners can compete with each other on an equal basis, and our fleet can travel elsewhere and be competitive.

Austin Sailaway has agreed to hang a Merit 25 Fleet bulletin board and maintain a crew list, so if any of you need crew or know of someone looking for a crew position on a Merit 25, there is a place to post notices. Sailaway also agreed to help the fleet financially with postage, race committee boat, beer, etc. until we become self-supporting. This brought up the next order of business. ..DUES. Ten dollars a year per boat was voted on as a fair amount for dues and most members paid up at this meeting.

Before the meeting adjourned, we heard from Pete Reinhart of Trump Sails, Inc. and John Bartlett of Ullman Sails/Austin, our two local sailmakers. Both offered to support our fleet in any way they can. We are fortunate to have

this experience and expertise available to us and I hope all of you will support them. Pete offered to run evening races or put on seminars if the fleet would like.

Ensign

by Sam Humphrey



For all those who complained about last summer's drifters, you should have been there. Ensign sailors were greeted with breezes of 15, 8, 20, 20 & 12 mph on successive race days, making for a thrilling, action-packed ten race series. The rough, tough Ensigns excelled in such conditions and the only things that got bent were a few egos.

Jim Baker and crew in E-324 put on a magnificent sailing display to win the series. After two throwouts (two seconds), Jim captured first with a ridiculous score of 7¼ points - 7 firsts and 1 second.

After a cruise in the BVI's, Kozmo roared back in Dos Locos to grab second place with a score of 17¼. Sam Humphrey and the H.B. pirates in E-529 finished 3rd, swearing vengeance. The Weilers, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, showed the fleet the right stuff and the beef during the 20 mph races, posting finishes of 4th, 6th, 3rd and 2nd. Heaven help us if it blows 25 or 30.

The fleet averaged 7 boats on the line with a maximum of 9. The hard core has formed. Perfect attendance ribbons were awarded to Jim Baker and new Ensign sailor Dick Clark. Dick's ribbon was awarded with fluff as he and crew sailed from Commander's Point to race.

All those that missed the action - come on out - we miss you. Plans are in the works for a sail measuring - boat inspection lake party. Details soon. Ensign Fleet race committee duty on May 20. Special Ensign thanks to Race Com-

mander Mandell and all who served on committee duty during the Spring Series.

Next Issue: Lost Secrets of I2, I1 and B2 revealed. Nicaraguan mine sinks Ensign in retaliatory action or Kozmo's Ensign Clean & Wash.

RESULTS

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| 1. Jim Baker | E-324 | 7¼ |
| 2. Tom Kozlowski | E-929 | 17¼ |
| 3. Sam Humphrey | E-529 | 26 |
| 4. K. Carr & B. Davidson | E-984 | 35 |
| 5. Dick Clark | E-716 | 36 |
| 6. John Weiler | E-732 | 39 |
| 7. Dan O'Donnell | E-782 | 43 |
| 8. Tom Shefelman | E-298 | 58 |
| 9. Larry Smith | E-1152 | 61 |



SPRING REGATTA

PHRF A

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| 1. Rod Malone | J 29 |
| 2. Russell Painton | J 29 |
| 3. Dennis Awbrey | Hobie 33 |

PHRF B

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| 1. Dan Wight | Holder 20 |
| 2. L. McDavitt/ P. Katon | Wavelength 24 |
| 3. Tom Lott | Landenberg 26 |
| 4. Edddie Calogero | San Juan 7.7 |
| 5. Hap Arnold | Holder 20 |

PHRF C

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| 1. Bill Records | Pearson 26 |
| 2. Terry Meyers | Columbia 8.7 |
| 3. John Kuban | San Juan 24 |

PHRF D

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| 1. Richard McLarnon | Columbia 8.3 |
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CENTERBOARD HANDICAP

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| 1. Dennis Stoll | Flying Dutchman |
| 2. Quentin Baker | Flying Dutchman |
| 3. Alston Boyd | Flying Dutchman |

PHRF NONSPINNAKER A

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| 1. Herb Duncan | Cal 9.2 |
| 2. Phil Kocen | Bahama 30 |

PHRF NONSPINNAKER B

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| 1. Louie Soefje | Ranger 23 |
| 2. Ralph Jones | Ranger 23 |

THISTLE

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| 1. Dave Smedley |
| 2. John Halter |
| 3. Merrill Goodwyn |

MERIT 25

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| 1. Steve Bilger |
| 2. Carl Morris |
| 3. Troy Lawson |

ENSIGN

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| 1. Tommy Kozlowski |
| 2. Sam Humphrey |

J 22

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| 1. John Bartlett |
| 2. Dave Odell |

J 24

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| 1. Mark Rylander |
| 2. Doug Kern |

CATALINA 22

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| 1. Calin Popescu |
| 2. Steve Pervier |

SOUTH COAST 21

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| 1. Jimmie Fontenot |
| 2. Duane Dobsson |

JUNIOR SAILING

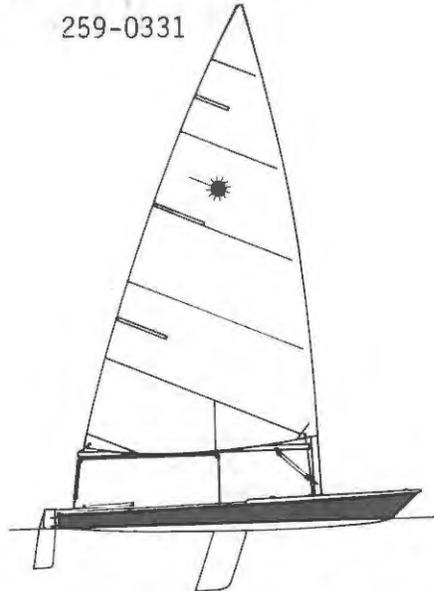
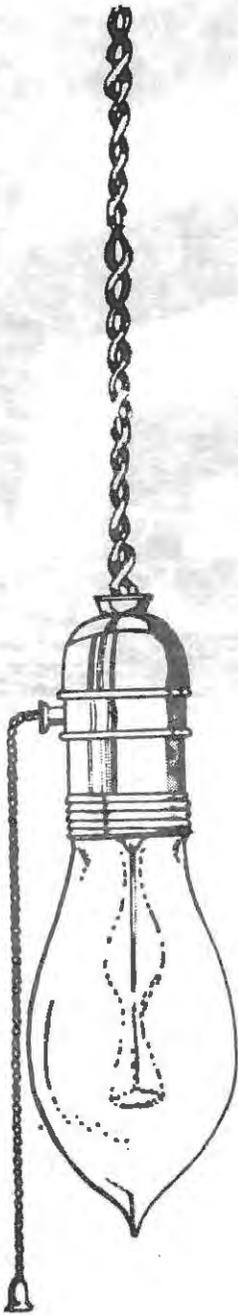
HELLO JUNIOR SAILORS!

It is time to start our summer program:
Optimist Dinghy/ Laser/ 420.

At 6:00 p.m. Saturday, May 5, we will have
a Get-To-Know-Each-Other PARTY.

Bring your favorite tapes and records.

Any questions? Call Hans Dahle
259-0331



IT'S MORE FUN

This announcement is under all circumstances to be construed as an offer to sell or as a solicitation of an offer to buy a ticket to any and all of the social events.

NEW ISSUE

1984 Social Calendar

450 SHARES
AUSTIN YACHT CLUB SOCIAL EVENTS

PREFERRED STOCK
Par Value \$More Than You Pay

PRICE \$EASILY AFFORDABLE PER SHARE

Copies of the Prospectus may be obtained only from such of the underwriters at the Austin Yacht Club as may lawfully offer these events in this State.

CREW SWAP--A KITE-FLYING MIXER ON THE WATER--APRIL 14TH
AYC DECATHALON--FUN FOR PARTICIPANTS AND SPECTATORS--JULY 21ST
LUAU--DON'T MISS THE ALL-NIGHT PIG ROAST--AUGUST 18TH
LANDLUBBER'S NIGHT--LOTS OF HOT AIR BUT NO WIND NEEDED--NOV 3RD
ANNUAL BANQUET--THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES--DECEMBER 8TH
NEW YEAR'S EVE--SAME DATE AS LAST YEAR AND HELD OVER 'TIL 1985

Separate Solicitations Will Be Sent Prior To The Time For Each Offering

SERIES RESULTS

KEEL FLEET A

Painton J 29
 Awbrey Hobie 33
 Smith, R. J 29
 McCollum Express 27
 Bernstein J 29
 Pratt Olson 30
 Malone J 29
 Lawson Olson 30
 Preston Hobie 33
 Reinhart Hobie 33

KEEL FLEET B

Ode11 J 22
 Welles Cal 9.2
 Morris Merit 25
 Bilger Merit 25
 Kraatz Merit 25
 Brown, S. J 22
 Howell Merit 25
 Wight Holder 20
 Bartlett J 22
 Peffer Merit 25
 Bangs Merit 25
 Bebee J 22
 Balfour Merit 25
 White, R. Ranger 28
 Bartlett, J. Wavelength 25
 Woodward J 22
 Henderson Holder 20
 Duncan Cal 9.2
 Lott, T. Lindenburg 26
 Smith, A. Merit 25
 Knape J 22
 Lawson, R. Merit 25
 #308 J 22
 Kocen Bahama 30
 Crews Capri 25
 Mitchell J 22

KEEL FLEET D

Brown, C. Ericson 27
 McLarnon Cal 8.3
 Smith, J. San Juan 21
 LaCroix Hunter 25
 Soefje Ranger 23
 Weller S2 7.3
 Sullivan Pearson 22
 Lane Pearson Triton
 Boerner Santana 21

KEEL FLEET D

Hilfer San Juan 24
 Key Cal 25
 Calogero San Juan 7.7
 Kuban San Juan 24
 Hornbuckle Pearson 26
 Records Pearson 26
 Riha Catalina 27
 Fossler San Juan 24
 Wilcox San Juan 7.7
 Golden San Juan 7.7
 White, D. Pearson 26
 Dwyer Pearson 26
 Yonge Pearson 26
 Blair Merit 22
 Crews Capri 25
 Willman Pearson 26
 Robertson Merit 22
 Sudermann Benteau 27

CENTERBOARD HANDICAP FLEET

Ne1ms Fireball
 Thompson 505
 Schroth Laser
 Boyd Flying Ditchman
 Hall Laser
 Monske Laser
 #286430 Windsurfer

CATALINA 22

Tobin
 Pervier
 Popescu
 Allan
 Lancaster
 Scholl
 Mathison
 Brewer
 Howell
 #9682

CORONADO 15

Foerster
 Schertz
 Bass
 Mandell
 Maguire
 Snead
 Edwards
 Klema
 Moeser

SOUTH COAST 21

Shull
 Fontenot
 Dobson
 Harris
 #163
 Vassallo
 Breeze
 Rymal
 #199
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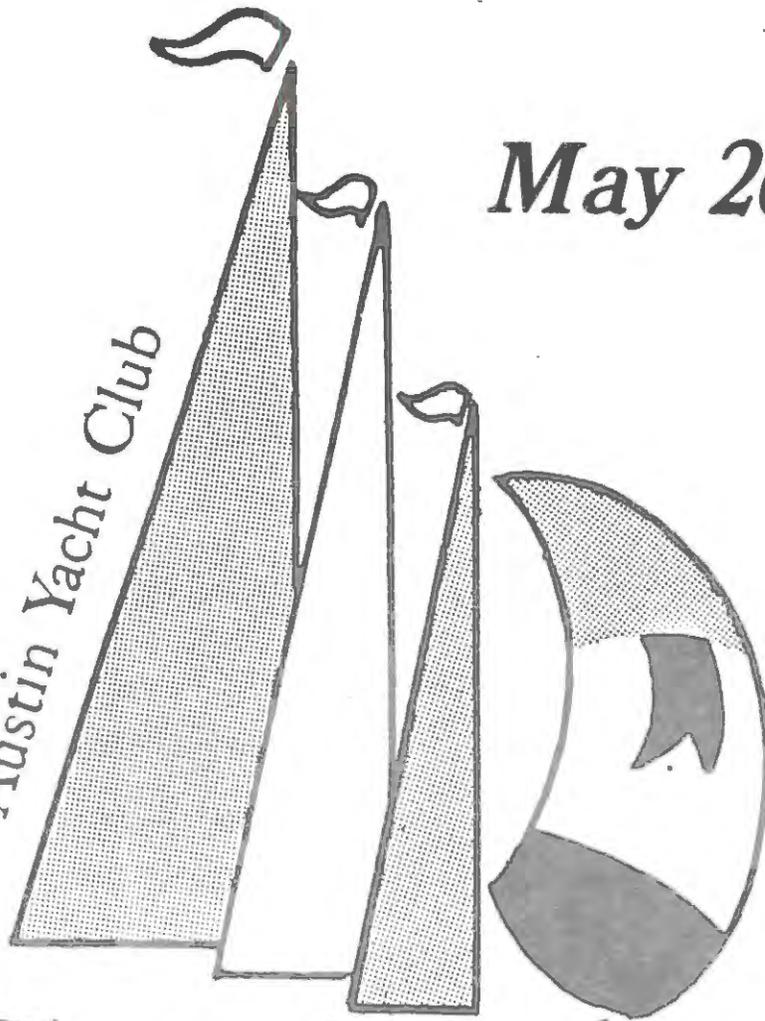
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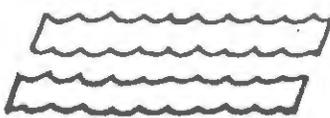
Baker
 Kozlowski
 Humphrey
 Carr
 Clark
 Weiler
 O'Donnell
 Shefleman
 Rodnick
 Duke

Austin Yacht Club

May 26 -27



1984 Turnback Canyon
REGATTA



YACHTING

parting shots

Thanks to:

Sylvia Kehle.....Spring Series Buffet Chairperson
Gary Grudnitski & Mary Pilney.....Crew Swap Social Chairpersons
and Steve & Terry Bilger
Jim & Caryl Smith.....Spring Lakeway Regatta Chairpersons
Ed Halter.....Regatta Race Management
Sue Riha.....Clubhouse Lamp shade repair (thank goodness!)
Shirley Slaughter.....Drysail cleanup
Bill Records.....Directory cover and inside cover photos
Gary Hornbuckle.....Directory program and data input
Louie & Lou Ann Soefje.....Storeroom demolition
Teri Nelms.....Playwrite/Director of AYC's Melodrama
Darwin, Shough, R. Smith,.....The AYC Probationary Players
Mandell, Taylor, Gage,
McCollum, Wann & Katon
Fred Schroth.....Laser Circuit Regatta
S. Launch ramp workers.....An extended South ramp/ where is the water kids?
(see Coronado 15 news)

Whoops:

Rick Smith.....An exciting tractor roll. (YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE:
the Blue Duck award is not the exclusive domain
of the current AYC Board of Directors!)

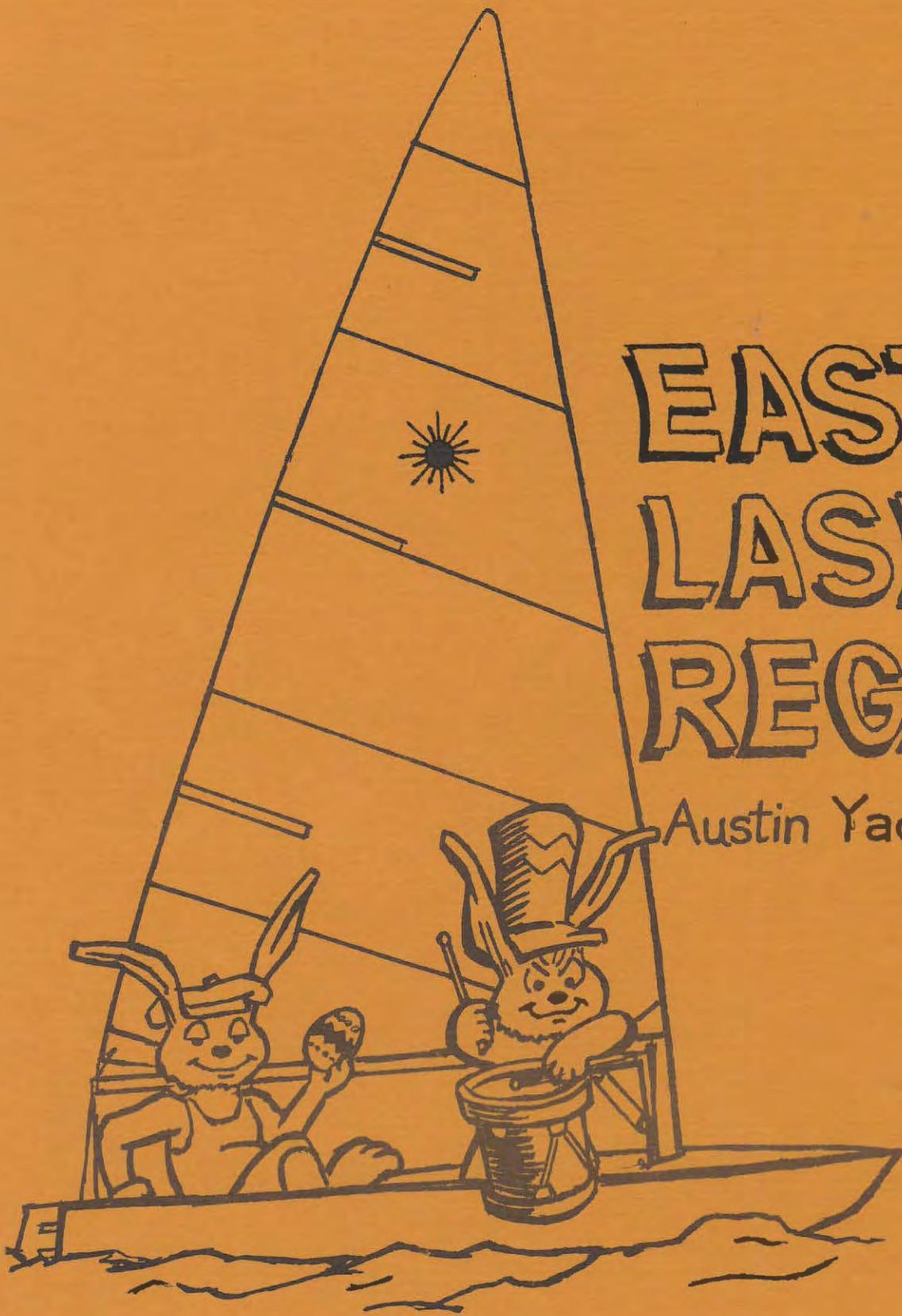
Moment of Brilliance:

still waiting

Etc:

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

The 1984 TYA Schedule is posted on the patio bulletin board. Copies of it will be mailed out on request.



EASTER LASER REGATTA

Austin Yacht Club

April 21-22/ \$15.00 per boat/ register by Calling Fred Schroth/ fabulous spaghetti dinner planned for Saturday/ 100 % cotton t-shirts/ five races planned/ join us!!!