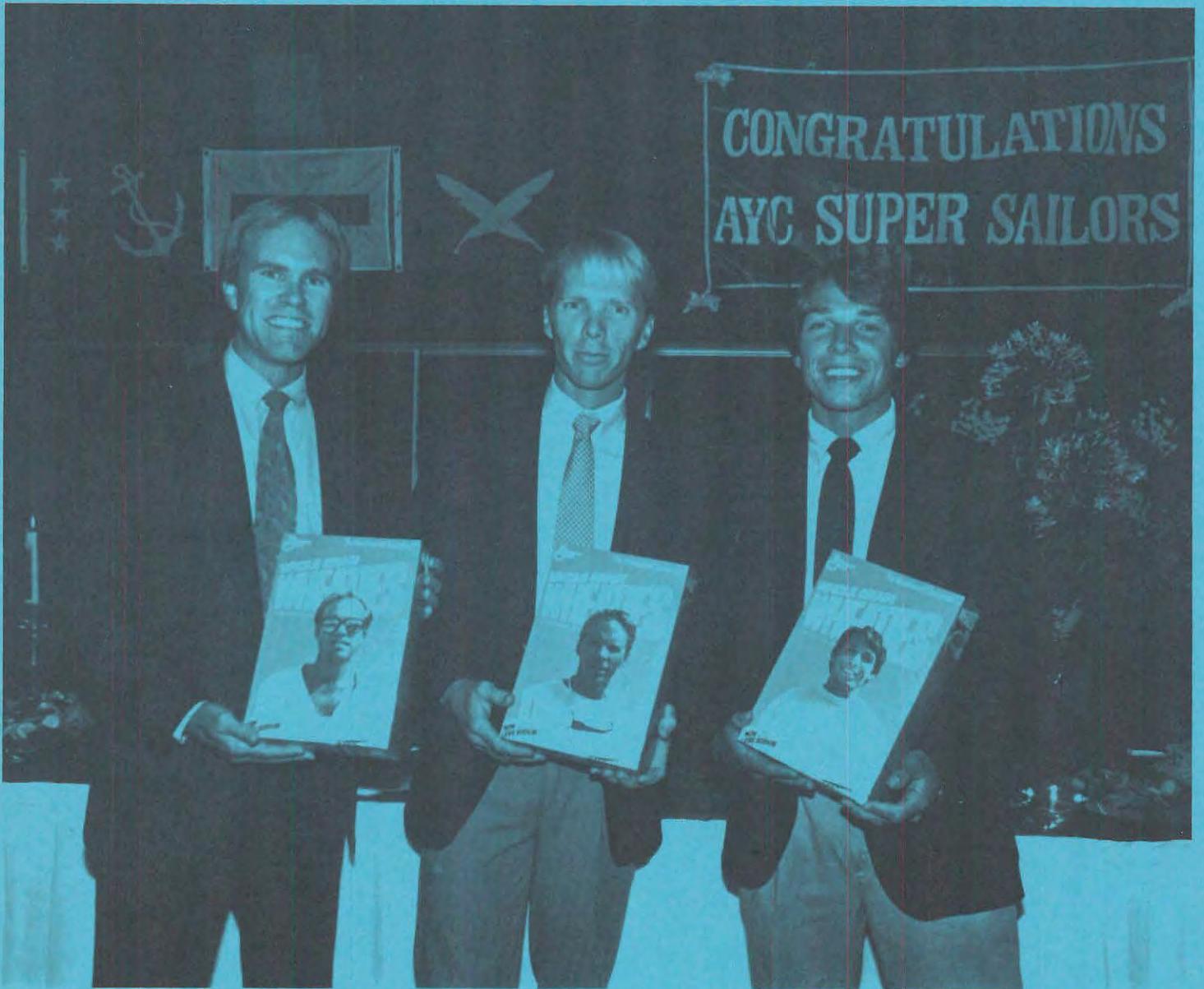
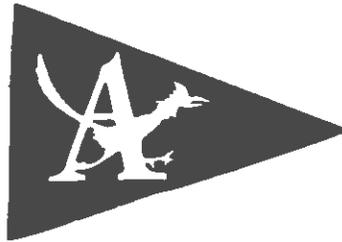


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JANUARY 1990



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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1990

*From the Commodore * * **



Off to a good start this year ... At ten o'clock the Sunday right after the Annual Banquet, the phone rang. Someone had some AYC-related question. David just smiled and said, "The phone stays on your side of the bed this year." It's not ten o'clock, but the phone just rang and guess what? Vicki Bremer wanted to know why my first Telltale article was late. Probably because I forgot!

I hope everyone had a nice holiday season with family and friends. Kathy Pillmore made sure we started the holiday season in style with a great awards banquet. Then Deb and Bob Mathison made sure Santa Claus knew where all the nice little AYC kids were having a party. Nothing could finish off a holiday season better than a Hap omelette New Year's morning.

Your 1990 Board is already hard at work recruiting volunteers, planning schedules, and working on balancing the budget. The Austin Yacht Club is an affordable great place to sail because of our solid base of hard working volunteers. If there is something you want to be involved in or have some expertise in, let us know. We'll get you signed up right away. The schedules are already starting to take shape with races, camps and clinics, and social events. Looks like a fun busy year.

The Board is putting a lot of concerted effort on the 1990 budget. How do we maintain our high standard of Club events and improve our facilities? It is not an easy question and, so far, we have not found an easy answer.

A lot of what we are planning this year is the same as what we have done the past several years. If it's not broken, don't fix it! But we'll have one or two new things to try. I want to promote one new program even before it is completely planned -- an extension to our racing educational programs. Howard and Martie Shirey are organizing a "single topic" clinic program. There will be four to six clinics throughout the year. Howard and Martie will have one governing rule: only one topic per clinic. Everything else is up to them. We'll get you the full schedule and program details as soon as they are formulated.

We'll have a great year and plenty of good racing. See you on the lake.

Gail Bernstein, Commodore

FROM THE EDITOR . . .



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FROM THE MANAGER ... Denise Wholey

Your AYC Staff is excited about the new year -- working with a new Board and the members. Having been granted the privilege (and I'll have to think about that at the next Telltale deadline when I'm thinking of words of wisdom!) of having a whole page for manager's news, I hope you will find this helpful. And please feel free to call me anytime about concerns or suggestions you might have on how to improve our Club. We're here to help.

- Office Hours: Closed Monday
Tuesday-Friday (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
Sat.-Sun. (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

(The office hours are sometimes rearranged to meet the needs of a busy race weekend, etc.)

- We are in the process of getting ready to interview for a fourth staff person, an office administrator. (Your patience during our short-handed period is greatly appreciated.)
- Tommy Kozlowski, Bruce Foster, and John Vance are busy writing safety procedures for use of the new hoist, a 1989 Board approved purchase.
- To lower the cost of pool maintenance, John Bartlett designed and made (with lots of help from Brad and Curtis) a pool cover. The cost of the fabric was minimal because of the unusual (maybe ghastly is more like it!) color. But it works great!
- Here are some January and February scheduled events you might want to remember:

JANUARY

- 14 -- Frostbite #1
- 21 -- Frostbite #2
- 25 -- Board Meeting (7:30 pm)
- 27 -- SEISA Meeting
- 28 -- Superbowl Sunday (4 pm)

FEBRUARY

- 3 -- PRC Work Party
(9:30-3:30)
- 4 -- Frostbite #3
- 10 -- Bldgs & Grnds Work
Party (9:30- ?);
EVERYONE COME!!!
- 11 -- Frostbite #4
- 17 -- Bldgs & Grnds Work
Party (9:30- ?);
EVERYONE COME!!!
- 18 -- Frostbite #5
- 22 -- Board Meeting (7:30 pm)



S O C I A L



by Charlene Allan

This will be my last report as Social Chairperson. It's been a great year, and I'd like to say a big THANKS to all who volunteered as Chairpersons or who just volunteered to help on a committee. YOU made 1989 a successful year!

A gigantic thanks goes to KATHY PILLMORE for graciously accepting the Annual Banquet's Chairperson job again for the second year. She did her usual outstanding job, and this year's party held at the Radisson Hotel was the best ever. Kathy's table decorations were beautifully hand-painted masks (most of them done by Kathy!) which helped promote the mardi gras theme. All her many, many months of planning for this event certainly showed. THANKS for the great party, Kathy!

Our last function of the year was hosted by DEB and BOB MATHISON who did a wonderful job for our children and the young-at-heart adults at the Children's Christmas Party. Bob hand-painted a festive Christmas scene for Santa (MIKE McCLUNG) which was used as the background for the individual pictures taken of the children as they sat on Santa's lap. Deb had lots of fun games for the children to play which were a hit with the kids. THANK YOU for a terrific Christmas Party, Deb and Bob and all your helpers!

I will now turn my chairperson cap over to FLORA McCLUNG who has already proven her talents with the Mallory Cup Reception. Let's help make next year's Social events even more successful by RSVP'ing to events early enough so that the chairpeople can plan food and drink amounts. This would be a tremendous help. Can we count on you -- PLEASE?!?

I can't sign out until I've thanked all those hard working Chair-people who helped make 1989 a successful year. THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

VICKI BREMER -- who opened our social season in great style with the Opening Day Ceremonies.

JAMES PINNO -- who did our Warm-Up Series Buffet.

SOCIAL COLUMN (cont'd)

LANELLE MONTGOMERY -- who chaired the Spring Series Buffet.

MARTIE & HOWARD SHIREY -- who chaired the Summer Evening Series Buffet.

ANNIE & CHARLIE LANCASTER -- who chaired our Family Day.

BONNIE TOBIN & CHARLENE ALLAN -- for our Mexican Party.

JENNIFER & RICHARD FADAL -- who chaired the Fall Series Buffet.

DAVID & BEVERLY BRENNER -- who chaired the Winter Series Buffet.

FLORA & MIKE McCLUNG -- who chaired our Mallory Cup Reception.

KATHY PILLMORE -- who chaired the wonderful Annual Banquet.

DEB & BOB MATHISON -- who chaired the Children's Christmas Party.

Lastly, to repeat what I said at the Annual Meeting, I'd like to say a big THANKS to all the many people who worked at the social events. Without YOU working behind the scenes, we wouldn't have had successful social events. And a very special THANKS goes to our wonderful AYC Staff -- DENISE, CURTIS, BRAD -- who work so hard everyday during the year to help make AYC such a great Club.

HAPPY NEW YEAR ... and here's to a great 1990!!!

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THE 1990 NORTH U FAST COURSE WILL BE HELD IN:

Houston (Feb. 10-11)
Dallas (Feb. 17-18)

TOPICS WILL BE:

Boat Speed, Sail Trim, Crew Organization, etc.

FOR MORE DETAILS & REGISTRATION INFO CALL:

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ABOVE & BEYOND

by Cynthia Darwin, 1990 AYC
Public Relations Chair

For someone with a petite size 6 1/2 shoe, Kathy Pillmore leaves some mighty big footsteps to follow in the role of Public Relations Chair for the Club.

And no one is as aware of just how big those footsteps are as I am, since I agreed to take over that role for 1990. ABOVE & BEYOND, just one of Kathy's new programs, takes this space to give her a long overdue public thank you for charting new paths for the Club and its members in the area of public awareness and publicity. Just to name a few:

1) Creation of a new committee to provide the overall public relations continuity for the Club. Before, news releases and public programs were left to the individual program chairs. The PR committee ensures that those individuals efforts now have a resource for that function.

2) Development of strong contacts within the print and electronic media, resulting in the coverage of AYC events as true sporting events. Among her successes were Austin American-Statesman articles on the Governor's Cup Regatta (first-hand experience from a landlubber), coverage of the Adam's Cup, Mallory Cup and Olympic finalists from the Club, and ongoing reporting of the scores from our open regattas. Add to that, good coverage from area and suburban newspapers, USA Today,



American Sailor, and the local television stations.

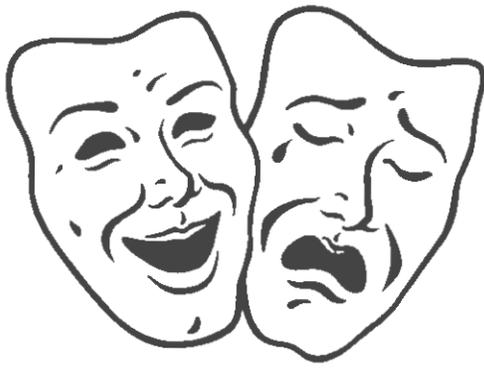
4) Development of stronger community ties for the Club, including representation on the Austin Chamber of Commerce Sports and Leisure Committee and more involvement with Aquafest planners.

Even with my size 7 1/2 Aquasocks I'm going to have a hard time following that act. However, I'm going to try and will be asking for help from a lot of individuals and program chairs.

I also promise not to get pregnant again this year.

Please call me either at home (451-1835) or work (453-5657) with publicity ideas or contributions for ABOVE & BEYOND. And take a second to thank Kathy again for her help.





LAISSEZ
LE BON TEMPS
ROULER



by Kathy Pillmore

I hope that everyone who attended this year's Annual Banquet had as much fun as I did putting it together. The event was attended by 196 Club members and guests who were serenaded by pianist Shawn Ellison during the cocktail reception and dinner, entertained by our inimitable lame-duck Commodore Terry Meyers during the awards presentation, and boogied to Flashback until the wee hours (and begged for more!).

Apparently the centerpieces were a hit as most of them disappeared. I was able to salvage about a dozen out of the 60 masks (thanks in part to Nicole Manning), but not a bead or doubloon (there for the taking) remained Sunday morning!

Here's my opportunity to thank all the people who helped throughout the year and on December 9 to pull this thing off.

MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO ...

ROY CROUSE for designing and producing the logo and artwork for the invitation and program. JEANE GOLDSMITH for finding Shawn Ellison, helping with the masks and helping Robbie with the stuffers. ROBBIE NELSON for finding the donated stuffers for the grab bags. PAT MANNING, CAROL TESCH, STEPHANIE ROY, VICKI BREMER, FLO ADAMS, and ROBBIE NELSON for stuffing the bags. NELSON & MARY MIKESKA and the CATALINA 22 FLEET for addressing and mailing the invitations, MARY for hand-lettering all the name tags, and MARY and NELSON for pitching in at the reception table.

CLAUDIA FOSTER, BONNIE LACKEY, CLAUDIA MUSSELMAN, JACK & VICKI BREMER, BOB, JOHN, and AMY GOLDSMITH, PAT & VIC MANNING, and WALTER & CHARLENE ALLAN for getting the banquet hall

set up in record time. WALTER for the great banner that hung above the head table. DELLA PEARSON and NANCY NATHO (along with Mary and Nelson) for working the reception tables.

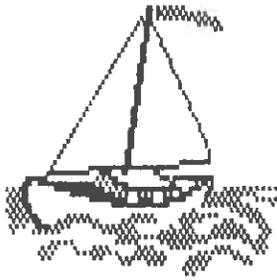
Oh reliable VICKI BREMER for finding the spouse's gifts and making the napkins that went in them, and fielding reservation calls and questions at the Club, and just being around when I needed someone to bounce an idea off of or a shoulder to "bitch" on. DENISE WHOLEY, who handled her end of this thing with consummate professionalism, concern, and diplomacy. What an asset to AYC!!

The Radisson Plaza catering and banquet staff, especially the catering manager, ANGELA CHAMBERS and banquet manager, QUEEN HOPPER for all their help making things turn out as they did.

Last but not least, my hubby BOB PILLMORE for putting up with glitter and glue all over the house, for helping decorate the masks, for tripping over boxes of bags and hurricane lamps for months, for toting stuff back and forth, up and down, coordinating the room set up and the media center's last-minute changes, and for rubbing my back and neck when I needed it most -- and for being there whenever I needed his help.

I do have one favor to ask of those who have read this far. I would like to hear from those who attended the banquet and those who did not as part of an informal poll on the format, location, price, why you didn't come, etc., so I can pass that information on to next year's Chair. Call me at 450-1512 (leave a message if I miss your call).

... Thanks!!



University of Texas Sailing Team

On behalf of The University of Texas Sailing Team, we would like to thank you, the members and staff of The Austin Yacht Club, for letting us call Austin Yacht Club our home and for your enthusiastic support. A special thank you goes to the following members for inviting us as your guests to the Annual Banquet: Mr. Al Alyn, Mr. and Mrs. David Bernstein, Mr. and Mrs. Arak Bozyan, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bremer, Mr. and Mrs. John Mandell, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McBee, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Painton, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tesch.

Bridget Young

Rob E. Halliwell

Craig Plocice

Ryan Minth

Stephen Bush

Edward E. Elms

Fay Bly

Susan Borg

Beth Post

WINTER SERIES RESULTS

ENSIGNS (5 boats avg.)

- 1) Harold Neel
- 2) Tommy Kozlowski
- 3) Frans Dahmen

SOUTH COAST 21 (4 boats avg.)

- 1) Pat Feagin

J-22 (4 boats avg.)

- 1) Claudia Foster

J-24 (7 boats avg.)

- 1) Dave Broadway
- 2) Tucker Garrison
- 3) Roy Smith

CATALINA 22 (9 boats avg.)

- 1) Joe Roddy
- 2) Bill Morack
- 3) Walter Allan
- 4) Calin Popescu

KEEL FLEET A (6 boats avg.)

- 1) Steve Vaughan, Olson 30
- 2) Dave Balfour, Ross 830
- 3) Bob Tesch, J-29

KEEL FLEET B (7 boats avg.)

- 1) Claude Welles, Cal 9.2
- 2) Mike Chambers, Olson 25
- 3) Kurt Carson, Holder 20

KEEL FLEET C (9 boats avg.)

- 1) Dave Wahlberg, Kiwi 24
- 2) Bay Peterson, Cat. 27
- 3) Walt Dwyer, Pearson 26
- 4) Eddie Calogero, SJ 7.7

KEEL FLEET D (6 boats avg.)

- 1) Bob Pillmore, Ranger 22
- 2) Max Rockoff, Santana 25
- 3) Hal Hayden, Catalina 25

1989 PERPETUAL AWARD WINNERS

Jimmy B. Card Memorial Trophy

Mike Mayfield

Jessie McIlroy Smith Bowl

John Bartlett, Paul Foerster, Mark Rylander

Max White Memorial Trophy

Vicki Bremer

Liz Bauman Memorial Trophy

Sarah Baker

Corinthian Woman Sailor Trophy

Pat Manning

Scott Young Cup

Bridget Young

Blue Duck Trophy

Terry Meyers



WILD TURKEY REGATTA RESULTS

KEEL FLEET A

- 1) Russell Painton, J-29
- 2) Steve Vaughan, Olson 30
- 3) Bob Tesch, J-29
- 4) Mike Mayfield, Olson 30

KEEL FLEET B

- 1) Tom Lott, Lindenberg 26
- 2) Kurt Carson, Holder 20
- 3) Phil Spletter, J-24

KEEL FLEET C

- 1) Bay Peterson, Catalina 27
- 2) Dave Wahlberg, Kiwi 24
- 3) Hal Hayden, Catalina 25
- 4) Bob Pillmore, Ranger 22

KEEL FLEET D

- 1) Ray Shull, SC 21
- 2) Frans Dahmen, Ensign
- 3) Harold Neel, Ensign
- 4) Bud Boucher, SC 21

KEEL FLEET A NON-SPINNAKER

- 1) Steve Brown, J-22
- 2) Mike McClung, J-22
- 3) Bruce Foster, J-22

KEEL FLEET B NON-SPINNAKER

- 1) Louie Soefje, Ranger 23
- 2) Jack Bremer, Catalina 27
- 3) Dick Finnegan, Catalina 22
- 4) Calin Popescu, Catalina 22

RED EYE REGATTA RESULTS

KEEL FLEET A

- 1) Steve Vaughan, Olson 30
- 2) Russell Painton, J-29
- 3) Gail Bernstein, J-29
- 4) Bob Tesch, J-29

KEEL FLEET B

- 1) Claude Welles, Cal 9.2
- 2) Eddie Calogero, San Juan 7.7
- 3) David Rhoads, San Juan 7.7
- 4) Vern Harris, Hunter 26.5

KEEL FLEET C

- 1) Dave Wahlberg, Kiwi 24
- 2) Doyle Johnson, San Juan 24
- 3) John Vance, Pearson 26
- 4) Anne Ellzey, Pearson 26

KEEL FLEET D

- 1) Ray Shull, SC 21
- 2) Linda McDavitt, SC 21
- 3) Frans Dahmen, Ensign
- 4) Harold Neel, Ensign

KEEL FLEET A NON-SPINNAKER

- 1) Nelsen Simonsen, Merit 25
- 2) Teri Nelms, Pearson 31
- 3) Vic Manning, Pearson 26
- 4) Gary Cooper, Catalina 27

KEEL FLEET B NON-SPINNAKER

- 1) Bob Freeman, SC 21
- 2) Howard Shirey, Catalina 22
- 3) Calin Popescu, Catalina 22
- 4) Mike Hovenga, Ranger 22



FLEET TALK



A-FLEET NEWS

by Mike Mayfield

To begin the new year, we're going to start with a true or false quiz to see how up to date y'all are on A-fleet happenings. So get out your pencils. (Answers follow the quiz.)

TRUE OR FALSE:

1. STEVE SPADEMAN has taken up astronomy.
2. DENNIS AWBREY has not been seen on the race course lately because he has entered politics.
3. STEVE VAUGHAN has lost his mind AND is selling his beautiful red OBSESSION.
4. A-Fleet is taking over the AYC.
5. It is impossible to be awarded the infamous Blue Duck Award while you are the AYC Commodore.
6. The name of our organization will be changed to ACYC because the large (but diminishing) body of water over which our clubhouse looks has been re-named "Avalanche Country".
7. The proper response to the Red Eye hail "What's the course?" made by the first place lower PHRF rated boat to the second place higher PHRF rated boat is something like IJKFf.
8. The sails on SO LONG will not be Awbrey's in the upcoming Frostbite series.
9. New competition is set to join the A fleet ranks, so beware!
10. A fleet members would never conspire to embarrass one of their fellow A-fleeters.

ANSWERS:

1. F - Steve has NOT taken up astronomy - the stars observed in his eyes recently are due to his marriage on December 16th to Candy Smith. Following a honeymoon trip to Las Vegas,

Steve and Candy are back home in lovely Leander.

2. T - Dennis, being a high achiever and accustomed to leading the pack in A-fleet, jumped into the fray at work and ran a successful campaign in October for President of the Texas Association of Disability Examiners. In his official capacity as President, he traveled to the national convention in Illinois and has attended more meetings in the last four months than in the first forty-something years of his life. Good luck, Dennis.
3. F? T? - F for now, maybe. Rumor has it that Steve is now questioning the sanity of anyone who would sell the best model on the lake (translation: a red PAID FOR Olson 30) to buy another boat. That rumor seems to meet with Lee's approval also!
4. F - Despite the fact that the 1990 AYC Commodore, Vice - Commodore, Secretary, and Race Commander are all A-fleeters, we are NOT taking over - just taking our turn.
5. F - Terry Meyers no longer basks in this delusion. Of course, he earned the award last July for his ignoble display of distractibility while ferrying an Aqua Fest lovely and consequently going aground. Way to go Terry! Quack - quack.
6. F - Contrary to a Tall Texas Tale Told By Tesch, our yacht club remains AYC. This concern arose because of a warm letter of challenge to Kansas Hobie 33 skipper Ron Nolan, in which Bob described our local AYC racing area as "Avalanche Country".

7. F - definitely F. Whereas this answer MAY be subject to criticism, the Purple Sage's response probably would have been "Follow Me". This response was "similar" to the one actually uttered.
8. T - (See answer 6). Ron Nolan, his sails, and some of his rock star crew are reported to be responding to Bob's "Avalanche Country" challenge. Thanks a whole lot, Bob!
9. T - Jim Smith, formerly of D fleet, journeyed to New Orleans to pick up a gently used Hobie 33. Jim has been working diligently the past several weeks to prepare his "Wind Up Toy" for upcoming A-fleet battles. Welcome Jim.
10. F - (THE FOLLOWING ANSWER IS RATED PG13) With that warning, your Purple Sage is sad to report that a large portion of A-fleet males recently frequented a local bachelor party establishment for the express purpose of embarrassing then soon-to-be-married Steve Spade-man. The august group succeeded in their goal, but unbiased reports show that while Steve never lost his big grin throughout the evening, he showed considerable ability to maintain unwavering eye contact (Candy take note) with the dancers, in spite of the various (censored) attempts to draw his eyes elsewhere. Shows what years of concentrating on telltales can do.

Scoring:

- 0 correct: You've been captured by aliens
- 1-4 correct: You should reread the answers
- 5-8 correct: You are moderately aware of A-fleet scuttlebutt
- 9-10 correct: YOU should volunteer to write the next A-fleet Telltale article.

Now for a little race news:

STEVE VAUGHAN's first place in the Winter Series was assured after bullets in the first three races. DAVE BALFOUR's two seconds largely gained him the second place trophy. And BOB TESCH overcame a new rule misunderstanding causing his withdrawal in the second race with strong (3rd, 1st) finishes in the last two races to earn the third place trophy. Nice comeback, Bob.

Of course, your humble Purple Sage would be razed unmercifully if it were not mentioned that the purple and white Olson was forced to withdraw in the last race due to an unplanned depth sounder accuracy test. This incident is better forgotten, but it is rumored that STEVE VAUGHAN, after at least one too many at the AYC Banquet, had the nerve to suggest that the purple Olson skipper be nominated for the Blue Duck. But thanks to TERRY "quack quack" MEYERS, this honor was already taken.

In the real red eye Red Eye, the secret was to get to the weather mark around the same time as the wind filled. This was accomplished by STEVE VAUGHAN who proved that he was out for blood, easily earning a bullet. RUSSELL overcame a strong attraction for X-mark (how do you do a 720 in no wind?), to finish second, with the 1990 Commodore taking third. The Etchell 22 was noted as showing considerably more boat speed in this race, rumored to be attributable to a clean bottom and a larger headsail.

That's more than enough for now,
Your humble, Purple Sage



B-FLEET NEWS

by Bob Goldsmith



Well, it's the end of another great year of B-fleet racing and time for our annual awards.

The fleet's most prestigious trophy, the SILVER ROOT CANAL, is awarded each year to the B-fleet sailor whose skills on the race course have caused the most grief to his or her competitors. It is not known how the Silver Root Canal got its name, but this year's winner, as usual, is CLAUDE WELLES.

Texas A&M University sponsors an annual award for the B-fleet sailor who has done the most to advance the science of sailing. This trophy, the GOLDEN COW PATTY, has been awarded to MIKE CHAMBERS for his courageous experiments to determine if cliffs have wind shadows. Honorable mention went to several B-fleet sailors who attempted to achieve cold fusion by colliding sailboats at high speeds.

The NELSON BUNKER HUNT FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY TROPHY, inscribed "Oh thank heaven for Chapter Eleven" and sponsored jointly by the Keel Fleet and the Lake Travis Chapter of W.A.S. (Women Against Solvency) was not awarded this year. You thought maybe I had suicidal tendencies or something?

The P.T. BARNUM CUP, a faithful miniature replica of the Brooklyn Bridge which is inscribed, "There is a sucker born every minute," leaves my possession at last and goes to our new fleet captain ... whoever that may be. Reliable sources inform me that the Keel Fleet Board, impressed with a certain fleet member's recent purchase of a Yugo dealership, Massachusetts real estate, and stock in several savings and loan institutions, has decided

to recommend KURT CARSON for this position.

For those of you contemplating a dog sledding vacation to the South Pole, allow me to suggest the Frostbite Series as an alternative. It is closer, you don't have to treat your crew as well as you would a team of valuable sled dogs, and it is sure to offer many of the same thrills and unforgettable experiences.

It's been a fun year. See you out there.

And now a few words from your new B-Fleet Captain, Kurt Carson.

The element of surprise can often create rather interesting circumstances and deceptions of reality. For instance, only a few days ago I found myself at home, leisurely opening my mail, under the assumption that I was still a free man, when I came across a "notice of appointment" for B-Fleet Captain. My mind raced, thinking it must be some deranged joke. However, upon further recall, I did vaguely remember some loose talk over a few beers regarding this position. But hell, I thought it would be more along the lines of a railroad election. Little did I know ...

So now I've been delegated the responsibility of writing this column for the Telltale. Since the deadline for the article was Jan. 5 (too soon after New Year's Eve for me), rather than panic, I did what any good leader would do, I delegated the literary responsibility to my dear Norma.

B-FLEET NEWS (cont'd)

I would have liked writing an interesting, adventurous tale about the most recent, exciting happenings in B-fleet on Lake Travis. However, the only race I've witnessed in the last few months has been the Wild Turkey Regatta, won appropriately by Tom Lott of WILD TURKEY. The Red Eye Warm-Up would have been a good one to write about, but the race was cancelled. The cancellation was due to cold weather but, hey, isn't it wintertime? Oh well. Then came the Red Eye Regatta on New Year's Day. A feeling of dread immediately set in me as I came over the dam and saw Lake Travis laid out in front of me in varying shades of calm and glass. One sailboat was stuck in the middle of the lake in some kind of fluky swirl. I quickly summed up the situation: option #1 - get a tow out to the start line and bob around for a few hours, or option #2 - return home to view the nautical adventure of the high seas, "The Little Mermaid." I opted for the latter. Word has it that the race actually did start; it was light air for the most part, but filled in the last leg of the race -- making it all worth while.

'Til next time ... HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Norma and Kurt



THE FLEET AT C

by Tim Vicknair

Aye! Twas a good tight series! Congrats to DAVE WAHLBERG and the crew of CAVEAT for winning such a competitive Winter Series. They did it after skipping the first race. A little cocky don't you think?

I am continually amazed at how tight C-fleet is. Consider this: VIC MANNING, DAVE WAHLBERG, BAY PETERSON and WALT DWYER each win a race in the four race series. The trophy places are determined by seconds, thirds, and fourths. The top three places finished with scores of 4.75, 5.75 and 6.75. The average number of competitors was 11.

There was a good turnout for the Wild Turkey Regatta. After waiting for an hour or so, the race committee started the race in a light northerly breeze. By the time the modified version of C-fleet started, the wind had stopped. It then slowly turned south. My crew thought I had slipped a gear when I told them to put up the spinnaker. They changed their minds when we passed the close-hauled boats on the starting line.

The wind continued to build from the south until all of the fleet had rounded "D" mark. It held until the last downwind leg from "I" mark at which point it faded. BAY PETERSON won this one. DAVE WAHLBERG placed second. The Catalina 25 TM and Ranger 22, normally D-fleet boats, finished third and fourth respectively on corrected time. My Spirit 28 (the Winnebago of the fleet) couldn't save her time against the D-fleeters and wound up fifth.

The Red Eye Warm-Up was cancelled by Jack Frost.

C-FLEET (cont'd)

The Red Eye Regatta found C-fleet missing the San Juan 7.7's. They were assigned to B-fleet. C-fleet found itself with boats rated at 210 and 216, three Pearson 26's, Kiwi 24 and one San Juan 24. The winds were light on the first windward leg to "I" mark. JOHN VANCE avoided the crowd at the favored end of the line and took an early lead of a 100 yards. The winds lightened even more as the boats made Windy Point. John's lead evaporated as ANNE ELLZEY temporarily passed him to leeward. A few moments later he gained boat speed and sailed over her. DAVE WAHLBERG moved steadily down the course staying to windward of all contestants. Then a radical shift to the East came as the wind died. Many boats, particularly in A and B-fleets, felt this was a harbinger. So, they made their way towards the Sometimes Islands as fast as they could. It helped those who went the farthest East. DAVE WAHLBERG did go East, but the wind didn't get to him in time to help much. ANNE ELLZEY made it to the windward mark first, followed closely by JOHN VANCE and then DAVE WAHLBERG.

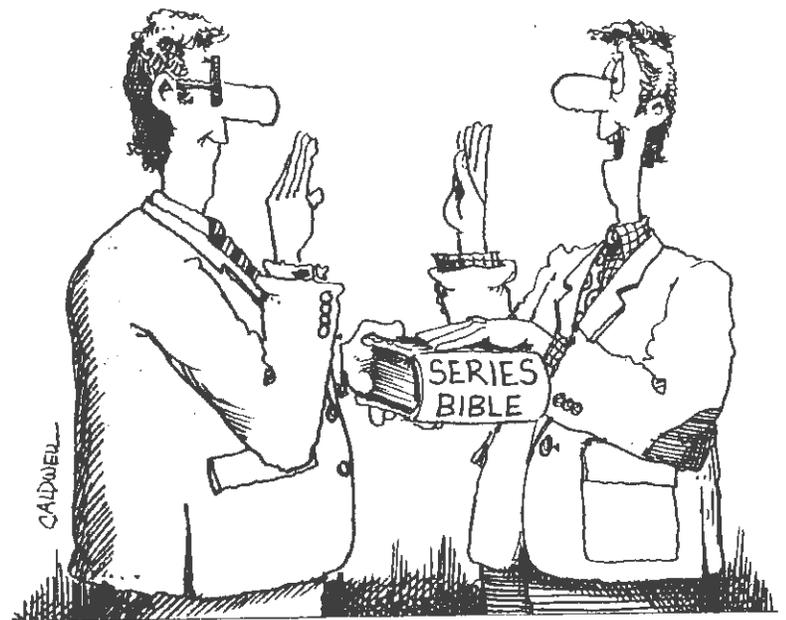
While sailing to "J" mark, JOHN VANCE caught the wind on ANNE ELLZEY's starboard quarter and passed her giving him the lead at "J." "J" mark to "K" mark showed how rusty many of the crews were on spinnaker sets. It was a great equalizer with four of the five boats rounding "K" within 15 seconds of each other. JOHN VANCE was still in the lead, but was having trouble. T-REX, the San Juan 24, was making his presence felt on the next leg to "F," by sailing high and inside with his chute up. The turn from "F" to the finish was sharp. Chutes were spilled as some attempted hard gybes

C-FLEET (cont'd)

from a starboard reach to a port reach. At the finish it was DAVE WAHLBERG, DOYLE JOHNSON, JOHN VANCE, ANNE ELLZEY and VIC MANNING. A tight finish to boot.

Congrats to everyone -- especially to DAVE WAHLBERG and crew of CAVEAT and to ANNE ELLZEY for her competitive debut on KINDRED SPIRIT.

See you on the course.



I promise I will join AYC before racing in another Series race.

THE AGONY OF D-FLEET

by Hal Hayden

My Christmas present was a call from the 1989 D-Fleet Captain, Perry Weller, congratulating me on having been chosen to replace him in 1990. The conversation went something like, "It's your turn, so I'm afraid you're stuck with it ..." This IS good leadership training, right?!?

Congratulations to you, Perry, on your fine efforts last year. Race Committee was well run, and you added a couple of new fleet members to replace those who retired to the Happy Cruising Waters. Now that you will have some time, let's get after the Handicap Committee again to lower that ridiculous South Coast rating!

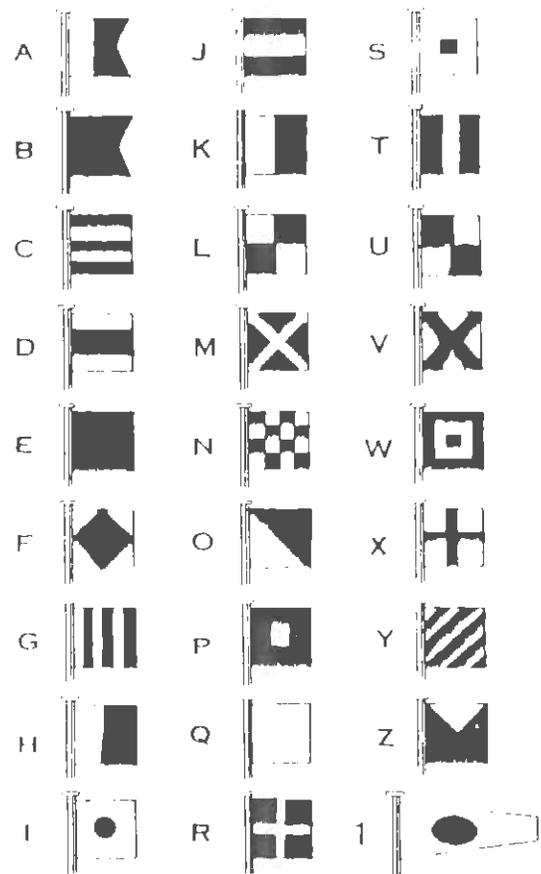
Although my Telltale deadline is prior to the Red Eye Regatta (because I was going to be out-of-town), I'm sure it will have been its usual outstanding kick-off to the year's Keel Fleet activities. We are missing it for the first time in several years -- but for a good cause. Ask me about the Red Eye in San Francisco Bay ... you won't see it in Lee Kelly.

As you know, the real job of D-Fleet Captain is to assure participation in racing and Race Committee duty. I have a special offer to entice more of you laid-back skippers out to the race course this year.

I hereby promise that if you show up to race. I will, at some point, either blow out my chute or park on a sand bar to let you pass us. Count on it. My crew promises to help in any way they can as well ... (and there are many!). You won't see this offer anywhere else, so act now!

As for Race Committee participation, I can only suggest that it's YOUR opportunity to help keep some of these self-styled "rock stars" in line out on the race course. Also, it is a less painful way to learn the rules than in the protest room. (I ought to know ... check out our boat's name.)

The toughest job, of course, is getting two D-fleeters lined up for each regatta's Race Committee. My method will be to call each of you that I saw on the race course last year to get your commitment for one regatta. So if you have a preference, call me (345-5298) now to reserve it. Otherwise, expect a call in a week or two.



CATALINA 22

by Joe Roddy



Hope everyone had a great holiday season and that Santa brought all your boat goodies! 1989's end brings to a close a great racing season and some great social activities, as well as a changing of the guard for some. Thanks to CHARLENE ALLAN for her duties as Social Chairperson, STEVE PERVIER as a member of the AYC Board of Directors and NELSON MIKESKA as C-22 Fleet Captain. Great job folks!

This year's end also brings new Fleet 69 officers for 1990: CHERYL PERVIER - Commodore, JOE RODDY - Fleet Captain, DAVID MOORE - Measurer, PAT JACKSON - Secretary, MARTIE SHIREY - Treasurer, and IRMA STOUGH - Historian. Congrats to HOWARD and MARTIE who will be serving on the AYC Permanent Race Committee and Membership Committee, respectively.

The Winter Series proved to be challenging right down to the wire. There was a good turnout for this final series of '89 with a nine boat average. Overall results were: 1ST Place - JOE RODDY, 2ND Place - BILL MORACK, and 3RD - WALTER ALLAN.

The fleet seems to keep getting more competitive with good showings from the MOORE's and their new chute, (come on Howard!), DICK FINNEGAN, RON HOWARD's first to the weather mark, and BOB MATHISON who is always in the thick of things. Hope to see more in '90 from NELSON, BILL WORD, and FLASH GORDON. Our fleet race average has been increasing and the racing is getting closer. Let's keep it up!

Things seem to be heating up already for '90 with HOWARD and COLLEEN finishing 2nd and 3rd in PHRF B in the Red Eye Regatta on New Year's Day. Way to pop those aspirin guys!

Looking ahead in the 1990's:

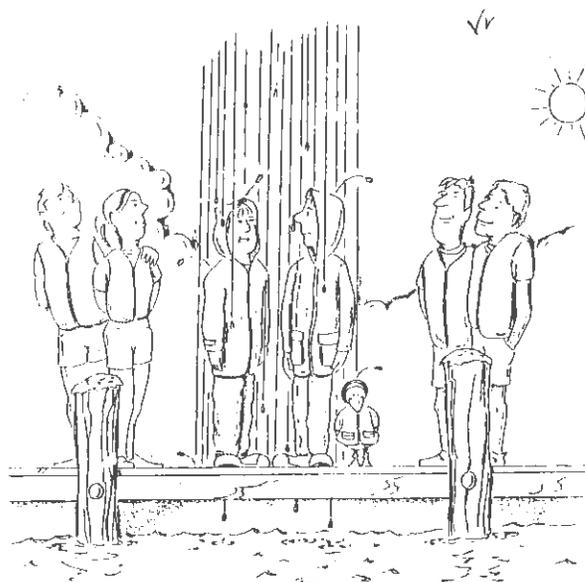
- o Look for a PRC-sponsored Race Management Seminar sometime in February.

- o Racing clinic in early '90 with JOHN BARTLETT and HOWARD and MARTIE SHIREY.

- o C-22 Race Fleet meeting in February to decide course types and Race Committee duties. Site and time will be announced in mid-Feb. And EVERYONE is encouraged to attend.

NELSON and MARY MIKESKA have volunteered to chair the 1990 Turnback Canyon Regatta.

We still need Race Committee volunteers for the Spring Regatta, Governor's Cup Regatta, and Fall Regatta. Any nibbles??



"By us?"

ENSIGN FLEET NEWS

by Mel Kunze

This season marks the first time the Ensign Fleet has identified the top sailors for the year. These three persons are selected based on their best finishes in 20 AYC-sponsored races sailed during the year. For 1989 the honors go to HAROLD NEEL in first place, TOMMY KOZLOWSKI in second, and DAN O'DONNELL in third. Congratulations to these strong competitors!! (These three winners' names have been reported to the Ensign Association and will be shown in the next edition of our national yearbook.)

The Winter Series was campaigned by the hardy. HAROLD NEEL placed first, TOMMY KOZLOWSKI in second, and FRANS DAHMEN in third.

It's now good-bye to a great 1989 and on to greater victories in 1990. HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

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SOUTH COAST 21

by Pat Feagin

It's that time of year again! Just a few races but lots of parties and time to bench race about all the past series.

The Wild Turkey and Red Eye Regattas have passed with RAY SHULL taking a 1st in both races. LINDA McDAVITT took a 2nd in the Red Eye and BOB FREEMAN took a 1st in the non-spinnaker class.

The Annual Banquet has passed and a great time was had by all who attended.

Now it is 1990 (!) and time again to begin making plans for a whole new year of sailing. To start, the Frostbite Series will begin soon. LINDA McDAVITT plans to be on the line since she now has her boat back in the water. Hopefully more of us S/C sailors will join her. Also add to your calendar a pre-Spring Series gathering -- time and place to be announced.

This year we will be replacing the Metcalf Trophy -- you will be receiving further information on this in the mail from our Treasurer. Now just one more gentle reminder: GET YOUR BUTTS OUT ON THE LAKE IN 1990!!

Hope y'all had a very Merry Christmas. And let's look forward to a great and wonderful New Year.





CENTERBOARD NEWS

by Teri Nelms

All I can say about being a centerboard sailor in the winter is, "I sure am bored." My poor Fireball is in for a major re-work before Spring, which I hope is just around the proverbial corner. And meanwhile, I'm stuck on a keel boat drinking hot chocolate and baking chocolate chip cookies. It's a tough life but someone has to do it.

Looking forward to the coming year will hopefully see even more activities for centerboard sailors and a rearrangement of the past year's schedule to get the best out of the time available to us. VIC MANNING seems to have some pretty good ideas, and centerboard sailors should plan on a meeting some time in the near future to discuss what our respective fleets have in mind for the '90's.

Meanwhile, I intend to hang with the keel fleet and be as obnoxious as possible. So far, I'm doing OK on the obnoxious but not so good on the correct retaliation to RUSSELL PAINTON's water balloons. (He got some new ones for Christmas. Everybody watch your rear or stern and always carry a loaded bucket.) One word of warning: McKenna gave me a video camera for Christmas, so nobody is safe now.

Believe it or not, that's about all I've got to say for right now except "keep your hopes up for rain." The only advantage to no water in the lake is that soon there will only be room for centerboard boats and courses. HMMMMMMMM ... now there's a thought.

See you on the lake.

SUNFISH NEWS

by The Silver-Tongued Lizard
(as told by the Golden-Haired Mermaid -- Editor's prerogative! -- which is better than some disgusting Teri Nelms' moniker like "The Stringy-Haired Crappy.")

What an exciting year we have ahead of us. With 35 Sunfish Fleet members, we're expecting nothing but good racing and fun times. This year's schedule will include more cruises and trips to other locations as well as the usual regattas and Wednesday night races. Plans are also being developed for a Texas Sunfish Circuit to include six out-of-town regattas.

Our Annual Meeting at CLAUDE HARGRAVE's *Sailboat Shop* was well attended. And *The Silver-Tongued Lizard* was elected Sunfish Fleet Captain once again.

Last November's Wurstfest Regatta was even better than the last. About 14 AYC Sunfishers registered, but not all of them raced the full five-race two-day regatta. Most of them did join the fun at the loudest, but most FUN, campsite on the lake, however. And even the Capri 14.2 racers were given the royal welcome treatment when they invaded the camp.

Although most of the AYC racers couldn't beat those ocean racing out-of-towners, a couple of them proved to be tough competition. BRUCE FOSTER made a grand showing by beating all the AYC competitors. But our own Sunfish Fleet member, CURTIS TARPLEY, was HOT, HOT, HOT that weekend too! CURTIS placed only one point behind BRUCE. (Word has it that CURTIS has already been practicing on his Sunfish, gearing up for a new season. WATCH OUT!!!) A fight to the finish was the PAT MANNING/VICKI BREMER battle -- with PAT winning by only one point!

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