

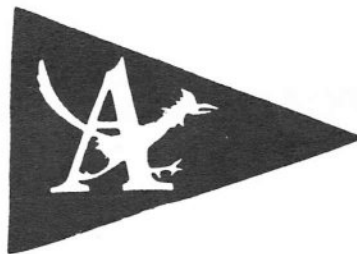
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FROM THE COMMODORE _____

For those of you who were not at the January meeting of the Board of Directors, I would like to fill you in on how your money is being spent this year. Your Board has approved a rather conservative budget for 1988. We project income of about \$350,000 with maintenance and supply costs of a little over \$300,000. The capital improvement budget consists of 12 items totaling \$24,000 which includes some necessary items like replastering the pool and replanking the rigging dock, some improvements for convenience and function such as improving access to the race committee dock and renovation of the protest room, and some items which were high priority requests of the members on the membership survey like raising the mast step pole and building a sailboard storage rack. Barring any unforeseen disasters this will allow us to pay down 8 to 10 percent of our outstanding debt from our line of credit.

One continuing area of concern remains the docks. We have commissioned an engineering report concerning the condition of docks one through six, the results of which will be discussed by the Board with the possible implementation of a dock repair/replacement program to be started mid-year.

The month of March also brings the beginning of the racing season. This year promises to be an exceptional one for AYC sailors. As you know, we have several viable Olympic campaigns here in progress, all of which need support to achieve their goals. With this being the Olympic year, they are beginning their final push for the trials this summer and then, hopefully, to the games in Korea. As I have said before, we are fortunate to be able to compete in our own waters against world class sailors regularly. These people can show us more about sailboat racing in one afternoon than we could figure out on our own in a whole summer, so let's give them a hand now.

In closing I would like to challenge those of you who can to enter the various USYRU elimination events this year. In recent years AYC has dominated area F events like no other club has done in any other area of the country, and we can do it again this year. So let's make plans to enter not only the Mallory and Adams Cup, but also the O'Day, the Prince of Wales, and the Team Racing. It would also be great to see some of the Juniors competing in their eliminations. Registration will be due soon, so get 'em in.

Claude Welles, Commodore
Austin Yacht Club

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT AYC

FEBRUARY 25.....	TROPHY PRESENTATION FROSTBITE SERIES
MARCH 5,6.....	SPRING (POT OF GOLD) REGATTA
MARCH 11,12.....	J-24 SEMINAR
MARCH 13.....	OPENING DAY SERIES RACES
MARCH 15.....	FRONT GATE LOCK CHANGE
MARCH 13,27 APRIL 10,17,24.....	WARM-UP SERIES
MARCH 19,20.....	J-24 CIRCUIT REGATTA
APRIL 2, 3.....	EASTER LASER REGATTA
APRIL 24.....	TROPHY PRESENTATION WARM-UP SERIES AND BUFFET
APRIL 30 and MAY 1st.....	CENTERBOARD REGATTA

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Hang up that foul weather gear, put away those winch handles, and forget about the lifting tacks to the windward mark -- long enough to enjoy the social activities we have planned for you this year, that is.

March 13 Opening Day Ceremonies,
Charlene Allan

April 24 Warm-Up Series Buffet,
Jan & John Brewer

April 30 Dinner Cruise,
Teri Nelms

June 19 Spring Series Buffet,
Maureen & Steve Spademan

July 30 Luau,
Carol Tesch

Aug. 20 Summer Evening Series Buffet,
Sam Humphrey

Sept. 3 Family Day,
To Be Announced

Oct. 2 Fall Series Buffet,
Nancy & Mark Johnson

Nov. 20 Winter Series Buffet,
James Pinno

Dec. 3 Annual Banquet,
Kathy Pillmore

Dec. 10 Children's Xmas Party,
Janis Livingston

Still in the works is a Road Rally,
if we find someone who is willing
to chair this event. Any volunteers?

Share your expertise and your willingness
to work with any of these chair people.
The success of these events depends on
people like you -- and I know there's
lots of you out there!!

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by: Vicki
Bremer



RED EYE REGATTA RESULTS

January 1, 1988

A FLEET - SPIN (10)

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|----|-----------------|----------|
| 1. | Jim Draheim | J-35 |
| 2. | Jack Kern | Ross 930 |
| 3. | Russell Painton | J-29 |
| 4. | Scott Young | J-29 |

B FLEET - SPIN (11)

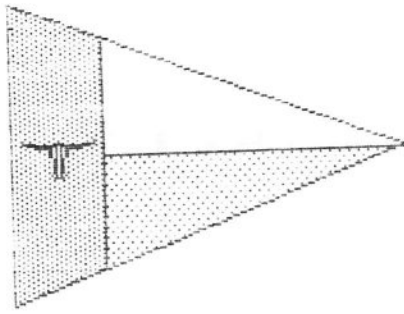
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| 1. | Bill Draheim | J-22 |
| 2. | Tom Lott | L-26 |
| 3. | Erhard Suderman | Ben 30 |
| 4. | Pete Shough | J-24 |
| 5. | Claude Welles | Cal 9.2 |

C FLEET - SPIN (12)

- | | | |
|----|---------------|-----------|
| 1. | Matt Romberg | Holder 20 |
| 2. | Jim Deeter | Cat 27 |
| 3. | Pat Feagin | Merit 22 |
| 4. | Tim Vicknair | Spirit 28 |
| 5. | Charlie Musta | P 26 |

NON-SPIN (12)

- | | | |
|----|--------------|-------------|
| 1. | Bill Byrum | Sant 525 |
| 2. | Walt Dwyer | P 26 |
| 3. | Mike Alewine | McGregor 22 |
| 4. | John Griffin | Capri 22 |
| 5. | Lynn Bishop | Whitby 42 |



Sailing Team Update

It's going to be another great semester for the UT Sailing Team! We are excited to report that we have entered back into the top ten of collegiate rankings after the Sugar and Rose Bowl regattas over Christmas break. Sugar Bowl was sailed in a cold 18-24 mph north breeze that cropped up a fair amount of chop on Ponchartrain. SEISA teams did pretty well with Tulane first, Texas second, and Springhill third. Immediately following Sugar Bowl, Texas took off to drive halfway across the country to "sunny" California. California wasn't very sunny; in fact it was cold, cloudy, and almost windless. Texas did fairly well taking second place among the eighteen schools that showed up to sail Flying Juniors. Texas was beaten only by U of Calif. at Irvine and was followed (distantly) by Standord, Navy, and Orange Coast. Eric Faust with crew Paula Sanders should receive a "good recovery" award for capsizing while leading race #3 and still finishing fifth. Eric and Paula ended up with fourth overall in B-division while Rob Johnston with crew Bridget Young won A-division.

Arrangements are underway for two collegiate regattas that will be held at AYC this semester. The first is a Dinghy Qualifier that will be held on February 20. We would like to see you out there to root for us. The second regatta is a major regatta for our district's women, the SEISA Women's District Championships, which will be held on April 9. It should prove to be an exciting match so come on out!

The UT Sailing Team will be competing in three intersectional regattas this semester against the top ranked schools in the nation. The team will be traveling to Annapolis, Maryland twice for regattas at the Naval Academy. The women will be competing in the Navy Women's Spring Invite on March 5-6, and the men will sail at the Truxton Umsted Regatta March 12-13. The third major road trip will be to the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, to sail FJ's on April 16-17. We are psyched about these upcoming events and will keep you posted on the results.

This semester we have had several donations to help keep our 420's out sailing:

Hill Country Marine Supplies generously donated 600 feet of 3/8 inch mainsheet line.

Fred Schroth also helped us by replacing the wire for our shrouds and forestays.

Thanks guys, we really appreciate your help!!!



UT Sailing Team Spring '88 Schedule:

Feb. 13-14	Nelson Roltsch @ Tulane
Feb. 20	Dinghy Qualifier @ UT
Feb. 27	Dinghy Qualifier @ Springhill
Mar. 5	Dinghy Qualifier @ SMU
Mar. 5-6	Navy Women's Spring Invite @ Navy
Mar. 12-13	Truxton Umsted @ Navy
Mar. 19	Women's & Boards @ Baylor
Mar. 26	Team Racing District Championship @ SMU
Apr. 2	A&M Invite (women's, lasers, & boards) @ A&M
Apr. 9	Women's District Championship @ UT
Apr. 16	A&M Invite II
Apr. 16-17	Spring Intersectional @ Coast Guard
Apr. 23	Dinghy District Championship @ Tulane

FROM THE FLEETS

Keel Fleets

Class A

by Steve Spademan

I got a chance to view the Redeye A-fleet start(s) from a non-spinnaker boat ... what a mess! It's fun watching the different A-fleeter starting styles, especially from a safe distance.

Well, the keel fleet Frostbite Series is underway with the first race (A Fleet was committee) being a drifter, complete with spinnaker runs to the weather mark! The second race (the first for A Fleet) answered the prayers of the classes that never get to sail a long enough course. High winds made for lots of fun and extra repair work for sail lofts. One thing for sure, the ultralight guys can't complain about difficulties getting upwind in a stiff breeze and chop, as Kern and his lightweight Ross 930 took top honors. The Olsons got to wash off mastheads during the spinnaker reaches. I guess they needed it anyway. The third race had good breezes and good round-the-buoys racing. Painton and Vaughan went boat for boat the whole race (Russell won).

We need to welcome Tom Shelton, Mark Gray and crew to A Fleet. They are sorting out the Soverel 33 (more controls than a 747!), and they should be super competitive in the coming months.

The Spring Regatta is coming up, and we hope to see a monster A Fleet turnout, including all of you wimps that were too afraid (or too smart) to race in the Frostbite Series. Be there.

Class

B

by Mike Chambers

Well, it's that time of the year again. Time for all of you B Fleeters to brush your boat bottoms and start racing once more.

Some of us have a head start by trying to defend the honor of B Fleet against the scourges of the earth created by Bob Johnstone. Bill Draheim practiced for the J-22 Mid-Winter in Florida by taking first place in our Redeye Regatta. Tom Lott (a real B Fleeter) took second in his Lindenberg 26. I thought he was going to sell that doggone boat! Instead, he put on a fresh coat of bottom paint and took up where he left off last year. Erhard Sudermann (another real B Fleeter) finally quit sandbagging and finished third in his Beneteau 30. I understand he had a "Rock Star" at the helm (his wife Sylvia). Pete Shough invaded B Fleet with his J-24 to take 4th place. Claude Welles (All-Star B Fleeter) did his part to improve participation this year by finishing 5th in his Cal 9.2. Now I know what Frank Riha was doing with that big bucket.

The deadline comes in the middle of the Frostbite Series so I am not able to bring you the final results. B Fleet had committee duty the second weekend. With winds blowing from 20-25 it was real exciting. Frank Riha and Kurt Carson witnessed several broaches and one total spinnaker blowout (they didn't even have luff tapes to retrieve) between "C" mark and Arkansas. I understand John Saunders and Roy Smith had a similar view rounding "I" mark. Randy Baylor, Randy Leo, Bruce Foster, Bruce McDonald, Claude Welles and myself rounded out the troops on the race

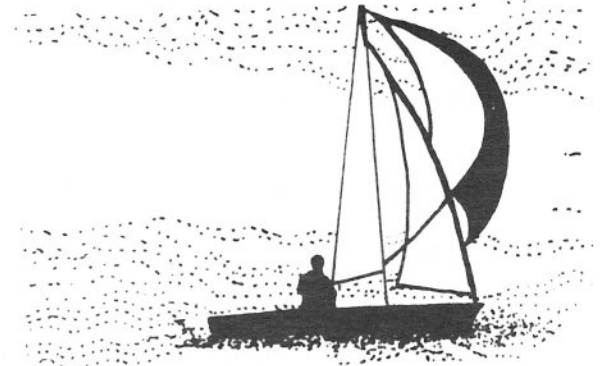
B Fleet (cont'd)

committee boat. I really appreciate all of their help and expertise.

As B Fleet Captain I welcome all of the Merit 25 sailors to our fleet. We will be looking forward to seeing you on the course.

Remember that everyone MUST have a PHRF Certificate on file in order to be scored.

Anyone with any questions or any volunteers for committee duty can call me at 276-7879.



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Class

C

by Vicki Bremer

MEET YOUR NEW FLEET CAPTAIN ... Jim Deeter. Jim started sailing in 1979 right here on Lake Travis in a Wildflower, his first boat. He quickly graduated to a North American 23 which he sailed for a year until he bought ZOO, his Catalina 27, in 1980. We're all familiar with his sailing prowess on ZOO; he has the trophies to prove it! But he wasn't always the hot shot sailor he is today. He remembers a time on Lake Travis when he was sailing windward and watched another boat pass him like he was standing still. So he hollered to the skipper of the other boat, "What am I doing wrong?" The skipper hollered back, "Everything!" So Jim went home and started studying sailing books. And practiced and studied some more and practiced. Today he's one of the tougher competitors in C Fleet. When he's not sailing he's busy with his job as a Supervisor at the U.S. Post Office. Thanks for taking on the responsibilities as Fleet Captain, Jim. Bill Records is a hard act to follow, but if anyone can do it YOU CAN!!

The Frostbite Series has been interesting to say the least. The first race was almost cancelled because of no wind. The second race was almost cancelled because of too much wind. So it seemed proper when the third race was run with reasonably steady 10-15 southeasterly winds -- a nice compromise to the first two races.

C Fleet Race Committee duty for the third race went off without a hitch. Well, almost, if you don't count the time the race committee boat drifted several hundred yards back from its starting position. If Jim hadn't asked what happened to the starting pin, we might have had a very exciting finish. Rescue Boat One had a little extra duty when we saw two A Fleet boats crash and one was left with the top of the mast curled down in an awkward position. Both boats limped back to shore, unable to finish the race. Jim would like to thank those C Fleeters who braved the chill to help out with Race Committee -- Jack Bremer, James Pinno, Leslie Renfro, Alex Pihut, John Vance and you-know-who. We hope to see more C Fleeters get involved with Race Committee duty. When the schedule for Race Committee duty fleet assignments is published, mark your calendars for C Fleet days -- and come on out. It's great fun as well as being excellent race experience.





by Howard Shirey

I missed the January issue by a hair's breath due to a foul up in communication (I misunderstood) and a large dose of procrastination. This time I have started with plenty of time to spare (at least 12 hours). So that you don't miss anything, I'll include the January article along with this issue.

JANUARY: 1987 went out with a song (along with plenty of wine) and the new 1988 began with a bang (too much wine). The 50's party on New Year's Eve, sponsored by fleet members Charlene and Walter Allan, and the Redeye Regatta were a great success. If these two events are any indication of what is in store for '88, it will be a banner year for AYC.

This year's Redeye saw only one Catalina 22 on the starting line. Die-hard Gary Payne, last year's fleet captain, braved the cold and 15-20 mph winds while others abandoned the fleet for larger boats. I don't know how well he finished, but hanging in there on New Year's day deserves at least honorable mention. I know how much fun he and Paulette had New Year's Eve. Speaking of Gary and Paulette, they were the winners of the dance contest at the 50's party. They must have had plenty of experience.

Fleet officers for this year were elected last November and were installed at our Christmas Party. They are as follows:

Commodore - Hal White
Captain - Howard Shirey
Measurer - Joe Roddy
Secretary - Heather Morack
Treasurer - Bill Morack

Heather and I will share Telltale duty this year. Being secretary for the C-22 fleet is no easy task. With a monthly fleet newsletter, quarterly articles to the Telltale and the Mainsheet, our national publication, you can go crazy trying to make all deadlines.

On the national front: George Thomas, our Regional Commodore has informed me that the Texas State Championships will be held April 16-17 on Eagle Mountain Lake (north of Fort Worth). The Region 8 Regatta on Lake Ray Hubbard (northeast of Dallas) was originally scheduled for May 7-8, but due to a conflict with Mother's Day will probably be rescheduled to the following weekend, May 14-15.

The Nationals are scheduled for the week of June 20 on Lake Grapevine (near Dallas). You remember the Grapevine Sailing Club? They came to AYC for Governor's Cup and went home with all the trophies. I think it's time for us to return the favor.

I know all you C-22 sailors are grinding your keels, scrubbing your bottoms, and tuning your rigs for the new season. I know I am looking forward to it. See you at the club and on the lake.

MARCH: The Frostbite Series has seen it all: 70 degree weather with little or no wind, 50 degree temperatures and blowing like heck, and this weekend (Feb. 7) is forecast for 40 degrees with 10-15 mph winds. Don't you love the consistency with Texas weather?

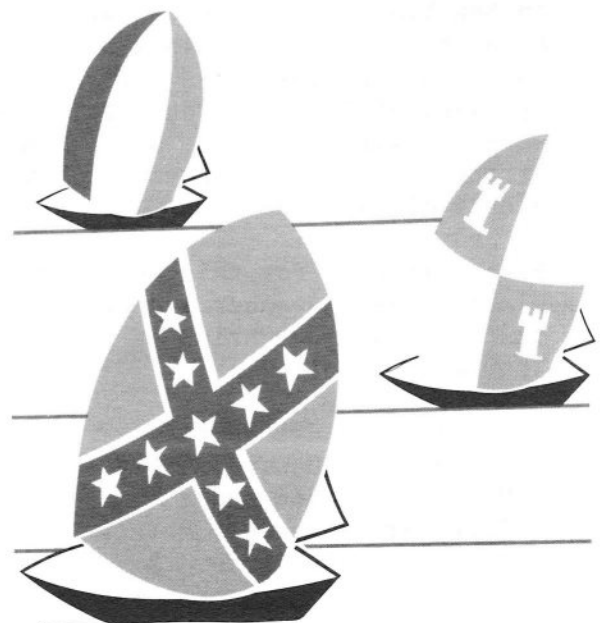
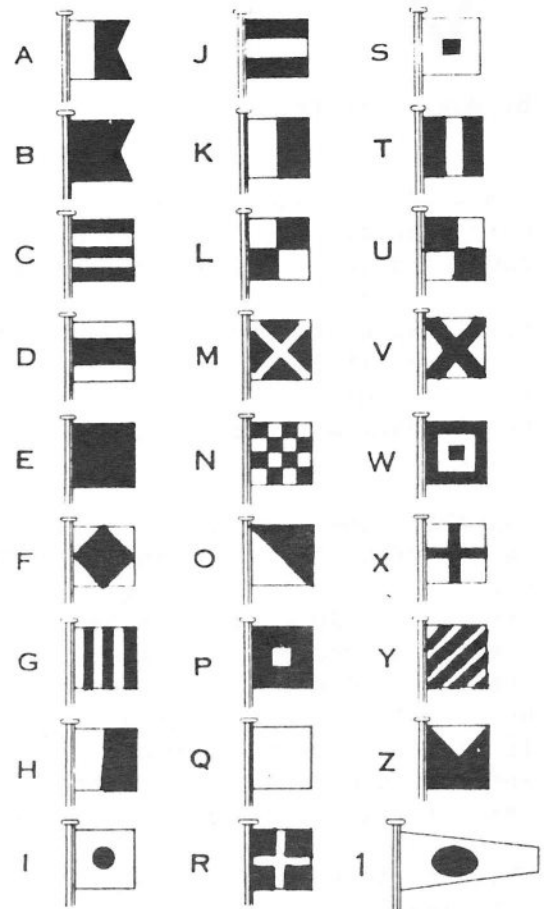
CATALINA 22 (cont'd)

We have two boats entered in the Frostbite Series: Joe Roddy and Walter Allan. Skipper Walter placed third in the first race while Joe finished in the middle of the pack. The results of the second race is not known at this writing, but Joe pushed Walter hard to the finish line. Joe Roddy has just completed his first full year of racing having sailed with me in last year's Frostbite. We can expect him to submit his application for membership in AYC sometime in the next month or two.

In the list of this year's officers, you will notice a new office -- Commodore. Changes to our by-laws adopted at this year's Christmas Party gave voting rights and the right to hold office to Catalina 30, Catalina 27 and Catalina 25 members. The Commodore presides over the cruising fleet while the Captain serves as the AYC Captain, conducts national association business and, if needed, takes the Commodore's place in his absence.

This year's cruising fleet under the leadership of Commodore Hal White is really off to a great start. The programs presented at our monthly meetings have been super. Those of you who have missed the last two meetings are missing some really good stuff.

Any of you Catalina owners that have not joined the fun are welcome on the first Wednesday of each month at the Sail Boat Shop or contact any C-22 sailor at the club for information on our next cruise.



South Coast 21

by Bob Johnson

The SC-21 annual meeting is associated with change; new year, new officers, new bottom jobs, throwing out the beer cans from last year. On the weekend of this year's meeting, Jan. 9, I was in Port Aransas to help with my Agency's beach cleanup program. For about three hours of cleanup, I got Friday off to travel to the coast and the rest of the weekend to enjoy the beach at a time when it isn't crowded. And, of course, the weather there is good even in January. Right?! This time it was hard to decide whether to drink the hot chocolate or pour it over our hands and feet. Some of Duane's chili would have been very welcome. I was told that it raised the spirits of those who braved the freezing weather in Austin to attend the SC meeting.

Bob Freeman, who was elected 1988 SC Fleet Captain, says that Vern Harris got a big round of applause in recognition of a great job as 1987 Fleet Captain, and that Vern left a big pair of deck shoes to fill. Ray Shull was re-elected as treasurer when he dozed off for a few seconds. Danny Lien will be the SC representative on the AYC Permanent Race Comm. and promises that the races this year will satisfy 50% of the people 50% of the time, \pm 10%. I heard that one satisfying accomplishment of the night was to finally get a particularly odd-shaped, unwieldy and uncooperative log to burn in the fireplace. Captain Bob later told me I was drafted to be REPORTER and that I could hope for no higher honor. Well, in that case, I'll be glad to do it.

One type of change that brings a loss to the fleet is the departure of members such as David moving to California and Jimmie to Galveston. Now there is another one moving on. In March, Arthur is going to Houston to take a position with an engineering firm there. This will be a good career move for Arthur, but a loss for us. However, he will still be a partner with me in our boat, and he hopes to get back to race with us several times during the season. I will be looking for someone for regular crew and/or someone to crew with me part of the time.

So far I've only heard a couple of things about SC participation in the Redeye Regatta and the Frostbite Series. I understand that Bud was doing well in the Redeye until he broke his main halyard. A usually reliable source said that, in a further attempt to reduce weight, Bud was using monofilament from his fishing reel and had a backlash. In the first race of the Frostbite, Linda made an end run around D Fleet and about half of C Fleet to take a bullet (I think she won also).

The 1988 schedule has been adopted and will be out soon. The Spring Regatta will be the first weekend in March, and the Spring Series right after that. It's coming soon, and there is much to do to get ready to launch. Maybe some of the effort going into "1-2-3" next door in the work area will get over to "Airborne" by osmosis. (The book Airborne by William F. Buckley is good reading about sailing, by an avid sailor.) The SC Nationals will be in Shreveport this year, about the end

of May. Be sure your trailer is ready for the trip, and start practicing saying "zydeco" and "Laissez les bons temps rouler."

There are several SC's for sale, and the fleet put ads in the paper during the boat show in an attempt to create some interest in the boats and the group. There were a few responses asking about crewing, but no immediate interest in buying a boat. One excellent prospect for a future SC fleeter is Dennis Evans who bought a SC last year. His boat isn't rigged for racing yet, but he seems to be very interested and certainly is good crew. After some more crewing this year, he should be fully hooked, and we can get him in AYC and help him get his boat ready. Danny suggested that we dedicate one series to giving new, or potential, owners or crew more of an opportunity to get to know the boats and the fleet. The basic idea would be to have the new people shift to a different boat each week -- among those captains that are willing. Such rotation could also help develop some of the regular crew.

If you don't vote, don't complain about who is president, governor, mayor. If you do care about the content of these articles, please give me information and ideas, and Aggie sailor stories. When there is an interesting story about you, even if you aren't an Aggie, you should be aware that the truth of the matter might get somewhat twisted if I only hear the version told by someone else. To protect, or enhance, your reputation, it would be best to give me your side of the story first.

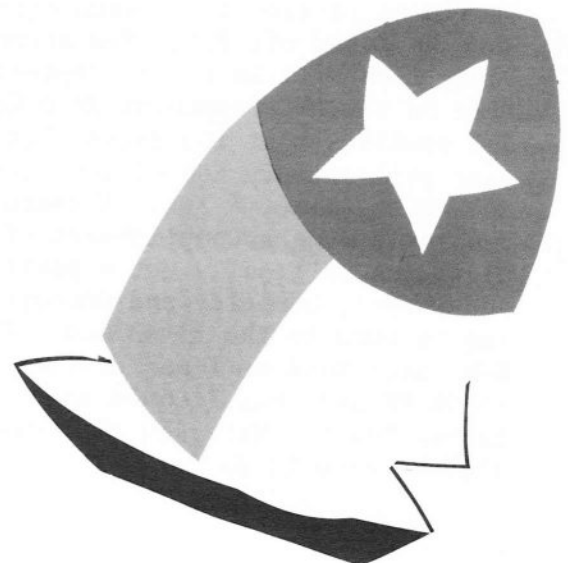
Did you hear about the Aggie sailor who was last at the windward mark because his mother had told him not to be so tacky. "Ah, gee, Mom, the other guys get to."

by Glenn Byus

The new year has descended upon us in all its glory, and we now begin to prepare for the coming season of activities. The coming year promises to be another good year for our fleet. New fleet officers for this year are: Glenn Byus -- Fleet Captain, Bill Rodgers -- Secretary, Kathy and Jack Kern -- Social Chairpersons, Eric Nelson -- Treasurer. If you have any questions or helpful comments for the officers, give us a call.

The schedule for this year's events is beginning to gel. The 1988 AYC Texas Circuit stop is scheduled for March 19-20, with the return of Ed Baird's seminar the weekend before (March 11-12) to help sharpen our skills after the winter months. This event is open to all AYC members and their guests as well as the J-24 fleet. So bring yourself and your crew for some fun and good practice with Ed Baird (fresh from his victory at the Mid-Winters). The Opening Day Ceremonies and the first series race date are scheduled for March 13. We look forward to the beginning of another good year of fleet racing.

Blue skies and happy sailing.



by Greg Schertz

You know the real problem with being responsible for one of these articles is that Wayne gives us too much time to think about it. Since his reminder (postmarked Jan. 20th), I've worried about what to write eleven times and forgotten the whole thing more times than that. So, it's now deadline time and yes, I'm hurt. No one's called and no one's written with any legitimate J-22 article information. Wait a minute. Maybe there is one bit of info: Did you hear Craig & Vicki got rid of their rats? Call them for details.

Terry says y'all want sailing news. Well, I don't have details on the J-22 action in the PHRF events this winter. (Look elsewhere in this Telltale for results) However I did hear Bill Draheim steered a 22 to a very impressive victory in one of those Red Eye events. I also heard a lot of grumblings about something called "rating change". Well, OK, but then the J-24 rating has to be changed, then the J-29, then the Olson, then the Hobie... I've got a better idea. Everybody get a J-22 and forget about those silly "ratings." Second thought: maybe that ole Draheim really is a good sailor. Naw, couldn't be.

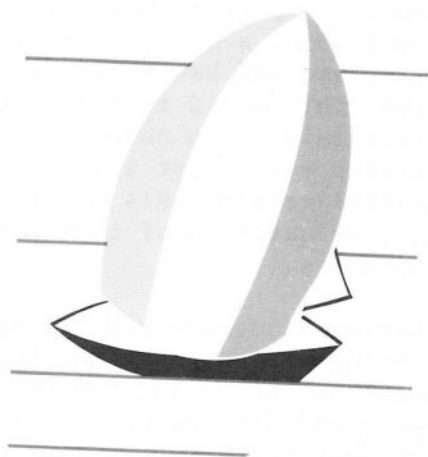
The Midwinters? From what I hear down in the gutters of 6th Street this is what happened: Mark Rylander got together a team of Jennifer Draheim, John Bartlett, and Spanky Roberson while Bud Boucher got Bill Draheim to steer and Keith Andrews and a pickup from Florida to crew. They met 38 other J-22s at St. Pete in Florida.

Fun in the sun, right? WRONG Preliminary reports say the temperature was in the 30's and 40's, with winds on the first day in the upper 20's. At print time, both boats are in the top five with one day of racing to go. See the next publication for results.

That's another thing, Wayne. The dates picked for the deadline...why pick a date with one day to go in a regatta?

Late note : Bill Draheim finished 2nd in the Mid-Winters in Florida sailing Bud's boat.

Editor's note: The life of a new TELLTALE contributor is just hell isn't it, Greg ?? Wayne



SUNFISH



by Mike Strange

The winter is not the best of times for sunfishing, waters cold, sunshines flukey. Obviously many of our fleet have found the comforts of winter keelboating to be a semi-adequate substitute for sunfishing. The good news is that we start the Wednesday night races in April. That's approximately 6 weeks away. Time aplenty to get the boats in shape for racing season. There has been some talk of a sunfish preparation, repair, modification day at the club. If you're interested let our Grand Wizard know.

The astute political maneuvering of our Grand Wizard has secured a change in our fleet number. Tim reports that we are now officially Sunfish Fleet 70. He also reports that navigating this thru the shark infested waters of the sunfish establishment has earned him a free diet slice from all fleet members who are in compliance with the 70 Rule.

There are unconfirmed reports that some new boats have been purchased by prospective fleet members. A wild rumor about a boat, trailer, garage sale, and \$65 has to be verified. If true, this would represent the lowest price paid for a sound craft. Pat Manning may insist that her auction special retains this honor, but there is some question of that yacht's soundness.

Shirley Slaughter and Vic and Pat Manning are chairing the Spring Regatta. Bruce and Pam McDonald and Bruce and Claudia Foster are chairing the Governor's Cup. Grand Wizard Tim Erwin with some Centerboarders (Teri Nelms and John Mandell) are handling the Centerboard Regatta. We will

have a Master's Class (40+) in the Centerboard Regatta if the registration supports it. Rod Ethridge and Bill Records are working on a Town Lake regatta during Aqua-Fest.

As a fleet we made a great showing at the annual banquet. Our activity (as noted in the above paragraph) is high. The level of Fun and Hilarity as we enter our second year promises to go up. Our fleet is large, and we'd like to set as a goal that Fleet 70 consistently outnumber the laser fleet on Wednesday nights.

Finally I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Me. Grand Wizard Tim Erwin has asked me to take on the correspondent duties this year. Tim felt that since I spend a lot of time in the rear third of the fleet I would bring a different perspective to this report. I accepted on the condition that this column would not be subject to any prior restraint. My approach to this task will be as follows. I admire the great traditions in journalism, the muckraking of the Enquirer, the accuracy of the Star, the unrestrained approach of the Tattler. When possible I will use this column to attack those that beat me. Accusations of non-corinthian behavior are likely to be common. Judgements of your ability will be harsh. Only those who are seeking their first bullet should expect fairness. If I can't beat you I can at least hold you up to ridicule (Frank Riha will assist me in this task).

Centerboard Handicap



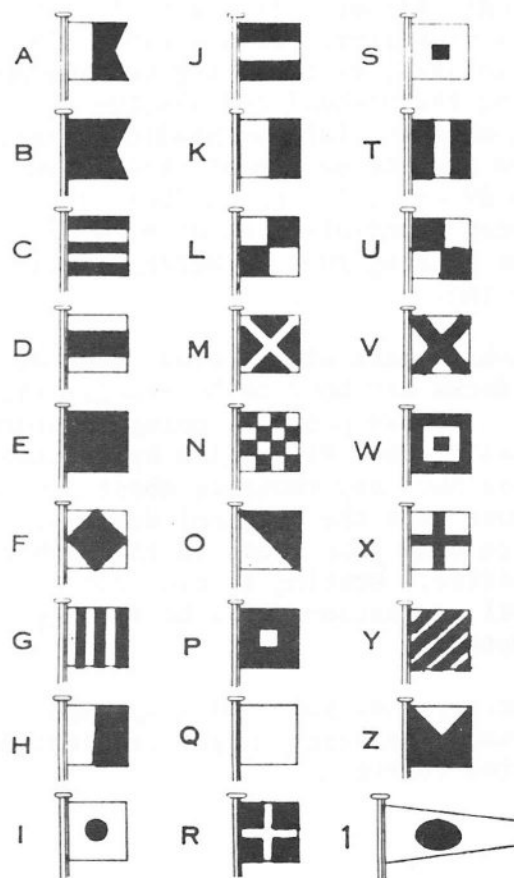
by Teri Nelms

Since the Centerboard fleet is actually only resting for the winter, I could mention that most of CB'ers are crewing on big boats. It has certainly been a continuing eye-opening experience. I thought you got to stay dry and warmer on big boats. I found that not to be the case after Rick Vanderweel slipped Steve Vaughan a \$10 bill to dump me overboard. I would have been the first one in in the midst of a spinnaker broach had Eric Nelson not been kind enough to fall on me as he was washing down the side of the boat with me. Staying wet for two hours on the shady side of the boat in high wind was not warm. I also do not want to hear anybody say that there is no room on my boat for food or drink 'cause you wouldn't believe some of the stuff they serve for snacks on big boats. Vaughan's whole crew gets worked up into a frenzy at the mere mention of "bean dip" for the after-race treat. Last weekend there were green and red left-over-from-Christmas jelly beans to be eaten during the weather leg. At least I serve tea with Tang in it and Skittles in a zip-lock baggie.

I guess all you big boaters planned the Spring Regatta knowing it would be too cold and too early for Centerboard boats to attend. Well, guess again winch-brains: Craig Tapley on the 505 and me on the Fireball may be the only two little guys out there, but we will be on the starting line with you -- wearing

everything we own and carrying a thermos full of hot toddies to get us there.

Look for a HUGE showing for the Centerboard Regatta and another centerboard Saturday series of races later in the year. I suggest that anybody who feels insecure with their station in life or has nothing fun to do should consider securing a Sunfish and be an active part of the "pimple on the etc..." fleet. They're having a great time. See you soon from the Fireball. Look for the blue wetsuit and the matching blue nose.



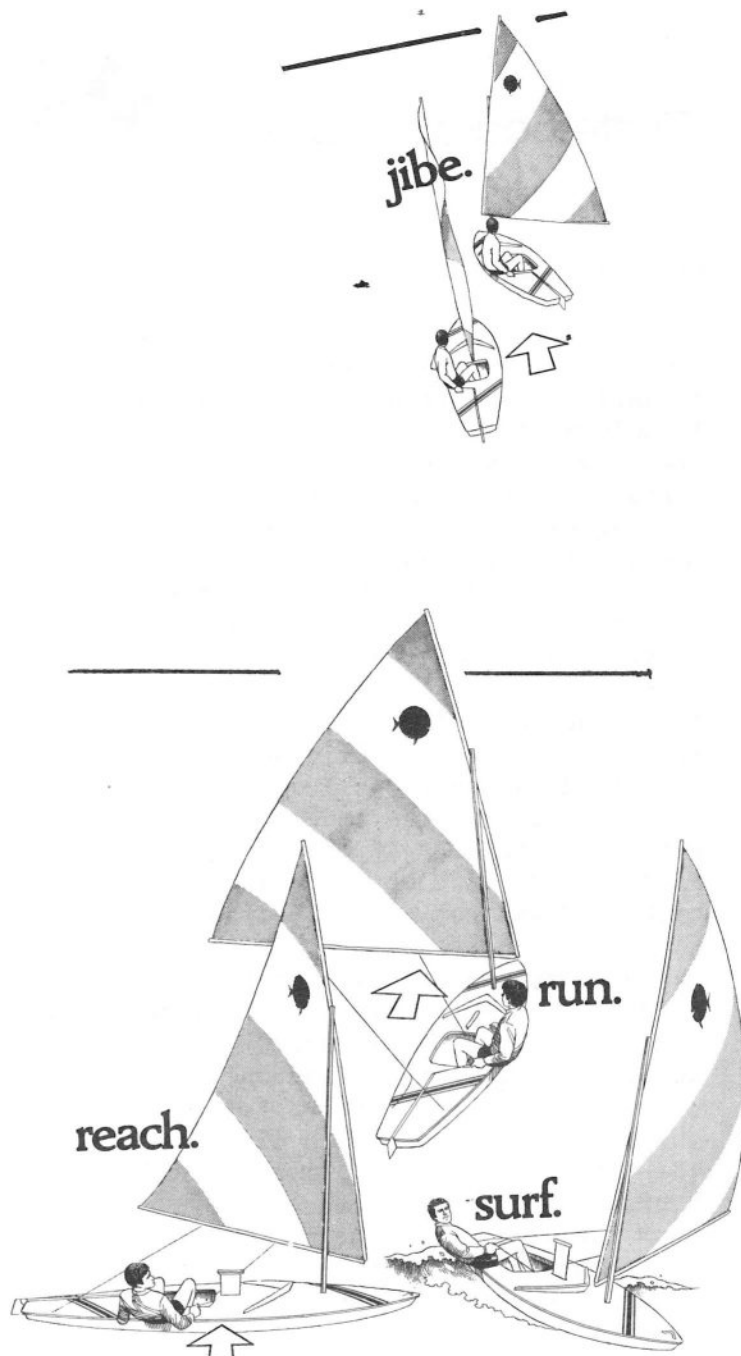
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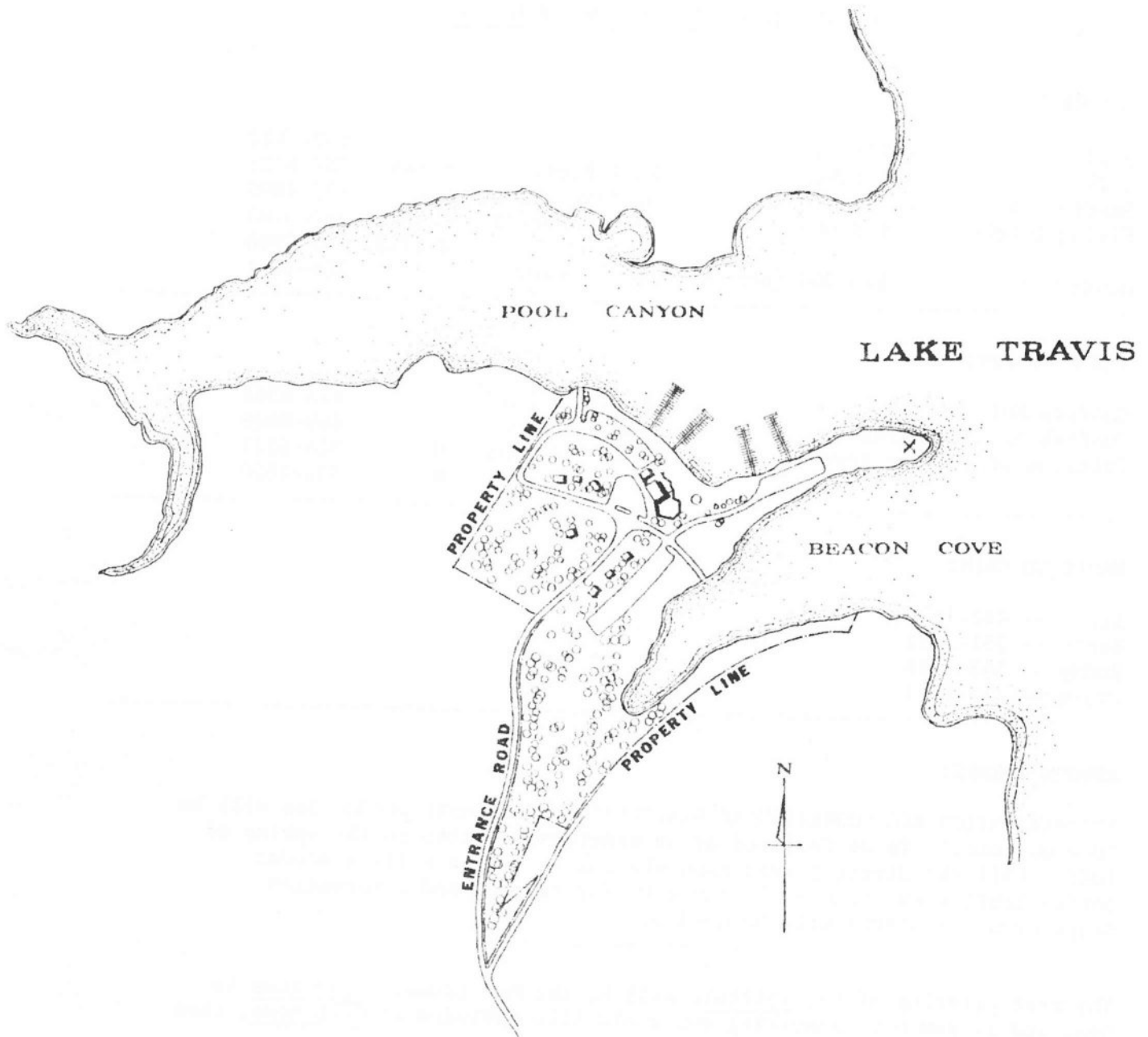
by Fred Schroth

It's Waster Laser Regatta time again (April 2-3). As usual Fred's goal is one thousand boats and five or six people watching from the shore. If you haven't yet sailed in this regatta, talk to a few people who have. Those who have joined us tend to return and others have at least appreciated that this event is bringing some of the best young sailors in the country to AYC. Last year's winner, Steve Bordeaux, also won the Laser Nationals. The eventual winner of the O'Day trophy, Andy Lovell, only managed an 11th place finish in the Easter Laser Regatta. Talk with John Mandell about the thrill of leading a fleet of that caliber. It's a thrill he loves to relive. If you can't find a way to sail, at least try to come out during the weekend and observe how some of these fellows handle a boat. There may not be a boat that shows more dramatically the difference between front-of-fleet or back-of-fleet sailing just by watching boat handling.

Meanwhile back at the club, some of the docks may have to be rebuilt this year. We are probably going to start replacing dock #1 section by section. If you have any thoughts about how to improve upon the original designs, please send your ideas to the Harbor Committee. Writing is nice but verbal suggestions will be eagerly accepted.

Remember, when your clock springs forward, Wednesday night singlehanded sailing starts.





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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*****ATTENTION AYC PROBATIONARY PLAYERS***** Our next production will be "Dum Quixote." To be featured at an undetermined time in the spring of 1988. Call the director (you know who she is -- she sails a wooden coffee table with whoever she can get) for casting and information. Stage crew assistance will be needed.

The next printing of the Telltale will be the May issue. Club News is new, and if you have something you would like included in Club News, then give me a call. Thanks. Wayne

Rick Vanderweel has two new members this year to join him and Jim Draheim, David Hilfer, and Ray Shull on the Handicap Committee. They are Hap Arnold and John Vance. Thank you's were expressed to outgoing members Ray Lott and Russell Painton.

Steve Vaughan has been doing some good scoring training during Frostbite with his new members, and many thanks go out to those untiring hard workers.



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