

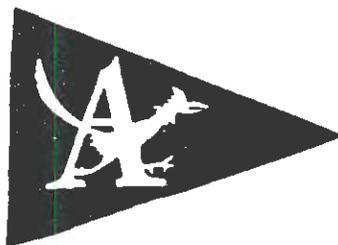
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NOVEMBER 1988



It hardly seems possible that this year, which seemed so long and with unlimited potential back last December, is now almost over. Reflecting back, I would be remiss if I didn't give credit for all the great things that have happened this year to those of you who worked so hard to make the Austin Yacht Club what it is today. At the risk of sounding trite, having a club that we can all be proud of is a lot like winning a race. The crew does all the work and makes anything possible; the skipper only chooses which direction to go. Without the unselfish dedication of the membership that we have, we wouldn't have the club that we have now.

Space and memory being what they are allow me only to single out a few, but the efforts of all are not forgotten, nor unappreciated. I would like first to thank the AYC staff for their untiring devotion to the club. It would be safe to say that without Wayne and his crew, we would be at square one most of the time. Next I would like to recognize the Board of Directors, all of whom took their jobs seriously and carried out the duties of the offices to which they were elected -- and carried them out flawlessly I might add. I don't think that this club has ever been guided by a more dedicated and responsible group.

In what seems to be becoming a more and more complex undertaking, our Regatta chair-people were outstanding this year and, likewise, our Regattas were outstanding this year. The committee volunteers who worked on the grounds really have the place whipped into shape and looking great. All the help in the office when we really got in a crunch with billings and regattas and who knows what else all at the same time was invaluable. And I know that the office staff will agree with me on that. Since so many of us live for sailboat racing, I must also commend not only the committees of the day, but the Permanent Race Committee for providing the quality of racing that we are privileged to enjoy here in Austin, Texas. Those who worked so hard on the Junior Sailing Program cannot be forgotten. We were able to provide sailing instruction and, more importantly, a quality yacht club experience for a great number of young people this last summer. Hopefully many of these youngsters will be back with us in summers to come and will eventually become enthusiastic yacht club members. The social season was a success due in no small part to the efforts of the chair-people involved as well as the efforts of the volunteer helpers.

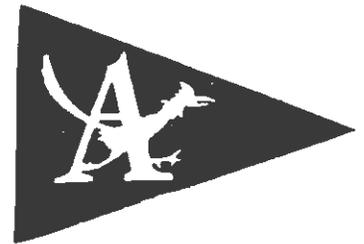
I would now like to recognize and thank the Harbor Committee and all of those who gave up a Saturday or two to work on the docks. In two days our volunteer labor was able to rebuild all the boardboat docks in the north cove and place wood spacers between the pipe and the foam on three of the four docks which needed to have that done. You guessed it, we will be asking for another Saturday from y'all some time in the future, and I know that you will respond unselfishly.

Lastly I would like to thank all of the chairmen and volunteers on those committees which we don't hear too much about but are so important: the Membership Committee, the Safety Committee, the Harbor Upgrade Committee, the Awards Committee, the Trophy Committee, our Historian, the UT Team Liaison, the Volunteer Coordinator, and the sailing camp chairpeople. If I have left anyone out, it was not on purpose, and I apologize. There is obviously a lot that goes on here in the course of a year and, until you look back and try to add it all up, it's easy to forget how much is done because it is done so well.

In closing, I would like to thank the entire membership for allowing me to be your Commodore this year. I have enjoyed it immensely, and it has been a year that I won't soon forget.

Claude Welles, Commodore
Austin Yacht Club

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ABOVE + Beyond....

Above + Beyond is prepared by the members of the AYC Public Relations Committee. Its purpose is to highlight the achievements of clubmembers in their business & personal lives as well as sailing. We all have lives outside of sailing and its interesting to know what our fellow members have aspired to elsewhere. For example: your kids scholastic or athletic achievements, yours or your spouse's promotion or winning of the Publisher's Clearing House Sweepstakes, etc. We're looking for "other" news. If you have a tale to tell...tell it to your fleet captain or one of the following P.R. Committee members:

Charlene Allan
Vickie Bremer
Lee Vaughn
Jane Frederick
Cynthia Darwin
Bill Records
Roy Crouse
Kathy Pillmore

On with the news!!

Our own **Shirley Slaughter** was one of only three persons whose name was drawn from numerous entries to compete in the Sunfish Worlds held recently in Nassau, Bahamas. Shirley, just recovering from major surgery, got permission from her doctor to attend (as if he could stop her!). She sped up her recovery time through a rigorous routine of swimming, and took off, tiller and centerboard in hand, to give it her all. As if Shirley would give anything else.

....And from the pages of the Austin Writer's League newsletter, **Lauren Vicknair** has published an article about her great grandmother's journal. She made comparisons about the differences time has made in what generations consider to be important. Her grandmother's journal focused on such items as weather, the farm crops, etc. where today, her own personal journal focuses on feelings and perceptions. Lauren has also published a book of poetry entitled, "Snow in Summer and Other Atmospheric Attitudes". A busy woman it appears, she is currently writing a book of short stories about women.

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Other long time clubmembers, **Tom and Janice Shefelman**, also made the newsletter with the publishing, by Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, of their picture book "Victoria House". A book signing party was held recently at Toad Hall.

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During the past year, Austin Yacht Club has added two names to the list of those designated as honorary lifetime members. Those include **Sandy Bauman**, who donated the Liz Bauman Memorial Trophy in memory of his daughter. The second honorary lifetime membership when to **Mrs. J. T. Harvel**, perhaps better known as **Jessie McIlroy Smith**, who together with her first husband, donated the Jessie McIlroy Smith Bowl perpetual award to the club. Mr. Smith passed away some years ago and Mrs. Harvel remarried. She has been a club-member since its inception and believes she can trace its beginnings back to a, are you ready for this...., a power boat club on Lake Austin!! Our historian is checking into this and will report more on it later.

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From the "Where are They Now" department, **Bill and Jennifer Draheim** have settled in a nice apartment in Newport Beach, just a few blocks from the beach. Bill says he can jog up the beach to his place of work.

ABOVE + Beyond....

Jennifer has taken employment with a mortgage company. They and the cats are quickly becoming Californians. Bill recently entered the Capri 4.2 Nationals and took a Third Place trophy. Just give the boy a boat and he'll sail it!!

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A new addition to the Darwin-Randell family is imminent and may have already happened before this reaches the printer. Reliable sources indicate a pink nursery. Congrats to Mom (who was on AYC's National Finalist Adams Cup Team) and Dad and the siblings!

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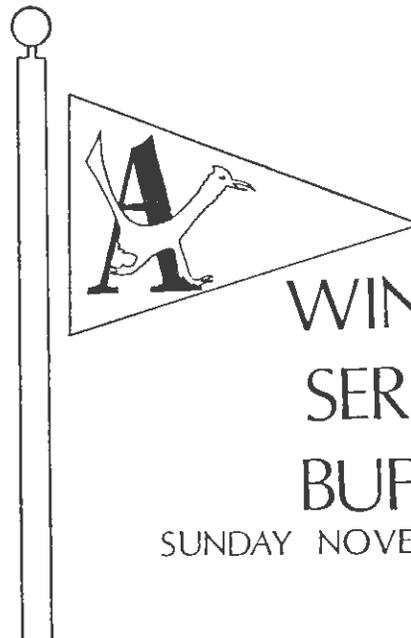
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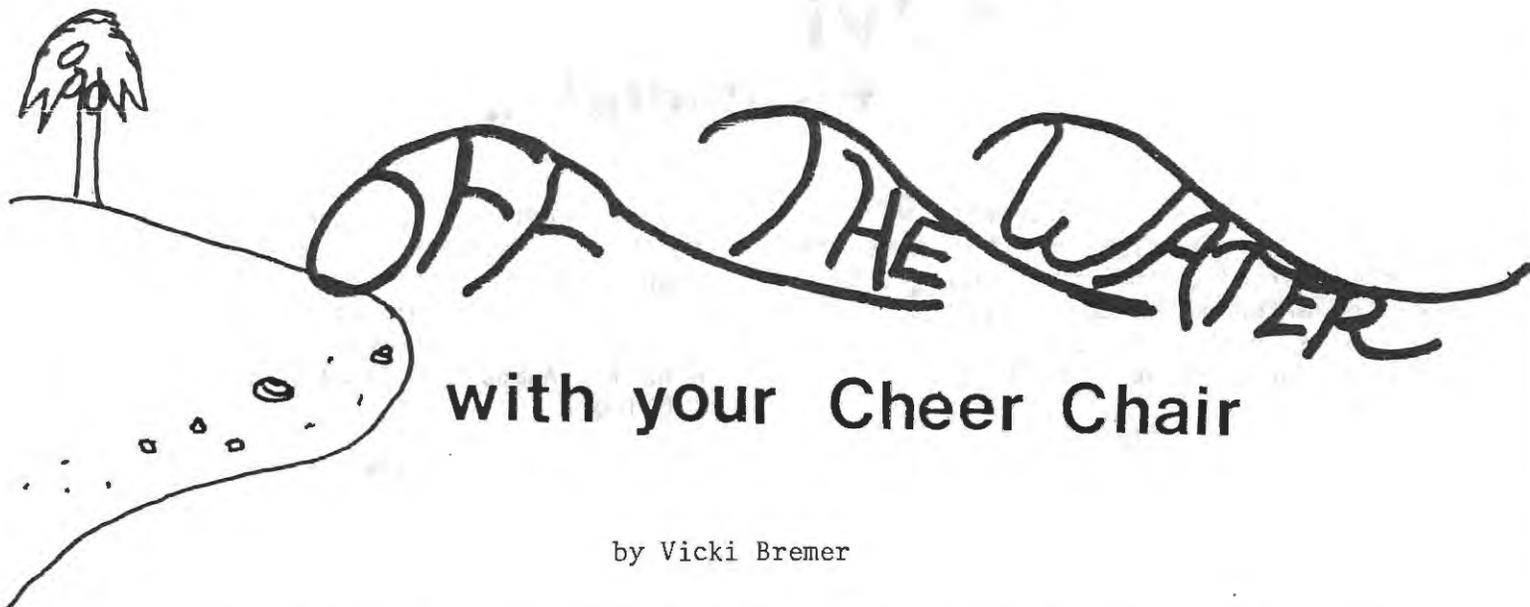
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WINTER
SERIES
BUFFET!

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20, 1988

CLIP AND SAVE



by Vicki Bremer

Barry Bowden came sailing to my rescue in a shining white boat (assuming sailors don't ride white horses) when he agreed to chair our traditional Family Day event on September 3 -- and on very short notice. You're the best, Barry!! Thank you, thank you!! Barry attributes the success of the event to "spontaneity," but I think most of the credit should go to Barry and all his helpers who made it a fun day for kids of all ages. Triatholons for different age groups were improvised at the last minute because of heavy air for the sailing part of it. Swimming pool games including balloon tosses scored high in the "Boy, am I glad I came!" category. And the fishing contest even produced some fish for the winners, probably much to their surprise and delight (if they fish the way I do, that is). Hearty appetites consumed lots of hot dogs and hamburgers at lunch time. And the trophy presentation made several mini-Olympic contenders get a taste of The Gold. Those winners included:

Triatholon (10-11-12 year olds)

1. Derek Brown
2. Travis Weller
3. Amy Natko
4. Debbie Welles

Triatholon (7-8-9 year olds)

1. Louisa Preston
2. John Bowden
3. Eric Creamer

Triatholon (4-5-6 year olds)

1. Alex Meyers
2. Lindsey Allan
3. Jacob Lien

Fishing Contest

- Alex Meyers -- Largest Fish
Sam Livingston -- Most Fish (1 1/2)
Richard Musselman -- Honorable Mention

AYC's social calendar didn't end with Family Day, however. Nancy and Mark Johnson can attest to that after working hard to put on a delicious Chili/Beans/Cornbread/Brownies End-of-the-Fall-Series Buffet. Over 100 people enjoyed the good food after racing on beautiful Lake Travis -- leaving no leftovers! Good planning, Nancy! But she couldn't have done it without the help of Bonnie Tobin, Charlene Allan, Brenda Spletter, Robbie Nelson, and Martie and Howard Shirey. Despite the October 2 warm weather and the moderately "HOT" Chili, Nancy received no complaints about the temperatures of either! Must be that the cold beer went down in larger quantities than normal or that us Texas sailors are just plain tough! A special thanks to all of you for putting on such a successful feast.

But don't roll up that 1988 social calendar just yet. There's more coming!! Kathy Pillmore has been working on a very special Annual Banquet for December 3 -- one you won't want to miss. So get your party duds out of mothballs and get ready to boogie to the tunes of Cul de Sac, a very hot group.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

AUSTIN YACHT CLUB

PRESENTED OCTOBER 27, 1988

The Nominating Committee consisting of Steve Vaughan, John Mandell and Trenton Wann, Jr., according to the ByLaws of the Austin Yacht Club, present the following names to serve as Officers of the Club for 1989.

Commodore	Terry Meyers
Vice Commodore	Gail Bernstein
Commander for Race Committee	Jim Baker
Commander for Buildings and Grounds	Thomas Kozlowski
Secretary	Steve Pervier
Treasurer	Bob Tesch
Commander for Fleet Committee	Eric Nelson



FALL SERIES RESULTS

EXCELLENCE IN RACE MANAGEMENT: J-22 Fleet, Bud Boucher

C-15 (7 boats)

1. Bruce Foster
2. Bill Smith
3. Keith Lackey

J-24 (7 boats)

1. Fred Schroth
2. Eric Nelson
3. Tucker Garrison

Catalina 22 (9 boats)

1. Bill Morack
2. Steve Frederick
3. Calin Popescu
4. Bill Word

Keel Fleet A (6 boats)

1. Steve Vaughan, Olson 30
2. Bob Tesch, J-29
3. Russell Painton, J-29

Keel Fleet C (11 boats)

1. Ed Calogero, San Juan 7.7
2. Jim Deeter, Catalina 27 TM
3. Walt Dwyer, Pearson 26
4. Bill Records, Pearson 26
5. Tim Vicknair, Spirit 28

Centerboard Handicap (10 boats)

1. Steve Cauffman, Capri 14.2
2. Francis McIntyre, M-20
3. Anne Ellzey, Capri 14.2
4. John Welch, Capri 14.2

South Coast 21 (6 boats)

1. Pat Feagin
2. Duane Dobson
3. Danny Lien

Ensign (7 boats)

1. Harold Neel
2. Tommy Kozlowski
3. Jim Baker

Keel Fleet B (6 boats)

1. Claude Welles, Cal 9.2
2. Mike Chambers, Olson 25
3. Byron Tapley, Catalina 30

Keel Fleet D (4 boats)

1. Louie Soefje, Ranger 23

AYC FALL REGATTA RESULTS

13 Classes
110 Total Boats
21 Centerboard Boats
89 Keel Boats

RACE TO LAKEWAY -- Centerboard Trophy (lowest corrected time in Saturday's race)

1. Quentin Baker, Flying Dutchman

RACE TO LAKEWAY -- Keelboat Trophy (best corrected time in Saturday's race)

1. Harold Neel, Ensign

PERPETUAL LAKEWAY TROPHY (1st place winner of the fleet with the largest participation)

1. Bruce Willman, Pearson 26 -- PHRF Non-Spinnaker B with 16 boats

Capri 14.2 (6 boats)

1. Jeff Delaney
2. Anne Ellzey 2. (tie) Steve Shepardson

Sunfish (5 boats)

1. Jerry Parlee, Corpus Christi
2. Pat Manning

Centerboard Handicap (10 boats)

1. Craig Tapley, 505
2. David Schockley, Laser
3. Teri Nelms, Fireball
4. Quentin Baker, Flying Dutchman

Catalina 22 Non-Spinnaker (9 boats)

1. David Hayslip
2. Gerald Hayslip
3. Calin Popescu

Catalina 22 Spinnaker (7 boats)

1. Steve Pervier
2. Marilyn Boemer

Ensign (5 boats)

1. Harold Neel
2. Clift Price

J-24 (5 boats)

1. Fred Schroth
2. Eric Nelson 2. (tie) John Mandell

South Coast 21 (6 boats)

1. Jimmy Fontenot
2. Ray Shull

PHRF A Spinnaker (10 boats)

1. Russell Painton, J-29
2. Max Hoene, J-27
3. Scott Christopherson, J-29
4. David Bernstein, J-29

PHRF B Spinnaker (9 boats)

1. Erhard Sudderman, Beneteau 30
2. Larry Hall, S2 7.9
3. Eddie Calogero, San Juan 7.7

PHRF C Spinnaker (8 boats)

1. Paul Horton, Mustang 22
2. Doyle Johnson, San Juan
3. John Vance, Pearson 26

PHRF Non-Spinnaker A (13 boats)

1. Vern Harris, Holder 26.5
2. Lisa Ross, J-22
3. Carl Reick, Capri 25
4. Eric Albrecht, Pearson 28

PHRF Non-Spinnaker B (16 boats)

1. Bruce Willman, Pearson 26
2. Danny Lien, SC-21
3. John Kuban, San Juan 24
4. Tom Cummings, Irwin 25
5. Mike Alewine, MacGregor 25

ASK THE JUDGE

by Tripp Alyn

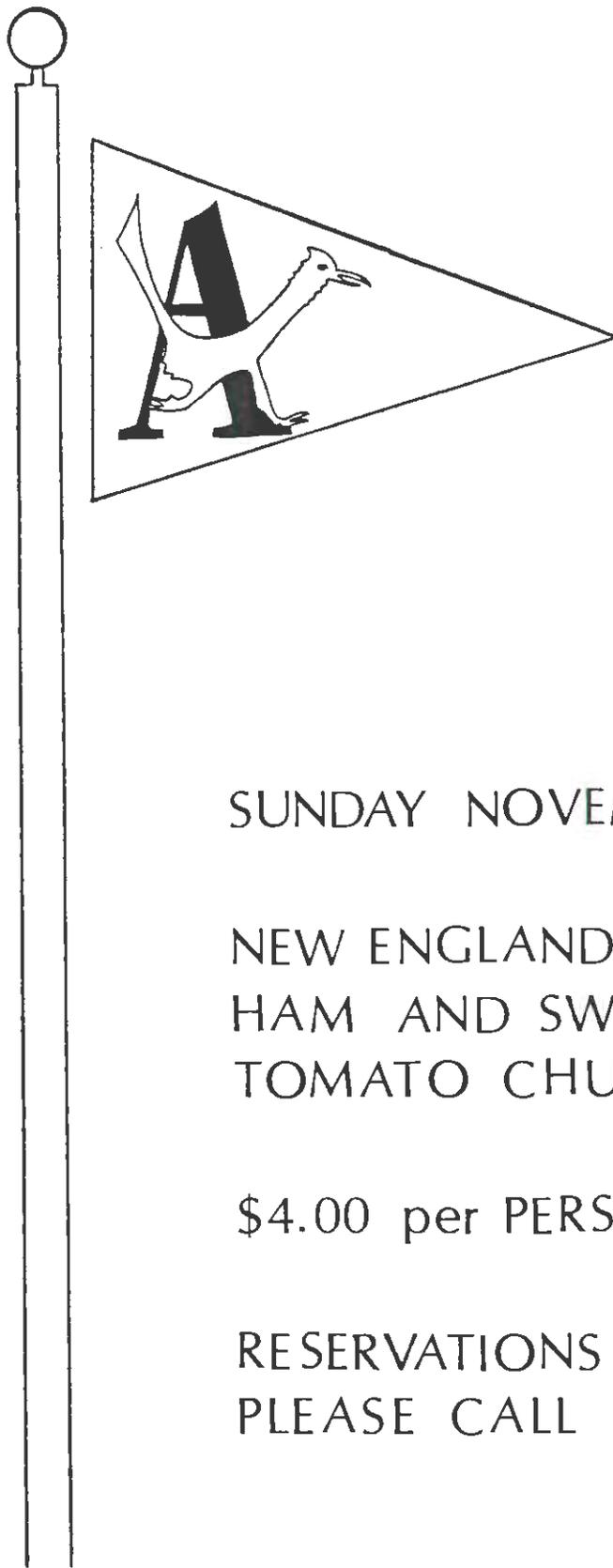
JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT IT WAS SAFE TO GO BACK IN ... "THE ROOM"

A funny thing happened on the way to the protest room. Have you ever had that "can't lose this one" feeling? Me too. Before the start I'm to windward of my opponent in a match race. The working jib on the J-22 clearly shows we are close-hauled. As we blanket him, his bow is angled in toward our hull; he is sailing approximately 30° above our course. I hail "mast abeam" when I sight his mast abeam from my normal position ... no response. I hail a second time "mast abeam, you must go down to close-hauled" ... the reply was "I don't have to" ... Did I just go through a time warp back to Racing Rules 101? Gee, I hate when that happens! You feel like walking right over to his boat and showing him the old blue rule book ... sort of up close and personal! Well, the tactical computer between my ears happens to locate Appeal 151 in memory and sends a command to the peripherals (John, please, no wisecracks about Artificial Intelligence). Adrenalin starts flowing; the lungs, larynx, lips and tongue get ready ... "PROTEST!" I figure my case is looking pretty good: apparently my worthy opponent has no concept of Rules 40 and 38.4; there are three USYRU judges in the vicinity watching the pre-start; there are only two boats to watch, and I spend 45 minutes writing up a protest of which Harold Vanderbilt would be proud. Noooo problem! The outcome? ... Bzzzzzz, wrong, I lose. The moral of this story is to hire the Goodyear Blimp and ESPN to capture those "special mementos" (i.e., don't count on it!).

A couple of other comments:

- 1) The hail of "mast abeam" comes from only one person, the skipper of the windward yacht in his/her normal position. Since you can be disqualified for an improper hail you might inform your crew that "Islamic punishment" is in effect and their tongue might be used for a cat toy if they so hail (gosh, Sandy!). If you're the skipper of the leeward yacht you might advise your crew that their hail of "mast abeam" will be punished with severe laughter ...
- 2) Don't forget our old friend Rule 74.4. READ IT, LEARN IT! If another yacht forces you to foul another boat, seek exoneration through 74.4.
- 3) Appeals 175/227 and International Case C122 require you to voice your timely objection to procedural errors by the protest committee/jury, and not to object only after you have lost the protest (i.e., you can't win an appeal on procedural grounds unless you object at the time the error occurs). Sample errors? ... Rule 68 (hail & flag), adequate time to prepare a defense, a chance to read the protest, notification of time and place of the hearing, right to be present during the hearing including the testimony of all witnesses, members of the jury who are interested parties (See Part VI). Don't assume anything! Use words and key phrases from the rules and appeals.
- 4) Remember, you can't "protest" the RC. You can request redress under Rule 69 (a) and you do not have to hail the RC or fly a flag. Read Rule 69 carefully.

FAIR SAILING! Tripp



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FALL REGATTA

by Howard and Martie Shirey

The 1988 Fall Regatta is behind us now and, by most accounts, it was successful. The weather the week preceding the regatta and for the regatta weekend was beautiful which accounted for the overwhelming turnout. We were expecting 80 boats, hoped for 85 or 90, and registered 112 boats. 283 meals were served. Ten kegs of beer were consumed, and all 237 shirts were sold.

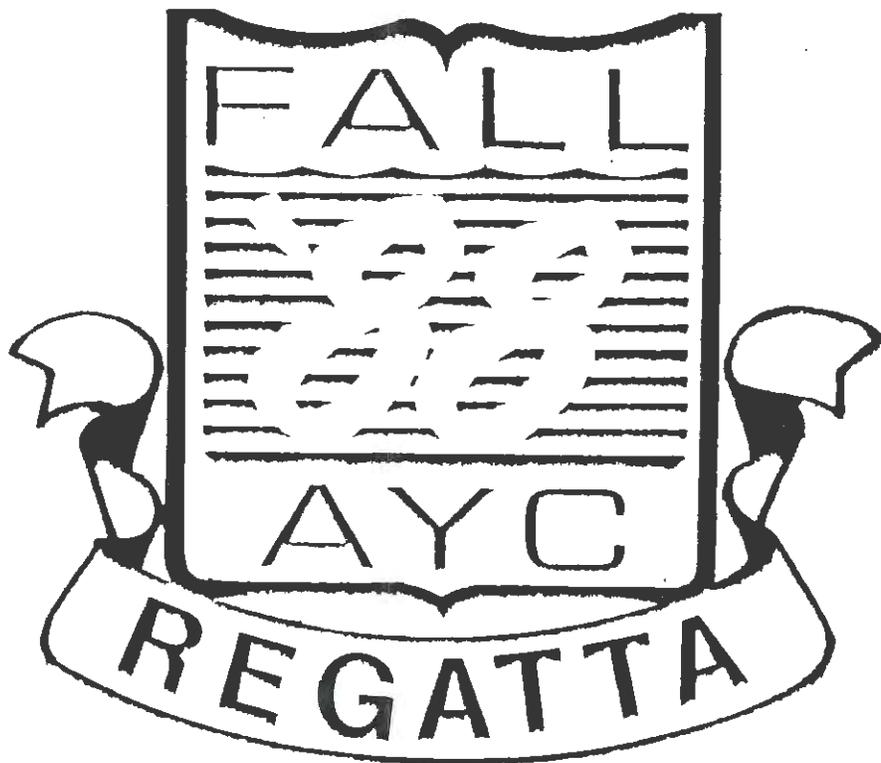
As anyone who has been a regatta chairperson can tell you, putting on a regatta takes a lot of hard work and dedication from a lot of people. Martie and I would like to publicly thank those people who deserve most of the credit for making this regatta such a success.

- Capitol Beverage Company and Bob Lakin for donating 4 kegs of Coors beer.
- Latopita for the dinner and who also donated \$200 toward the cost of the band, the Flames.
- The AYC staff -- Wayne, Debbie, Brad and Curtis -- who did so much and stayed about 1 or 2 steps ahead of us.
- Robbie Nelson, Registration Chairperson, who did an outstanding job of keeping track of our income and helped us balance out after the regatta.
- Sandy Pardue, Registration, who developed the computer program that saved us many hours during registration and preparing our financial report.
- Steve Pervier, Printing, who prepared the flyers and Race Instructions and coordinated the printing.
- Heather Morack, Food. Heather worked with Latopita and coordinated the hot dog and chips on Sunday.
- Nelson Mikeska, Beer/Coffee/Donuts. Nelson got up early each morning to prepare coffee and serve donuts and then stayed up late to make sure we didn't run out of beer. If all that wasn't enough, he made wine coolers.
- Anne Ellzey, Centerboard Coordinator. Anne really worked hard to turn out the Centerboard people, and her efforts paid off. We had 3 Centerboard fleets this year -- Sunfish, Capri 14.2, and Centerboard Handicap. Anne also saw to it that posters were placed in all the major marinas in the area.
- Shirley Slaughter, Trophies. Shirley did a wonderful job selecting our trophies this year.
- Walter Allan, Art Work. Walter outdid himself on our logo design and was a valuable resource for T-shirts and trophies.

FALL REGATTA (cont'd)

- Tom and Cerise Blair and Mark and Nancy who bravely donated their boats as lunch boats for our centerboarders.
- Dave Henderson, Permanent Race Committee, who ran an excellent race and worked real hard to get the centerboard fleets a little bit of a head start so they would not miss any of the free beer.

This is just the tip of the iceberg. Time and space will not allow me to name everyone who worked hard serving beer, hot dogs, or the 1001 little things it takes to put on a regatta. You know who you are and, believe us, Martie and I know too. Thank you so much for your time and work.



THE COLLEGIATE REPORT

by Ryan Minth

Sailing is back into full swing as the new collegiate season begins. It looks like I'll have to cover almost six months of action since our last (biannual?) report. Allow me to work back in time so that I may start with the regatta that is fresh in my mind (read: still in recovery).

The SEISA Sloop Championships were hosted by Tulane in New Orleans (which explains my condition). Flying Scots were sailed in the light to moderate air round-robin series. The nine race regatta was won by ... US! Pete Merrifield skippered while Keith Andrews and I crewed. We started the series slowly with a few mid-fleet finishes but finished strong with four bullets and a second. Tulane took second while A&M and Spring Hill finished third and fourth, respectively. This is the University's first district win in sloops in several years. The dry spell ends as the team advances to the ICYRA Sloop Nationals in Santa Cruz, California, to be sailed in Moore 24's.

The Ensey Memorial at Baylor was held earlier in October. David Shockley came back with a second in 'A' division with the help of his crew Paige Brooks. 'B' division was skippered by Willy Vega who took second as well. They reported that the regatta was sailed in light to no wind.

Eric Faust won the SEISA Singlehanded Championship sailed in Lasers and hosted by the Oklahoma State University sailing club near Stillwater, OK. Eric topped a large fleet of about 15 Lasers and is now on his way to the ICYRA Singlehanded Nationals to be held in November at the United States Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT, in Lasers. (Insert favorite Dan Quayle joke here.)

We hosted the McCarthy Cup (team racing) Regatta back in September. Although the regatta was incomplete, Spring Hill had the best win/loss record and everyone had fun.

Way back in June the ICYRA Nationals were held. We spent a very productive week practicing with Tulane in Flying Juniors at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, Long Beach. After which, the women's regatta was held in Santa Cruz. The ladies will tell you that it BLOWS! in Santa Cruz. I can tell you the water was cold -- they ALL bought wetsuits for the leisure swimming around various capsized FJ's. They all survived and would be happy to give a more detailed account. The team placed 15th overall. Bridget Young/Suzanne Borg finished 13th in 'A' division while Paula Sanders/Barb Ehle finished 16th in 'B.'

Onward up the coast we traveled to Richmond for the dinghy and team racing regattas. Stanford University and the members of Richmond Yacht Club held a first class regatta with the help of corporate sponsor Sperry Topsider. RYC's motto "This club was built for fun!" proved to be true each day. The team finished 13th overall. Rob Johnston/Bridget Young/Chris LaGraize finished 13th in 'A' while Eric Faust/Pete Merrifield/Suzanne Borg/Ryan Minth/Paula Sanders tied for 11th in 'B.' Texas finished 11th in the team racing event. The three boats were skippered/crewed by: Rob Johnston/Bridget Young/Chris LaGraize; Pete Merrifield/Suzanne Borg/Ryan Minth; Eric Faust/Bridget Young/Paula Sanders. (No, Bridget hopped around race to race. She did NOT skipper/crew at the same time. She was busy though.)

THE COLLEGIATE REPORT (cont'd)

Here are other facts you may or may not know:

- Previous team mate Rob Johnston was selected for a second time as Honorable Mention All-American.
- Bridget Young was listed in Sailing World as All-Star crew.

On behalf of the team, I would like to extend our most sincere thank you to Austin Yacht Club and each member for supporting us. You have made all of the above possible. Special thanks to Fred and John for going WAY beyond the call of duty.

One final note ... I have been commanded by a higher power on the team to update (compile?) alumni listings. If you are, or know of, "sailing alum" please direct names, addresses, etc. to:

Sailing Alumni
c/o Ryan Eric Minth
908 West 26th
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We are in the preliminary stages of planning a UT alumni/sailing team support Regatta. If you went to UT, get on the list!

See you on the H₂O! -- rem

A FINAL NOTE ON TEAM RACING (for the time being!) ...

by Tripp Alyn

AYC has established itself as a major focal point for team racing in Texas. AYC members have won the Area F ladder event in 1985 and 1987 and placed second in 1984. They went to the USYRU Finals in 1984, 1985 and 1988. AYC hosted the Area F Semi-Finals in the UT 420's in 1987. UT hosted the SEISA Team Racing Championship in 1984 and has sailed in the Collegiate Team Racing Nationals in 1986, 1987 and 1988. In addition, UT hosts the annual McCarthy Cup which is the SEISA Fall Team Racing event; this year's event attracted a record eight teams! Passing up the 1985 Hinman finals in Dallas, the McCarthy Cup became the LARGEST TEAM RACING EVENT TO BE HELD RECENTLY IN TEXAS. A new event has been added to the SEISA spring calendar -- the Longhorn Cup, a team racing regatta to be hosted by UT in collegiate 420's. Come out and watch it this spring. If you like "going Mach 2 with your hair on fire" or you like "watching paint dry -- with a blowtorch" try sailing or spectating at a team racing event. Finally, thanks again AYC for your support of the Team Racing group this year.

1988 AYC Team Championship
October 8-9, 1988

RACE RESULTS - MEN

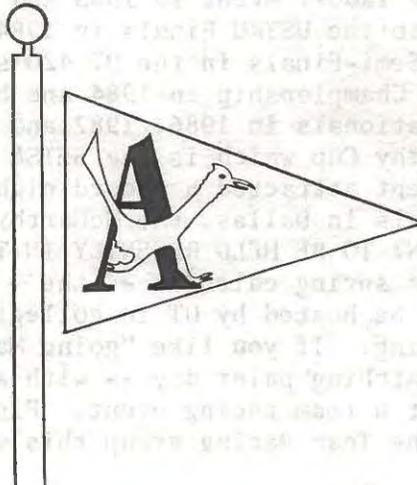
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Broadway, Dave	0.75	0.75	7	0.75	0.75	2	12.00
Garrett, Greg	4	2	3	2	3	0.75	14.75
Schroth, Fred	2	3	0.75	3	5	4	17.75
Holmes, Craig	5	5	2	4	2	6	24.00
Brown, Steve	3	4	5	5	4	3	24.00
Allan, Walter	6	6	4	6	6	5	33.00

RACE RESULTS - WOMEN

SKIPPER	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	RACE 4	RACE 5	RACE 6	TOTALS
Schertz, Terry	0.75	0.75	0.75	3	XXX	XXX	5.25
Manning, Pat	2	2	2	3	XXX	XXX	9.00

RACE RESULTS BY BOAT (MEN)

BOAT/J-22's	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	RACE 4	RACE 5	RACE 6	TOTALS
II - #307	3	0.75	0.75	6	2	0.75	13.25
IV - #277	2	2	2	0.75	4	5	15.75
I - #620	0.75	4	5	3	3	6	21.75
III - #308	4	3	3	4	6	3	23.00
VI - #234	6	5	4	5	0.75	4	24.75
V - #369	5	6	6	2	5	2	26.00



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* FLEET TALK *

KEEL A

by Steve Spademan

Russell Painton, Bob Tesch, and Steve Vaughan were super close in the Fall Series. Russell has been the one to beat, and he was leading in just about every race. Even in the super light stuff, he found the right puffs to pull away from the rest of the humbled racers. A-fleet had really good attendance every race, and that really makes the racing fun.

The Overnight Race was another light-air drifter, with BLOWN ASSETS and OBSESSION trading the lead all the way up. Steve Vaughan developed a solid lead and finished a full hour ahead of the next finisher. Just wait 'til Turnback. A couple of the racers got tired and decided to improve boat speed and lower elapsed time by using "steel breeze." Although effective, the Race Committee frowns on this practice!

The best racing was seen this year at the Fall Regatta. A down-wind start resulted in an all-out side by side drag race to Lakeway. The return race was another (!) spinnaker start. Russell and Max were the winners of the first day's racing. The Sunday around-the-buoys race was plagued by a persistent shift from southerly to westerly at the start. After recalls, restarts, postponements, and some really exceptional barging, A-fleet was off on a KIF double triangle. Jack Kern read the shifts perfectly and, by the first lap, had a 15-minute lead. Jack held the lead on the second lap to win the Sunday race. Overall honors for the Fall Regatta went to Painton, Hoene, and Christopherson. Good race! The crews of BLOWN ASSETS and OBSESSION joined up to race OBSESSION for the Fall Regatta without either Steve on board. They held their own, but didn't

win. Phew! None of us in A-fleet would ever hear the end of it if they had won!

Special thanks to those who worked on dock repairs Saturday 10/22! Those who missed the Keel Fleet Party after the dock repairs missed some great barbeque, steel drum band, and some of the wildest sailing stories yet told. It's a fact!

Hey, don't be bashful about volunteering to help out with the final keel fleet regattas this year. They are the Wild Turkey Regatta, the Red-Eye Warm-Up Regatta, and the Red-Eye Regatta.

See you there!!



KEEL FLEET SPECIAL EVENTS COMING UP!!

- o Wild Turkey Regatta -- November 27
- o Red-Eye Warm-Up Regatta -- December 11
- o Red-Eye Regatta -- January 1

More detailed information will be sent to you, so save these dates for some fun keelboat racing.



KEEL B

by Mike Chambers

In the Fall Series, B-fleet had a small and sporadic turnout. Frank Riha (Cal 9.2) decided to race his new 505. After flooding the boat in the first race and breaking the mast the next weekend, I think he will be back in B-fleet for a while. Claude Welles decided to race and took his customary first place with 3 bullets. We took 2nd place with one 3rd and two 2nds. Third place was up for grabs with several boats only racing in one or two races. After being scored in the correct fleet, Byron Tapley (Cat. 30) took home the 3rd place trophy.

In the Fall Regatta we finally had races with good wind. Erhard Sudermann (Ben. 30) took 1st place. He just missed taking the Lakeway trophy by 10 seconds. Claude Welles was on the helm of Erhard's boat. I suspect he did this to get the PHRF number lowered. Rick Hall (S2 7.9) from the Dallas area was 2nd. This is the same boat that won the Governor's Cup Regatta. Eddie Calogero (SJ 7.7) was moved up to B-fleet for this regatta and took 3rd. Who said that the faster boats had an advantage?

REMINDER: On series races, make sure you report in before the race in order to be scored. Give the Race Committee your boat type, sail number and be sure to tell them which fleet you are in. If you withdraw from the race, you should notify the Race Committee also. This should clear up any problems we are having with scoring. If you have any questions or doubts about your score, please contact me as quick as possible after the race. Thanks.

KEEL C

THE COMPLETE C-FLEET ...

by Lauren Vicknair

First of all, I'd like to congratulate JILL and PAUL FRELS for their 1st place trophy in the Summer Series. We almost missed reporting that exciting news!!

Beautiful weather graced the Fall Series and Fall Regatta this year. Right before the first race of the Fall Series, the wind was depressingly light. At the horn, it picked up and held for the rest of the afternoon. Wicked rumors of 10-20 inches of Gilbert's rain kept most at home for the second race, but high winds was the cause for its cancellation. The third race was calm while the fourth race was more in the spirit of Fall with twisting and flapping spinnakers, semi-broaches and good recoveries. EDDIE CALOGERO placed first, JIM DEETER 2nd, and 3rd place was a 3-way tie between WALT DWYER, BILL RECORDS and TIM VICKNAIR until all the "tight" scoring rules were applied yielding WALT DWYER the winner. The Fall Regatta pictured perfect skies and nice wind on Saturday, lighter conditions on Sunday. After several changes, the latest word is that PAUL HORTON placed 1st, DOYLE JOHNSON, with his 12-year old daughter BRIANA as skipper, placed second, and JOHN and LOUISE VANCE placed 3rd. Congratulations to all and especially to Briana -- WOW! GARY COOPER is the man responsible for the great regatta shirts -- thanks, Gary.

October 8-9 was the 1988 Team Championships. DONNA COOPER, who crewed with skipper PAT MANNING, placed 2nd in the women's race.

On October 18 at 6:00 a.m., Tim, Larry McCarthy and I motored out of the club to rendezvous near LCRA park with Walter Cronkite, Wayne Ewing,

KEEL D

THE COMPLETE C-FLEET (cont'd)

by Larry Ratliff

film director, along with camera and sound crew, and makeup artist to film footage for a documentary report funded by LCRA. PBS is being considered for airing of this program which is currently entitled "Pointless Pollution." Watching these professionals work so smoothly together was inspiring. It was especially nostalgic to watch and hear Walter Cronkite perform. Walter helmed "Lagniappe" with the spinnaker up, single-handedly as far as the cameras on the tracking boat could tell. But, from the cabin, Tim was "pulling the reins." We presented Walter with a Governor's Cup Regatta hat on behalf of AYC. (If I had stolen a trophy for him, Wayne would have noticed.) It was fun to participate with a group who blatantly fell all over themselves to please this kind, mellow and wonderful American hero/public figure.

Rumor has it that there is a new Santana Quarter-tonner at the Club, so please accept a C-fleet welcome.

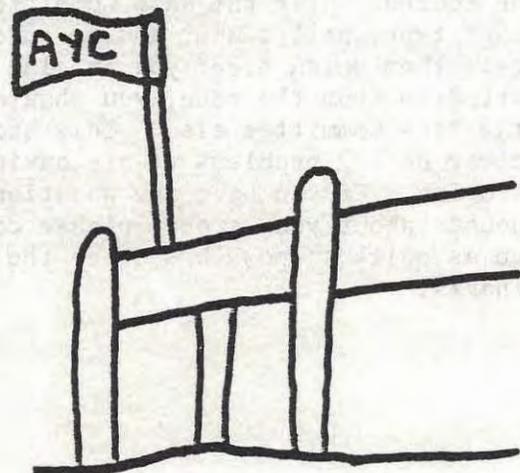
The Keel Party on October 22 was one not to be missed! JOHN and LOUISE VANCE did a magnificent job. Louise baked all the cakes and pies. The BBQ from Round Rock was great. The steel drummer, Ras Igina, was delightful. His music was upbeat and very uplifting. People sailing near the club benefitted also from his Caribbean tones. He was truly a "don't worry, be happy" kind of guy. After dinner, DOUG KERN spoke about the Seoul Olympic sailing. I vote for more of this kind of party; perhaps more of a pot luck so Louise doesn't spend all of her time in the galley.

Well, D-fleet continues on with those same old D-fleet blues -- lack-o-boats. The Fall Series participation was so low only one trophy was awarded. Congratulations to Louie Soefje who beat out Perry Weller, with Hal Hayden in 3rd. The Fall Regatta saw good showings from Tom Cummings and Mike Alewine in the non-spinnaker class and the Pillmores in spinnaker.

A big vote of thanks to all those D-fleet members who helped with Race Committee on the 23rd of October. The winds blew from the south then west then north and even from the east at velocities from 0-15 mph. Everyone had to be on their toes, and it took a real effort to pull off the races. Thanks to all who helped.

The next D-fleet event will be a meeting to determine next year's fleet captain. Notices will come out on the where and when. Anyone who wants to nominate someone or volunteer, please give us a call.

See you on the lake ...



J-22

by Greg Schertz

Wow! I don't really know where to begin. This fleet has been so busy. I mean action, action, action ... What do you mean? You haven't seen many 22's during the series races? Well, we've been, uh, well, active. Training, yeh, that's it. We've all been in training. You wouldn't believe how much effort this fleet has put into training. The hours of dedication, and just for that ultimate goal of that perfect sailboat race. If you want to know more details, call John Bartlett or Shirley Slaughter.

If our sailors haven't been active locally, at least our boats have. The fleet loaned their boats again for the Club Championship (men's division). Three knuckleheads from the fleet got together for one team (Doug Woodward, Craig Holmes, Greg Schertz). Then they really lucked out when J-22's were picked for the boat to be used. Man, if any team stunk up the place any worse, I never saw 'em. We don't need to go into any details, but if you're wondering what to get Craig for Christmas, a good book on tactics and sailing wind-shifts would be appropriate. Doug and I couldn't get a word in edgewise about tactics that weekend. Another J-22 sailor, Bill Mitchell, crewed on the winning boat with John Schmidt. Dave Broadway skippered that boat to a very impressive win over seven other teams. Thanks, Bill, for keeping our fleet represented on the winning boat. Congrats, Dave. Great job.

The Club Champion Women's Team had several J-22 sailors on board. The team consisted of Nancy Woodward, Vicki Holmes, Gail Bernstein, and Terry Schertz. Terry helmed that team to 1st place with some great crew work and by picking the shifts consistently throughout the day. That event was sailed in Ensigns this year. Great job gals.

On to the J-22 Circuit events. I had this article all written but a hurricane changed the results. Gilbert forced a postponement of the Houston stop. OK, on to Canyon Lake and Alamo Yacht Club. Four AYC boats made it to that stop. Winds were very light in one race, but medium winds came in for most of the other four races. Steve Ghormley (Houston) won the regatta. Austin boats ended up in 3rd, 4th and 5th. Bill Mitchell, sailing with Fred Schroth and Bill Levens, put together a good string of races to end up in that 3rd spot. Terry Schertz was 4th, Mark Rylander 5th, and Doug Woodward finished ... I can't remember, he did finish (I think 7th). It was a weird weekend with weird shifts and weird wind puffs (you know, full moon type stuff).

That's about all for now. Several boats will be in Houston for a couple of regattas (Nov. 12-13 Circuit and their regular Turkey Day Regatta). Others will remain in training. But, for the rest, maybe you'll see 'em at the Club soon.

P.S. Craig Holmes did enter a 50' houseboat in the Fall Regatta, but the rest of the 50-footers failed to show, so there wasn't a fleet.



ENSIGN

by Mel Kunze

Summer sailing on Lake Travis can test the resolve of the finest. The Summer Series was no exception. Winds were scarce and heat was not. But a little adversity brings out the hard core, and Dan O'Donnell (#872) showed us how it's done when he sailed to first place.

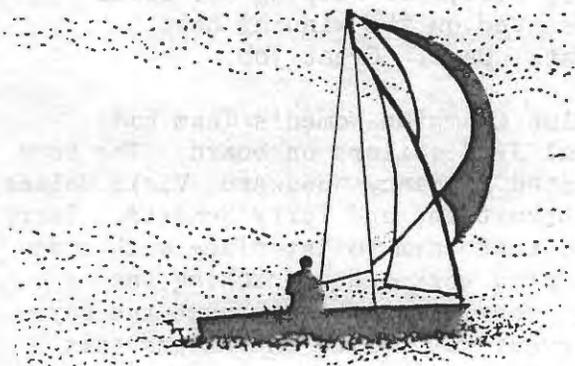
The Fall Series was more exciting with good, sometimes too good, winds and moderate temperatures. The winds on at least one Sunday were strong enough to cancel racing and very nearly strong enough to cause Ensign 170's to be dropped. After a well-sailed series, Harold Neel (#578) emerged the winner followed closely by Tommy Kozlowski (#929) in second and Jim Baker (#324) in third place.

Most of us will replace our mast steps eventually. It's just a question of when, I'm told. Those wanting advice may contact Mark Finley (#732) who has recently completed the job, and in a very professional manner.

A few of Fleet 30 may be billed directly by the national association for 1989 Ensign dues. Don't be upset or wonder if you'll get a second bill from Fleet 30. The national association bills individually only those who sent earlier dues directly to the national treasurer. Fleet 30 members may submit 1989 dues to the fleet treasurer or to the national treasurer. Do whatever is most convenient.

Soon I'll submit a review of 1988 Fleet 30 activities for inclusion in the 1989 Ensign Yearbook. I'd appreciate it if fleet members would contact me with input you'd like to see included in the article.

Oops, can't forget the news from the Fall Regatta. The Neel/Stark racing team (#578) dominated this regatta with their first place finish -- in fine sailing weather. Second place went to Kozlowski/Price (#929) and Ken Carr (#984) took third place.



CATALINA 22

by Howard Shirey

The Fall Series saw the return of the Moracks and what a return it was. They used a 2nd place finish as their throw out to finish 1st overall with 3 points. Steve Frederick took the 2nd place hardware while Bill Word and Calin Popescu finished 3rd and 4th, respectively.

The talk around the club is that the Catalina 22 fleet is practicing black magic or making a sacrifice to the wind god the night before their Race Committee duty day. Twice this year we have had to cancel races because of too much wind. This has even been mentioned by the Race Commander at the September Board meeting. Honest Gail, it's strictly coincidence. We will try again on November 13 with yours truly chairing the thing. You would think that I would pick a day other than lucky 13 to chair my first race committee, but I have never been accused of being too smart.

The Fall Regatta had seven spinnaker and nine non-spinnaker Catalina 22's registered. Three Grapevine Sailing Club boats trailered down and as usual all three took home trophies. Steve and Cheryl Pervier won 1st place in the spinnaker fleet with Marilyn Boemer 2nd and Bill Morack in 3rd. Last year's National Champion, David Hayslip, led the non-spinnaker fleet edging out his father, this year's National Commodore, by only two points. Calin Popescu finished 3rd.

Mark your calendars for December 3, the date for our Annual Banquet. Kathy Pillmore is putting together a special evening for this year's banquet. I am sure we will be receiving our flyers soon, so let's make plans to attend.

This should be the last Telltale of the year. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you that it has been an honor to serve as your Fleet Captain. Whenever I asked for volunteers, even to roast a pig from 2-5 a.m., you responded willingly.

SOUTH COAST 21

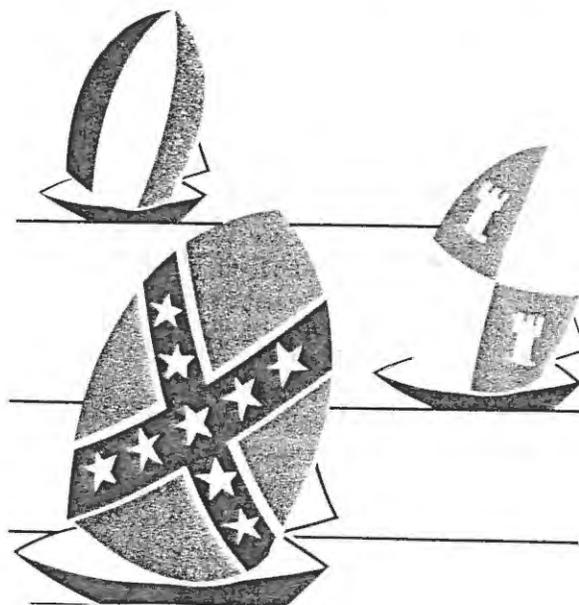
UNDER THE COTTONWOOD ...

by Bob Johnson

At the request of Bob Freeman, this is a reminder that we have Race Committee duty on November 6. If you see this in time and can help, please let Bob know.

Report on Recent Winners: Fall Series -- 1st Place, Dobson; 2nd Place, Feagin. Fall Regatta -- 1st Place, Fontenot, 2nd Place, Shull. In the Fall Regatta Non-Spinnaker competition, Lien with his family took 2nd Place. Winter Series (current status) -- 1st Place, Lien; 2nd Place (tie), Breeze/Johnson. I had to get that in before it changes.

In the first race of the Fall Series, there occurred the Ensign Incident. The good news was that the two Ensigns which tested their ice-breaker bow plates on Danny and me, in separate collisions, were fully insured. Also, the skippers were very cooperative in helping settle the insurance claims. As a result, Danny is sailing again. And my "AIRBORNE" is repaired better than before, and with a fresh paint job which Fred says will dazzle the competition.



CAPRI 14.2

NEW !!

AYC's Newest One-Design Fleet

(In Case You Haven't Noticed)

A SPECIAL REPORT by Jeff Delaney

While the majority of recognized one-design fleets struggle to maintain their numbers and fleet status, an intrepid group of no-longer-novice sailors has managed to establish an active and growing fleet of Capri 14.2 dinghies. To those of us out there assaulting the starting line on a weekly basis, it is a wonder that even more people have not looked into the pleasure and competitiveness of sailing these boats. With its wide beam, large sail plan, and complement of the most important sail and trim controls, the Capri 14.2 is easy and fun to sail and is an excellent boat in which to hone your tactical and technical skills. At your disposal are movable jib cars, boom vang, downhaul, outhaul, centerboard controls, and cunningham. Noticeably missing are trapeze arrangements, cramped and uncomfortable quarters, and most other devices that tend to discourage an otherwise avid crew from wanting to set foot in a two-person dinghy for an afternoon of club racing. Even mates and long-suffering crew have been known to eagerly await the beginning of the next series or Regatta.

As well as being a new addition at AYC, the Capri 14.2 one-design class is in its infancy on the national level. This year's National Regatta, held at the Mission Bay Yacht Club in southern California, was only the third such event to date. The class rules are still in the process of being formulated and refined and, unfortunately, without much input to date from any area outside of southern California.

At this year's National Regatta and yearly National Association Board Meeting attended by Steve Shepardson of the Austin fleet and Bill Draheim formerly of AYC (who placed third overall in this Regatta), a straw vote was taken to determine the preferred location of next year's National Regatta.

The location preferred by the majority of those present -- including the National Officers and Frank Butler, designer of the Capri 14.2 -- was Lake Travis, Austin, Texas, and the Austin Yacht Club. To those of us who are active members of AYC it comes as no surprise that our club is recognized as one of the most competitive in the country, known for its excellent facilities and well-managed races. Not only would hosting the 1989 Capri 14.2 Nationals showcase AYC's facilities, local racing talent, and newest one-design fleet, but it would also make Austin and AYC the location of the 1989 National Association Board Meeting which, according to the by-laws, is to be held at the same location and in conjunction with the National Regatta. This simple fact would guarantee the Austin fleet (incidentally the largest single fleet in the country) much needed input in the establishment and integrity of the one-design class rules.

As this year's racing season ends and next year's season begins we are looking forward to seeing even more Capri 14.2's on the starting line and welcome the participation of any sailors seeking a friendly and rewarding experience in this fine "new" boat. We will also be working to make the 1989 Capri 14.2 National Regatta a reality at AYC and would welcome any input and support.

LASER

by Fred Schroth

The Laser fleet is not hibernating; it is only into its standard winter shift of priorities. Some of the less hearty can be found at home on Saturdays offering to mow the grass that was not touched all summer. Some of the younger folks are getting out the books to see what it was that they signed up to study in summer school. The real Laser sailors, however, are just shifting gears a bit. The only real differences that you will see in the real sailors are that they seem to wear a lot more clothing and they try a lot harder to climb over the rail before the boat dumps them in the lake.

The Bruce Cup is to be held as usual at Chandler's Landing. It lasts for three days and begins Friday after Thanksgiving. In the past years, the Austin Fleet #22 has dominated the Laser division of the event and ignored the importance of the Radial and Laser II scoring. Because the event scoring is three divisions and each district must count four boats with at least one from each division, we have reorganized a bit. Scott Cheney has been practicing on a Radial rig all summer. He even went to the Radial Nationals and did quite well. The Laser II fleet is largely composed of collegiate and junior sailors. Bridget Young and Bill Levins are teaming up on a Laser II. Bridget is growing a national reputation for her 420 sailing. Bill owned a Laser II for a few years and a quick look in the front of an AYC Directory will show even the slowest of wits that Bill knows how to beat up on junior sailing fleets. We still feel a bit shorthanded, so if this newsletter makes it to your hands before Turkey Day please join us at the Bruce Cup.

As usual the Saturday sailing begins whenever somebody decides to go out. The method is simple. On any Saturday,

get out of bed, step outside, look at the weather and make your best guess, listen to what NOAA has to say, check with Willie B. Wright and, if you think it is a good day to sail, start calling people. For those of you who are too shy to call, we usually rig up around noon. Saturday sessions usually turn into trips to some reachable point with a few "race a ways and stop" tune ups thrown in. By the end of the winter, those who participate in these events will have excellent boathandling and boatspeed. Remember, no matter how pretty it looks on any given day you wear warm gear.

We now have Easter Laser Regatta Flyers available. If you are traveling out of town, make a few copies and get them posted. This applies especially to those of you who are attending sailing events. Those fleet parties that keelboaters hold around Christmas time are great places for gift-giving. Give the best gift a sailor can receive -- a gift certificate style entry to the Easter Laser Regatta. The rest of you should be taking advantage of those large holiday family gatherings to get the family into sailing.



CENTERBOARDS

by Teri Nelms

If anyone in this club sees me on a keel boat for the remainder of the Winter Series, please have me locked up. Anywhere. I raced the first of the Winter Series on the J-27 MAD MAX in excellent company on a good boat and was sick for a night and a day from the heat. Can you stand it? After racing Lakeway in a semi-storm, I was ready to go dancing. Put me on a keel boat where I can't reach the water and I'm dead. What a wimp. Also, there was a matter of a certain amount of verbal abuse which I received from such people as Bob Tesch who said, "you know, if you'd just get all the centerboarders off the big boats you'd have a decent-sized fleet ..." Har-har, thanks, Bob. Do not look for me the rest of this year anymore than a foot above the waterline of a boat.

My crew, Tiny, and I were in first place for at least half the way to Lakeway when Quentin Baker on the Flying Dutchman decided he was anxious to get to the lunch boat first, so he left us in the spray. In fact, he took off so fast that the rest of us were nearly swamped by the committee boat as it roared past us with flags flapping and a mountain-sized wake behind it as it tried to get ahead of him to drop a finish line. When they finally passed him, they dropped a pin and backed off to the side to form the finish line, took his time and then dropped the anchor. After that disgusting display of skill and speed, it served him right that he was unable to race on Sunday, and I got to pick up his stupid perpetual trophy at the presentation. Just see if he ever gets it.

We laid around on our boats for lunch (Lakeway prefers that we not swamp their docks with bodies) and then headed back for the second race of the series. The FD treated us all to another disrespectful display by not only beating us all back, including the committee boat again, but he was already unrigged and sitting on the shore when the last of the CB boats pulled in. How rude.

What I mostly remember of that day was how fast my boat goes with 210 lbs for a crew and I could hardly see for all the spray. We only capsized it once, right AFTER we crossed the finish line on the first race, and twice Tiny experienced the heart-stopping thrill of being all the way out on the trapeze when equipment decided to slip and dump him into the water hanging onto shock cord and my shirttail. A thrill a second and a good way to wake up. The third race on Sunday did not have enough wind for us and there were delays in the start of the keel boat races so they were all still milling around in the middle of the lake when we had to go through them back to the first mark of the course. Then they surprised us and shortened the course before we could gain enough distance on the one stupid Laser we had to beat. Nautically speaking, I would have to say "phooey" to that entire race. It left us with a third place finish overall, but a trophy is a trophy. Besides, these trophies had ribbons attached that said which place we finished while the wooden carved trophy didn't mention "place." You can be assured that my ribbon will disappear as soon as the trophy arrives on my shelf.

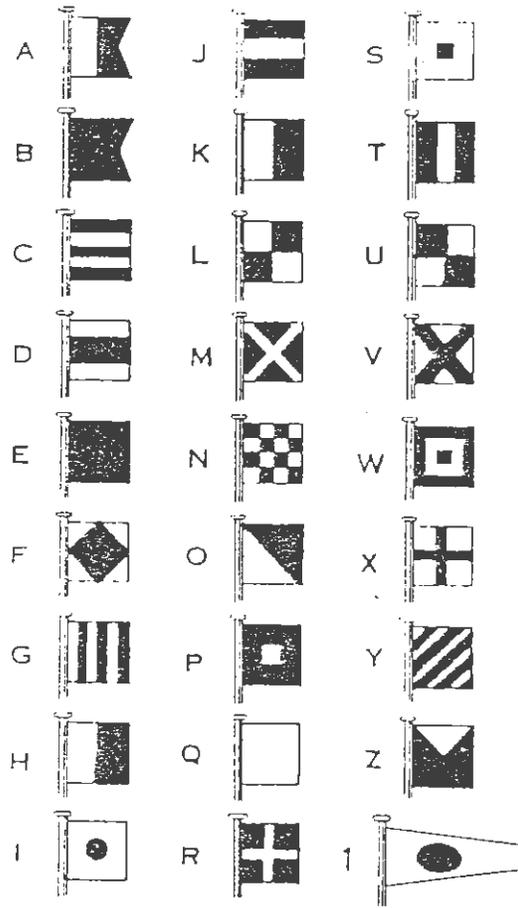
Tom Gunderson on the M-20 and Robbie Robinette on a 505 will be taking lessons in "reading the race instructions" and "what are the real marks of the course" before the next race. Craig Tapley, 505, will experiment with rigging adjustments after crossing the shortened-course finish line, thereby giving the trailing Laser no chance at a first place. Baker should always race only one day of each regatta so I can continue to win trophies. In spite of all this, we all had a good time. Thanks committee!

I would like to express my approval of the Sunfish fleet's recent appointment of Vic Manning to the position of fleet captain. As the title of Grand Wizard was retired with Tim Erwin, (my God, man,

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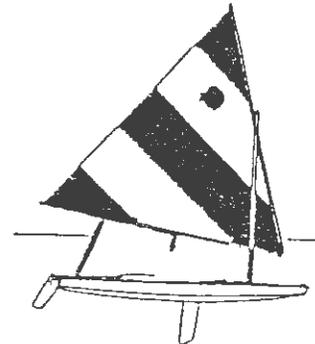
there can be only ONE Grand Wizard ...), a new title must be allocated for Vic. I have suggested either the Grand Buzzard or, on Carol Tesch's recommendation, the Grand Lizard. In either case, I happen to have a dead buzzard and a lingering lizard hanging around the house with appropriate parts for either a head-piece or a tail-piece for Vic to wear while on the race course or at out-of-town regattas where a good image for AYC is necessary. The fleet should contact me for further assistance on this matter.

I am greatly relieved at the recent nomination of Gail Bernstein for Vice-Commodore. FINALLY, the club can now accomplish so many of the little things that a woman's hand can do around here. We'll have curtains in the clubhouse, that tanning salon in the ladies bath, (scrap "bath house" or "showers") carpet on the ramps, and Hap McCollum will have to be polite at Board meetings. Speaking of titles for "those in charge" around here, Terry Meyers should give his full attention to the needs of the centerboard fleet or we will refer to him as the Commodork. That actually has kinda nice ring to it, don't you think? Certainly more flattering than "Commodoor" which Arak Bozyan used to have to wear. I'll be sending you a list, of things, Terry, including the fact that no CB'ers will be allowed to crew for you on that floating Winnabego until you have crewed for each of us. I'll get the trap harness ready ...



SUNFISH

I'm gaining on you.



THE RETURN OF

THE GRAND WIZARD

Well here we are at the end of our second year as a fleet and we have alot to be proud of. It was over two years ago that Shirley and I started talking about our Sunfish and the possibility of getting some others interested in Wednesday racing and in a fun manner.

What happened during the following two years is probably the the best fleet development story ever told. The reason for our success is obviously you the members of our Sunfish 70 Fleet. PEOPLE make fleets not boats. We made the fleet novel and FUN!!!! There are over 25 of us that found this whole concept attractive.

Just to jog (JOG! who said jog) your memory here is a recap of our accomplishments.

- started in the Spring of 1987 on Wednesdays and the lake level was almost up to the swimming pool.
- had a good fleet turnout for the first CENTERBOARD REGATTA
- had the largest one design fleet in the Governors Cup
- averaged ten boats on Wednesdays
- sent a good representation to beautiful Woodlawn Lake
- sent a good representation to the Wurstfest Regatta
- had the best fleet representation at the annual banquet
- sponsored the 1988 CENTERBOARD REGATTA
- had a sizeable fleet for the 1988 Governors Cup
- averaged 12+ boats on Wednesdays with a high of 23!!!!
- First Ever AQUAFEST DOWNTOWN REGATTA on town lake
- determined our 1st fleet champions Claudia Foster and John Saunders (70 rule). Congratulations to you both!!!!
- AND! SHIRLEY SLAUGHTER attended the SUNFISH WORLDS in the Bahamas and didnt come in last. CONGRATULATIONS SHIRLEY.

Its been great and I am proud to have been a part of this fantastic experience called the SUNFISH 70 FLEET.

Im proud to pass the tiller to Vic Manning, our new fleet commander. (Grand Wizard is mine for keeps). Lets give Vic our support and participation as to keep this fleet stable and fun!

By the way, its Wurstfest Regatta time next weekend. Yall come and go with us. Give Vic or me a call if you are interested.

POSTCARD FROM PARADISE

by Lauren Vicknair

Last January, Tim, my skipper and deacon of the 'First Church of Lake Travis'/husband, invited several crew members, namely Colleen Waring, Jean Graham and Mark Miller, to join us for a one week sail through the Channel Islands. We chartered a 38' C&C through Shelter Island Marina. On July 15, 1988, we flew to San Diego and by 9:00 p.m. readied "No Compromise" with provisions and motored out of San Diego Bay.

Attempting to sleep with no luck, I joined the midnight watch and bunked on a settee. The Pacific was smooth and calm. The abundant hazy clouds served as a black light which made the slick deep navy blue wake with too-white caps resemble frosting on the edges of a sheet cake.

During my watch, from 4-6:00 a.m., various sizes and shapes of what may have been sea dwellers were seen, but I might have been hallucinating from excitement and lack of sleep. On the port horizon, however, one lone white light quickly became three lights -- one green and two white. As the reflection of these lights came closer to the bow of our boat, I decided to wake up the skipper. Apparently, it was a huge freighter because it passed us and disappeared into the western darkness within about 30 minutes. (We were traveling at 5.37 knots at the time!)

Arriving at Avalon, two ocean liners were hogging most of the bay, so we anchored outside Descanso Beach. In doing so, we caught our anchor either on the heaviest misplaced fishing net of the west coast or that missing Spanish treasure about which the islanders tease. After three days of being tourists, playing Spades and eating "Killer Quesadillos" and various seafoods, we were able to remove the chains, saving the anchor, and sail to Twin Harbors at the Isthmus for a night.

Next, we beat to Santa Barbara Island where we were serenaded by a lone sea lion next to a wind tunnel. Quite phonographic but obviously not romantic as all the other sea lions were positioned on the east and north shores. We spotted a shark the next morning, perhaps with a contract on the sea lion, so decided not to take the dinghy in for a rock climb to the ranger station which was the extent of civilization there.

After sailing around the west side of these islands, and heading back for San Diego, a large troupe of racing porpoise (or dolphins?) played with us for about 15 minutes, leaping and swimming underneath us, before continuing on their way. Instant joy!

We were welcomed back to San Diego Bay by Stars and Stripes practicing along with security dinghies watching to make sure we were only taking pictures.

On Saturday, July 23, Tim and I visited the San Diego Yacht Club. It was quite posh with security guards, gardeners washing leaves off the entrance drive, tennis courts, jacuzzis, protected swimming pool, and an indoor and outdoor restaurant. The walls were covered with trophy cases. One interesting trophy was a silver dragon wrapped around a huge chunk of snowflake obsidian. The Lipton Cup, among many others, was there.

After an afternoon at the Zoo, we gladly and tiredly headed home for Austin.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU ...

From the Harbor Commander, Hans Dahle

Armed with work gloves, 3/8-1/2" variable speed heavy duty drills, hammers, and wrecking bars, almost 50 workers rebuilt Boardboat Dock #1 on Saturday, Sept. 17. Those workers deserve a big round of applause from all of us.

The October 22 Work Party to improve the condition of Docks 3-6 by inserting boards between the styrofoam and dock frame was a huge success. And even after almost 10 hours of labor -- with a short break for a BBQ'ed hamburger lunch -- workers could be heard joking about how many Aggies it takes to ... More than 30 workers gave up their Saturday to make these docks safer for all of us and deserve special recognition and a gale-sized THANK YOU.

- John Saunders
- Eric Freis
- Jonathan Baker
- Bruce Foster
- John Schmidt
- Larry Ratliff
- Mel Kunze
- Vic Manning
- Kelley Dailey
- Eric Frels
- Dick Van Hooser
- Louie Soefje
- Bob Pillmore
- Frank Riha
- Bruce Willman
- Terry Meyers
- Wil Smith
- Eric Faust
- Keith Lackey
- Anne Ellzey
- Claude Welles
- Hap McCollum
- Craig Holmes

- Bill Records
- Jim Baker
- Bill Mitchell
- Arnold Tucker
- Bob Gallant
- Bob Freeman
- Jack Bremer
- Trenton Wann
- Barbara Hawn
- Tom Kozlowski
- Scott Cheney
- Ken Sherman
- Dan Wight
- Mark Bradford
- Walter Allan
- Dave Wahlberg
- Bill Word
- Steve Cauffman
- Mike Strange
- Dave Gage
- Vernon Wong
- Fred Schroth

- Jack Bremer
- Ted Bremer
- Tom Blair
- Bill Word
- Steve Brown
- Doug Laws
- Mel Kunze
- Ted Sousares
- Bob Pillmore
- Rod Ethridge
- Kay Sousares
- Mike Chambers
- Claude Welles
- Mike Mayfield
- Ann Baylor
- Steve Spademan
- Steve Hennigh
- Sherry Hennigh
- Louie Soefje
- Curtis Tarpley
- Pat Brockett
- Frank Riha
- Steve Vaughan
- Dave Gage
- Mark Bradford
- Tom Wood
- Walt Dwyer
- John Saunders
- Dave Wahlberg
- Bruce Willman
- Randy Baylor
- Bob Mathison

EDITOR'S APOLOGY TO OUR FRIENDS AT THE CONROE YACHT CLUB: For the glaring errors in publishing the results of the Governor's Cup Regatta in the last issue of the Telltales.

- 1) The Governor's Cup was won jointly by the Conroe Yacht Club and the Grapevine Sailing Club for having the most participation by a visiting yacht club.
- 2) First place in the Spinnaker D Fleet was won by Dick Rutledge in a Ranger 22 (not Duane Rurlege as was published).
- 3) Third place in the Spinnaker D Fleet was won by Pete Edgar in a Ranger 22 (not Bill Edgar as was published).
- 4) Fourth place in the Spinnaker D Fleet was won by Gerald Henderson in a Ranger 22 (not Dave Henderson as was published).

Childrens Christmas Party

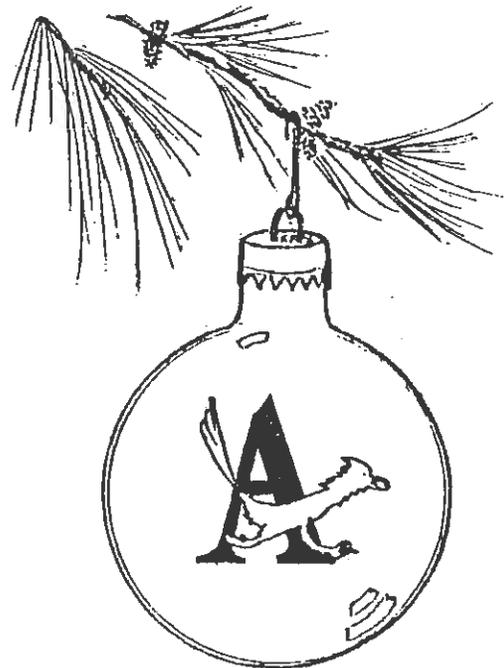
(lunch with Santa)

Saturday, December 10, 1988

11:00am til 1:00pm

Games and activities for all ages
Bring an ornament to decorate the tree !!
Each child will receive gift from Santa

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Sunfish Sail, like new, \$150.00. Call Vic Manning.

WANTED: Used J-22 spinnaker. Call Jim, 454-1793.

WANTED: One Large Fall Regatta shirt, trade for X-Large. Paul Wheeler, 448-2040.

CREW AVAILABLE, off-shore experience, Jose Vizcarrondo, 476-4071.

CREW AVAILABLE, Mike and Georgia Dunn, 338-0922.

CREW PERSON NEEDED, 16' Prindle, Chuck Wimbrow, 447-3410.

CREW AVAILABLE, L. Craven, anytime, 458-6231.

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Jonathan Davis, 343-7346.

LOST: One side stay w/PVC around it. Kevin, 462-3723.

WANTED: Seamstress, flexible hours. Call John Bartlett, 266-1895.

LOST: At Women's Sailing Camp, Dilly Trailer for Laser, License #M65170.
Call Cynthia Darwin at 345-2234 with any information.

BABYSITTING: Cristee Erwin, 327-6744; Jenifer Kern, 258-3102; Nicole Manning,
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