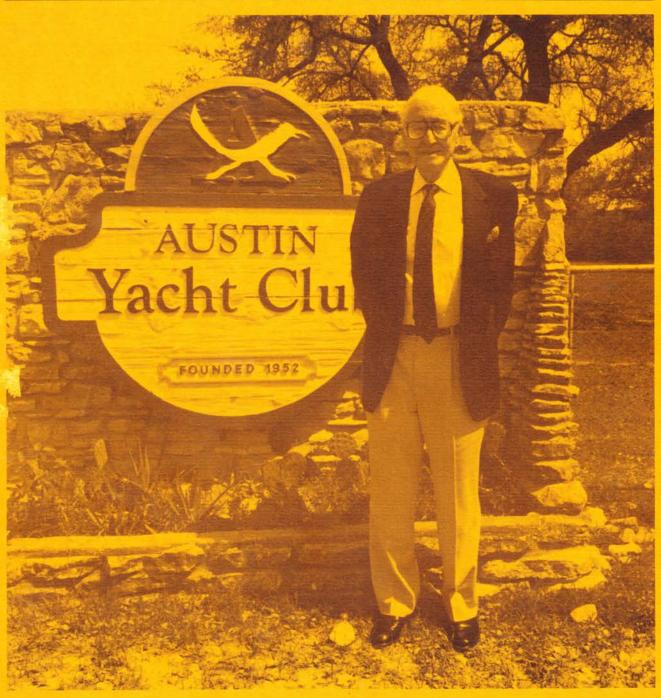
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FROM THE COMMODORE .

Lots of exciting things have happened since my last <u>Telltale</u> article, but here I sit staring at an empty WordPerfect screen wondering what I should have said three days ago. Two things about being Commodore: (1) The <u>Telltale</u> never gets published until your article is done, and (2) Vicki doesn't yell very loud when you are late. David didn't think much of those benefits, but you take what you can get.

I know we have all been wondering "Is there really a Lake Travis?". Now we can answer with a positive YES, thanks to the rain upstream. We also owe a big thanks to the Staff, the Harbor Committee, and many volunteers for safe docks back in the cove. As the lake came up Denise, Curtis, and Brad were monitoring and adjusting the docks daily. Then came the big decision — when to move the docks. Telling the Race Commander she can't have the Race Committee boats for the Centerboard Regatta because they are needed for a dock moving party doesn't go over real big. On the other hand, telling the Fleet Commander he has to leave the docks in the middle of the lake until after the regatta isn't so great either. But these are the problems that are fun to work out.

Howard and Martie Shirey have organized two great Race Clinics for us. The first was "You Against the Competition" and the second was "You Against the Wind." They had the help of three great instructors -- Rob Johnston, John Bartlett, and Scott Young. There were also many logistics volunteers. The last Race Clinic scheduled this year for June 23 will cover Starts.

The Spring Series provided five great weeks of racing. David Henderson and Howard Shirey provided the Permanent Race Committee support, Joe and Greta Rymal supplied excellent trophies. I am still enjoying the jelly beans. Della Pearson cooked lots of red beans and rice. One planning factor we learned -- if A-fleet does Race Committee on a buffet night, you lose out on a lot of crew for dinner.

Several good teams are interested in USYRU Championship events this year. Four people have signed up for the O'Day Singlehanded competition to be sailed in Lasers. Since it is BYOB/SYOB (bring-your-own-boat/sail-your-own-boat), AYC can send an unlimited number of teams to TYA. Most of our team sailing is done by the UT Sailing Team. Since they tend to go home for the summer, we usually don't have a Hirman challenge. But this year, several ex-UT sailors have put together an entry for the Hirman team racing competition to be sailed in 420's. The Adams competition for women has always been a strong competition for AYC, and this year is no exception. For the Mallory Cup, four AYC teams have signed up. Unfortunately, we can only send one team to TYA so there will be a sail-off for the men's competition. Wish they could all go!

We have plenty of good racing on the horizon. The Summer Series begins Sunday, May 20, with a 2:30 p.m. first warning. Additionally, everyone should be getting ready for Turnback Canyon Regatta. The Mikeskas and their regatta committees have been hard at work. I hope the rest of A-fleet remembers Dr. Carter's Opening Day keynote address. He said the proper rations for Turnback are a case of beer per crew per day. Their extra weight on Saturday and sloppy sailing on Sunday might give me a chance for a change. Got to slow them down somehow!

Enjoy the lake while it's here. See you on the race course.

Gail Bernstein, AYC Commodore

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Okay, okay, so for this issue of the Telltale I happen to be the last person to turn in my article!! Here I sit at this @**?@ computer at the crack of dawn trying to focus my attention on getting this done BEFORE Vicki gets here! You see, I have to disagree with the commodore's comments regarding Vicki's temperament when an article is "slightly" past the deadline! Nag, Nag!

My first Opening Day Ceremonies was a wonderful experience. Having Dr. Bill Carter, AYC's first Commodore, as our guest speaker made the whole day particularly special for me. always, Vicki and Della did an outstanding job of organizing the day for all of us.

In the past month or so we have experienced some pretty good rains. Every day I would start out with "okay folks, today we are going to fill up the lake!" hoping that a consistent positive attitude would somehow help the "powers that be." (HA) Late one night (recently!) Curtis phones my house..."Denise, have you heard....they have opened the gates....they are going to fill the lake ... ?? We need to have a plan " As you might imagine my response was "WHAT??" Folks, not having experienced any of this, I was not too sure what it all meant. So, Curtis filled me in, and the guys began to "adjust things" at the rate of two to four times a day, while I continued my education on the workings of LCRA and water! I remember the days I would go out skiing on the lake, and somehow the current level of water did not concern me to any great degree. Boy, has that changed! You all are aware, of course, that Steve Vaughan DID predict this! People have commented, "Yeah, as much as I hate to admit it!" Way to go Steve!

OH, Vicki just arrived...and I am not to leave this computer... she has instructed Laura to say to anyone who calls that I am in conference! Wew!, the pressure!

I would like to remind all of you that P.L.T.A. (Protect Lake Travis Association) still has their petition posted in the Clubhouse. Any of you who have not yet signed it, please do so. They have gained very strong support from all around the lake!

Please take the time to check the message on the bottom portion of your AYC bill as well as the enclosed flyer insert regarding the security gate here at AYC. The code will change on Monday, May 21, 1990. The on-going consistent security of AYC is very important to all of us. Periodically changing the code is one way we protect against unauthorized entries to the club. The other means of protection is up to you, the members. PLEASE do not give out the gate code to non-members, including crew, guests, persons working on your boat, etc. Thank you!

Spread the word....Lake Travis is full again! Talk it up folks, many may not know this and spreading the word can not help but increase regatta participation, not to mention camps, etc....AND membership! HAPPY SAILING!

NOTES FROM THE RACE COMMANDER

Mary Lynn Painton



Three cheers for the Centerboard Fleet!!! They prayed so long and hard for good wind and rising waters for their big Regatta that they increased the excitement level for everyone! Thanks!!

The Centerboard Regatta was GREAT! MIKE STRANGE, TIM ERWIN, and crew did an excellent organization job -- and STEVE SPADEMAN and HOWARD SHIREY ran great races. Thanks to all the folks who assisted them on Race Committee: ROBBIE NELSON, MARTIE SHIREY, JOE RODDY, BILL LEVENS, JACK BREMER, CHARLIE JACKSON, BILL and KELLY HAWK, ED RADZIK, AL and MIKE MAYFIELD, CANDY SPADEMAN, PAT FEAGIN, and BILL WORD.

Rapidly rising waters did cause some problems, however, and we lost four marks in the process: X, J, D, and a No Wake buoy. A local cretin chopped B in half for us, and it must be replaced. This is a tough, expensive job to do, so please volunteer if you're called upon to help.

Spring Series brought good racing under the watchful eyes of Permanent Race Committee reps DAVID HENDERSON and HOWARD SHIREY. Congratulations to EDDIE CALOGERO and PHRF C Fleet who again won the Race Management Trophy -- for the third time!! -- twice in a row!! And, yes, there are fleets (that shall remain unmentioned) that have yet to win that honored trophy!

The Permanent Race Committee meets every month to keep updated on racing activities and equipment problems, the latter of which has been our biggest headache. Always is, they tell us. You may have noticed we've installed new radios and depthmeters, cleaned and painted chase boats, replaced seats and plexiglas windows, had the lower unit of Chase 3 repaired, installed a radio in the AYC office, and cleaned up after vandals hit the Race Committee dock -- just to name a few activities!

The 1990 Sailing Instructions will be revised and effective for the Summer Series which begins on May 20. Watch for a few changes and be sure to pick up a new copy. And remember that the starts move to 2:30 p.m. now.

Getting ready for Turnback ... Fleet Captains, please call me by Friday, May 18, with the names of your fleet reps to work that regatta. We'll coordinate a shuttle for folks who don't plan to stay overnight Saturday, or who don't plan to work RC both days.

There has been much discussion about rearranging RC series assignments in the PHRF fleets because of the possibility that the combinations A/F, B, C, D/E do not represent an even distribution. At the recommendation of the Board, however, we will delay that decision until later in the year.



SOCIAL COLUMN

by Flora McClung

Hi Party People! As you know by now Opening Day Ceremonies on Sunday, March 18, was a huge success. Of course, it couldn't have been anything less with the *outstanding* hostesses planning the event. VICKI BREMER co-chairing with new member DELLA PEARSON did a superb job. Thank you ladies -- from all of us at AYC.

Speaking of DELLA PEARSON, she hosted the Spring Series Buffet held Sunday, April 22. I know the food was great because I sampled some before I left for a meeting. I asked DELLA a few weeks before the buffet if I could help her cook some cornbread; I told her all I had to do was pop it in the microwave. She said," No way!!!" A big thanks to DELLA and her crew -- LINDA FRAKES, MARTIE SHIREY, PAT MANNING, KATHY COMER, and DEBRA PHILLIPS.

Don't forget the Sunday, June 24, Summer Series Buffet which will be hosted by a new J-22 AYC member DEBRA PHILLIPS.

The Social Committee had a meeting back in March and came up with some ideas that could help plan and organize events which would maximize participation and minimize costs \$\$\$\$ to AYC members. Guys, that means you, me, and our wallets! But we need your help.

First, WE NEED YOU TO MAKE ADVANCE RESERVATIONS. Without an advanced count of how many people to expect at our events, our SUPER volunteers can't judge the amount of food to serve to you folks who show up to eat, drink, and be merry. To help us in the future, we will be serving members and guests who call in their reservations BEFORE members and guests who do not. In other words, if you call in you eat (!!); if you don't call in and the food runs out maybe next time you'll remember to call in! We'd very much appreciate your help.

Second, we see the need for a Phone Committee. So this is something we'll be working on for this year's major events such as the Luau, Halloween Party, and Annual Banquet.

Third, we will do our best to get flyers for the events out to all of you in plenty of time to reserve a place. Look for them in your monthly billing or the <u>Telltale</u>.

SOCIAL COLUMN (cont'd)

I'd appreciate everyone taking the time to fill ou form and mailing it to the AYC office. Without me we can't put on successful and fun parties.	it the following
Thanks for your cooperation.	
MEMBER'S NAME:	
PHONE NUMBERS:(HOME)	(WORK)
I'D BE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH:	
Phone Committee	
Series Buffet	
Major Events	
Designing Flyers	
Decorating	
Clean-Up	
Other:	





ROADRUNNERS BEWARE ...

THE JUNIORS ARE BACK!

by John Mandell

The water level is up; the weather is getting warmer, and school is almost out! The Roadrunners are getting restless and it's time to start thinking about Junior Sailing at AYC ...

Under the leadership of Terry Meyers, the 1990 program will again be exceptional with an additional focus on the club's Junior competitors, the AYC Roadrunner Fleet. Like last year, we will again have a full compliment of six, week-long camps, each with a broad focus of "learn to sail" through racing skills. In addition, we will be starting evening coaching sessions for our juniors who want to concentrate on competition. Like last year, the full program will be open to members and non-members. We now have a provision for a limited number of non-member juniors to join the Roadrunner Fleet and become a part of AYC.

Some of the juniors haven't waited until school is out to get started. Jonathan and Sarah Baker dusted off their Laser and Sunfish, respectively, and took away silver at the Centerboard Regatta, with Jonathan winning his class and Sarah with a 6th (beating mostly adult racers in the 19-boat fleet!). That's going to be a team to watch out for!

The first major event for the 1990 junior season will be a Junior Regatta week in Houston beginning June 16. Three Houston clubs will host three regattas in one week, with a few seminars thrown in just in case three regattas aren't enough! To get our Road-runners up to speed for all this, our first week of camp (week of June 11) will be organized specifically in preparation for the Houston Regatta week, with a focus on racing. These two weeks should really get the cobwebs out! If you're interested in going to Houston or helping with arrangements, contact Jim Baker.

After Houston, camps will continue -- beginning the week of June 25, much like last year. We are proud to have Beth Brock joining the AYC staff this summer as Camp Director. Beth was a part of the staff last year and did a great job. She's had a lot of experience with kids, camps, and sailing, and earned the respect of both the campers and parents last year. We're fortunate to have her back.

The schedule and fees for this year's camps are published on the next page, and the office is taking registrations now. There will be limits on the size of each camp and last year's sessions were mostly full ... so get your registration in early to get your choice of dates.

... THE JUNIORS ARE BACK! (cont'd)

OVERNIGHT CAMPS ... FEES: \$245 per session

June 24-29 July 8-13 July 15-20 July 22-27

Overnight camps will use club cabins from Sunday evening until Friday morning. Meals are included in the camp fee.

DAY CAMPS FEES: \$145 per session

June 11-15 (racing prep camp) August 6-10

Day camps will not provide meals or lodging. Group registration is encouraged to minimize transportation problems. The June 11-15 camp is for campers interested in racing only, and registration must be approved by the racing coordinator.

**AYC members receive a 20% discount on camp fees. Other discounts apply for multiple family campers and campers who attend more than one session.

In addition to the camps, the Roadrunner Fleet will have the opportunity to do some racing, locally and out of town. At AYC our Roadrunner Regatta will be held the weekend of August 25. We also anticipate enough junior entries in the Governor's Cup Regatta to have one or more junior fleets. Out of town, in addition to Regatta Week in Houston, the fleet will participate in the following events:

Sears, Smythe (TYA), Dallas/DCYC -- June 9-10 Bemis (TYA), Forth Worth -- June 9-10 Wurstfest, Lake Canyon YC -- Nov. 3-4 (Others to be announced)

To keep the fleet fast we will be scheduling evening coaching sessions. Schedule and costs will be published later.

... H E L P ! ! ...

AYC is a top club because of the talents and generosity of its members. The Junior Program is no exception. Throughout the summer, we will be needing help in a variety of ways from driving motor boats, to preparing meals, to towing boats out of town, to hosting out-of-town juniors in your home. If you are interested

.. THE JUNIORS ARE BACK! (cont'd)

in volunteering your time/services, please contact Shirley Slaughter. Any help you could give us would be greatly appreciated.

We are also continuing to look for usable Sunfish and Sunfish parts for camps and regattas. We will gladly accept donations, loans, or offers of sale (cheap!) for Sunfish. If you can help with a boat, or know of one available, contact John Mandell or Vic Manning.

I think you can see we have a great program planned for our Juniors this year. These are the future sailors, competitors, and directors of AYC. I hope you will bring your kids and relatives to the camps. It's a rewarding experience for the kids (and the adults!).



Aaaahh, time to catch up on some R&R before it's time to help the Junior Sailors learn which strings to pull ...



CENTERBOARDERS CHRISTEN HIGH WATER SAILING ON LAKE TRAVIS by Vicki Bremer

Despite all of Centerboard Regatta Co-Chair MIKE STRANGE's worrying (or maybe because of it!), the May 5-6 event was a fun weekend for 52 boats made up from six fleets. MIKE couldn't have accomplished this success without the help of Co-Chair TIM ERWIN, JOHN BAGLEY, ROD ETHRIDGE, BILL RECORDS, JOHN SAUNDERS, and a host of other folks who helped behind the scenes. A special thanks goes to those who worked Race Committee under the expert guidance of PRC reps STEVE SPADEMAN and HOWARD SHIREY who learned more about Centerboard racing than they thought possible. Now we know which keel boaters to call upon to help out with Centerboard racing which is a little different from "big boat" racing. Right, guys?

Saturday's racing was exciting to say the least, especially the first race when survival became more important than tactics and all that other racing "stuff." Sunday's racing was much more calm -- calm to the point of total frustration for those of us who HATE no-air racing. (And we shall remain anonymous, of course!) Jim Baker couldn't help but point out that he had never seen anyone scull, more than the legal two swishes (so, I thought it was three!), and still go backwards. Many racers took advantage of the adverse conditions and went home with trophies, after feasting on the many delicious meals provided all weekend -- especially BILL RECORD's famous fajitas.

SUNFISH (18 boats avg.)

- 1. John Saunders
- 2. Claude Welles
- 3. Steve Brown
- 4. Rod Ethridge
- 5. Pat Manning
- 6. Sarah Baker
- 7. Vic Manning
- 8. Lesa Ross

Capri 14.2 (6 boats avg.)

- 1. John Welch
- 2. Mark Bradford
- 3. Steve Shepardson

CB Handicap A (4 boats avg.)

- 1. Richard Hlista, Thistle
- 2. Paul Whitworth, MC Scow

CB Handicap B (7 boats avg.)

- 1. Jonathan Baker, Laser
- 2. Deke DeKeyser, Laser
- 3. Charles Quade, Snipe
- 4. Robert Johnson, Daysailer II

Coronado 15 (9 boats avg.)

- 1. Claudia/Bruce Foster
- 2. Bill Smith
- 3. John Mandell
- 4. Bob Musselman
- 5. Steve Cauffman

Flying Dutchman (4 boats avg.)

- 1. Quentin Baker
- 2. Gary Schwantz



ABOVE & BEYOND

by Cynthia Darwin

(Above & Beyond highlights the achievements of Austin Yacht Club members which take place off the Lake Travis race course. If your recent kudo doesn't appear, it's because your Fleet Captain didn't know about it. Let 'em know!!)

Top billing this issue goes to two of AYC's super staff, CURTIS TARPLEY and BRAD SCHWAB, who beat a running battle with the rising (and welcome!) water levels of Lake Travis to move member docks around. According to whomever you speak with, those levels came up 20 feet in less than a week. That's a lot of extra man hours put in by CURTIS and BRAD even before docks 4 and 5 were moved back into the harbor, and we all appreciate it.

The hats off don't stop there for this dynamic duo, however. Congratulations go to BRAD on his May 19 wedding to HOLLY MARBERRY. Rumor has it that they are postponing their honeymoon in Mexico until after the Turnback Canyon weekend. I also hear that HOLLY's disc golf throwing arm equals that of her granddad, FRED MARBERRY, who was one of baseball's first great relief pitchers. During his career, Granddad Fred played for the Washington Senators, Detroit Tigers, and New York Yankees and was admitted to the TX Sports Hall of Fame. Everyone at AYC wishes BRAD and HOLLY much happiness.

And CURTIS put AYC on the winner's side again by placing 3rd



in the TX Catamaran Championship held on Lake Sommerville a few weeks ago. Crewing with TROY LAWSON on a G-Cat, CURTIS placed 3rd behind two national champs. And you thought he spent all of his time running the club tractor around.

On the business front, talk to MIKE STRANGE about his rising new career with New York Life. And HAL HAYDEN, president of Priority Leasing Corp., can tell you about the opening of Priority's second location near Boulder, Colorado. PAT MANNING is still smiling about her recent promotion to Supervisor of the Financial Management Dept. of the Texas Commerce Bank - Austin. And if you have any time left, ask me about the contract to promote the Dallas Cowboys' Training Camp in Aus-It's going to keep me and my partners off the water some this summer.

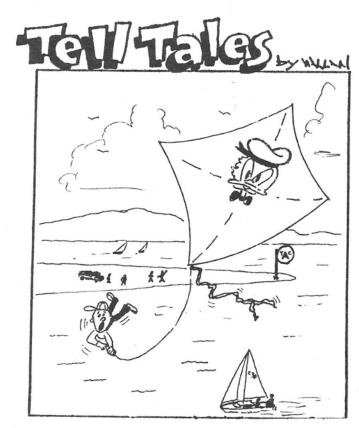
And finally, some news about some old AYC salts. (Not really old, but former AYC superstars.) KELSON ELAM (AYC Singlehanded Champion '77, Jessie McIlroy Smith Bowl '78 & '79, UT Sailing Team U.S. All Collegiate, 1980 & 1984 Olympic Trials, J-24 circuit champion, etc.) has sold Ullman Sails South to JENNIFER and BILL DRAHEIM (O'Day national champion '83, 1st Champion of Champions '87, Jessie McIlroy Smith Bowl '83, '86, & '88, UT Sailing Team All Collegiate, 1988 Olympic Trials, & a winner of just about every other race he ever entered). Jennifer also represented AYC as the female

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member of the nationally ranked Mallory Cup team in 1986. Goes to show if you can sail Lake Travis, you can sail anywhere and win.

And congratulate centerfold sailmaker JOHN BARTLETT on his full-color appearance in the Austin American Statesman Capital Spotlight feature article. We all loved reading about his "sun-baked face and taut muscles." And the publicity for local sailing was great too.

CREW FOR HIRE: Looking for some "AWSAM" crew for upcoming races? The Austin Women's Sailing Association (AWSA), now with over 60 members ... male and female ... is looking to match up eager crew members with worthy yachts in upcoming AYC events. Call AWSA President-Elect LAURIE KENDRICK (323-6414) for names of members looking for a crewing opportunity.



JOHN GIVES NEW MEANING TO KITE FLYING.



THREE CHEERS FOR THE RISING LAKE LEVEL -- AND THE WORKERS WHO HELPED MOVED DOCKS 4 AND 5

A very SPECIAL THANKS goes to all those entertaining workers who not only labored hard and long but also made it a fun day for everyone. "We can work 'til midnight," said JOHN SAUNDERS on the RC boat as helper STEVE BROWN thought about the nice sail he was going to miss. SHIRLEY SLAUGHTER and VICKI BREMER hopped aboard Dock 4 to provide that extra muscle power required to lift cooler lids and boost morale. The real muscle power came from folks like GARY COOPER, JIM HENSON, and BOB STEVENS responding to the larynx power of VERN HARRIS who commandeered the operation like a pro. VERN had lots of help, however, from those skippering the chase boats -- JACK BREMER, VIC MANNING, and WALTER ALLAN -- who responded to his every command at a moment's notice. But what about that time when VERN pointed his finger in a direction for JACK BREMER to steer his boat and behind VERN were five hands all pointing fingers in a different direction? DAVID BERNSTEIN solved that problem by pointing straight up and saying, "That way Jack!"

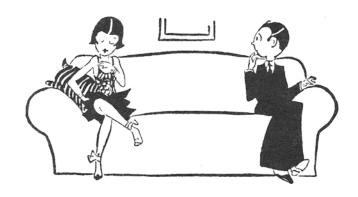
ERIC (Fleet Guy) NELSON's quiet guidance was felt more than heard until he shouted, "What? The lateral line is holding us up?!"
And AYC General Manager DENISE WHOLEY was never far away from the operation, either on the docks or watching from the office. "Is that Curtis diving with a ratchet for the deadman?" "Only in five feet of water -- nothing to worry about." Without the help of CURTIS TARPLEY and BRAD SCHWAB the whole dock moving operation couldn't have gone as well as it did. And they worked long and hard after a week of steadying the docks against the rising lake levels. Three extra cheers for our hard working staff.

BILL LEVENS, DANNY LIEN, BOB KIER, RUSSELL PAINTON, VICTOR MIKES-KA, BOB KIERAS, HANS DAHLE, MIKE CHAMBERS, TOM CUMMINGS, JOE and GRETA RYMAL, and JOE THIEL also pitched right in and helped with the whole operation. And Commodore GAIL BERNSTEIN was out there doing whatever needed to be done.

Not to be forgotten are all those boat owners on Docks 4 and 5 who moved their boats but had to return to work and couldn't stay to help. And because we didn't have a sign-in sheet to help us remember everyone, our special THANKS (and apologies) to anyone we've omitted.

You had to be there, but ... "I don't have half a boat." No wake dumb--s." "Tell me, Vern. Will one boat hurt?" "Hold this in your teeth and swing." "Simultaneous spoon hanging ..."

What a great day! THANKS to everyone for the work and fun time.



DID YOU SEE "THAT GUY" FLY BY ... RACING CLINIC RAP (on the lighter side)

by Howard Shirey

One side of a conversation after a recent series race -

Who was that guy in the white boat? How did he get to the weather mark so fast? That boat always finishes in the middle of the fleet, but he really had his boat moving today. Did you see the move he put on that blue boat? Very smooth. Where did he get so good so fast?

Oh yea, I saw all those AYC RACING CLINIC fliers around the clubhouse, but I thought they were for beginners just learning to sail. You mean they spend a whole day on just one or two topics, and the instructors are world class sailors like Scott Young, John Bartlett and Rob Johnston? Say, didn't I read an article is Sail Magazine were Paul Forester credited Rob Johnston for thier finish is the J24 Mid-Winters or something and didn't Scott Young and John Bartlett win the Mallory Cup? Well, if those guys are instructing and they are spending a whole day on one or two racing topics they are covering a lot more ground than just the basics.

The way "that guy" had his boat moving today maybe I should catch one of these clinics. When is the next one? June 23, that just a couple of weekends before Governor's Cup, that will give me a chance to practice the things I learn before the regatta. What do ya mean I'll need it.

I'll bet its going to cost me an arm and a leg and I just bought a new 150, you don't get all this high powered instruction for nothing you know. WOW, only \$10.00, and I heard Martie Shirey is putting together some good food for these things.

You know, you could learn a thing or two at the clinic yourself. Your start wasn't all that good today and I think the next clinic is on starts. Why, don't you and I go together. We'll take my boat and take turns at the tiller after all, "that guy' beat both of us.

Racing Clinics

If you were unable to attend the first two AYC RACING CLINICS you missed a lot of fun and information. This is a new program designed to provide in depth instruction on one or two racing related topics per clinic. So far I think its working. The instruction has been truly outstanding and the food has been wonderful. One participant summed it up pretty well when he said "(these clinics have been) Informative, Educational, Fun and Tasty".

In the first clinic, March 24th, Rob Johnston gave an excellent talk to about thirty skippers and crews on tactics, rules and protests. Martie and her volunteers treated us to mexican stew, salad, and cookies. On April 28, John Bartlett and Scott Young gave one of the best demonstrations of sail controls and wind strategy I have ever seen. Martie came through again with hamburgers, hot dogs, chip & dips and cupcake size cheesecake.

After each clinic we have asked the participants to give us some feedback on what they enjoyed and how they thought we could improve. We are listening. The second clinic was better than the first and the next I hope will be better still.

June 23 is the date of the next clinic which will be starts. We will start in the club house with a chalk talk then move to the water. We'll have a start line set and will get in as many starts as we can. Of course will have lots of instructors motoring around giving pointers. Look for fliers in your June bill for times and schedules. This would be a good time to bring your crew. Crew / skipper coordination is essential to a good start and this would be a good time to get some practice in and at the same time pick up a few pointers. If your crew can't come, that's ok there will be plenty of people there and we'll work something out. I'm not sure who will instruct or what we'll eat, but knowing John and Martie its the least of our worries.

As all things with AYC these clinics would not be possible without a substantial volunteer effort and Martie and I would like to thank everyone who gave their time.

Robbie Nelson Bill & Leslie Smith Steve & Jane Frederick Nancy Johnson Pat Manning Mike Wellman
Elizabeth Moore
Cheryl Pervier
Debra Philips
Dick & Karen Van Hooser

Let me take this opportunity to invite your comments. The one thing I've learned since I have been associated with AYC is that the membership is not bashful about making their opinions known. So come on AYC tell us what you think. If you haven't attended a clinic surely you heard about them. Is the price right? Are we responding to a genuine need? Are we talking about the right stuff? Mail you comments (along with your reservations for the next clinic) to the AYC office or catch Martie or I around the club.



1990 AUSTIN YACHT CLUB

Award Winning AYC Women Sailors

WOMEN'S RACING CAMP

Kathy Bauer Gail Bernstein Margaret Boxwell Cynthia Creamer Cynthia Darwin Jenniser Drakeim Louise Epstein Jenniser Fadal Claudia Foster Mary Goodwin Pat Halter Kathy Hasti Barbara Hawn Vicki Holmes Caroline Howard Pat Katon Mary Kessler Michelle Lohn Pat Manning Linda McDavitt Lanelle Montgomery Teri Nelms Connie Niemann Bonnie Odell Mary Lynn Painton Jennifer Phelps Terry Schertz Shirley Slaughter Karen Vickland Karen VanHooser Joann Welles

Come be a part of Austin Yacht Club's women's racing tradition by participating in AYC's 1990 Women's Racing Camp. The camp is designed for women who have sailing experience, have crewed for more than a few months, and have a strong working knowledge of boat handling.

EMPHASIS: Body mechanics and techniques for each crew

position (foredeck, spinnaker flyer, and jib

trimmer).

Rules Wind

Racing Tactics Winning Attitude

BOATS: Keel boats only with an owner and instructor

on each.

SCHEDULE: Friday, June 29 -- 6 p.m. through Sunday,

July 1.

COST: AYC members, before May 28 -- \$60

AYC members, after May 28 -- \$75

Non-AYC members (registration open to

non-members AFTER May 31) -- \$100

**Deadline for ALL reservations is June 8.

Included in Cost: Food

Cabin Facilities

Boats

Instruction

Fitness Awareness

Fun

LIMITED: To 50 participants.

Guests are welcome to attend the keynote event on Saturday evening.

(Registration Form on Back)

AUSTIN YACHT CLUB

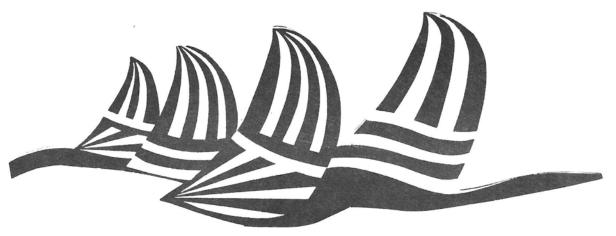
1990 WOMEN'S RACING CAMP

REGISTRATION FOR AYC WOMEN'S RACING CAMP

NAME:
ADDRESS:
CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE:
PHONE: (indicate preferred) - Home Office
REGISTRATION FOR (circle one):
AYC Member (registering before May 28) \$60.00
AYC Member (registering after May 28) \$75.00
Non-Member (open AFTER May 31) \$100.00
SAILING EXPERIENCE: (include regattas/series races/crew work/etc)
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DEADLINE FOR ALL REGISTRATIONS: June 8. No telephone reservations will be accepted. Check or AYC charge number must accompany registration form. Return to:

AUSTIN YACHT CLUB 5906 Beacon Dr. Austin, TX 78734





KEN & BETH HUTCHISON SURVIVE HUGO

by Vicki Bremer

Remember the Hutchison's who used to race the San Juan 24 OUTRA-GEOUS way back in 1981? Even though they left the Austin area to experience cruising the open blue waters of the Caribbean, they've maintained their AYC membership. Guess that old adage of "You can take them out of Texas, but you can't take the Texas out of them," holds true. After sending several messages via AYC mailings asking them how they fared during Hugo, they decided to respond personally with a TX visit. Not really, but it makes a better story.

They were here in Austin for a few days, however, to visit family and friends and to stock up on as many K-Mart/Target provisions as possible. Plus they wanted to check up on their land that they still have on McCormick Mountain.

The effects of Hugo are still strongly evident in St. Croix according to Ken. There are no places to buy clothes or household items yet, hence the provisioning at our local discount stores was a necessity. They can purchase groceries, and the mail service is working.

Despite the many, many anchors they put out to secure their Bristol 40, MALIA, Ken and Beth still lost a mast which was their worst damage. Ken said very few people came out as well as they did and are still haggling with the insurance companies to get their damage repaired. Ken decided he couldn't wait forever for a new mast so he took his rolls of insurance photos, hopped a flight to Miami, and dealt with his insurance people directly. And refused to leave Miami until he had a check in his hand for the new mast! All that cost him extra for the plane fare, but he felt it was well worth it to get his boat back in sailing condition

The Hutchison's did not stay on MALIA during Hugo but stayed in a friend's house instead. All Ken could say about the condition of the house after Hugo passed was that the walls stayed up, and he felt lucky that there was that much left, especially after seeing the devastation of the marinas. Soon after Hugo passed boat owners on the marinas posted armed guards to prevent the looting that had already begun.

Ken and Beth left Austin for Kemah (near Galveston) in 1981 with the plan to cruise for eight years. In October 1983 they sailed from Kemah to the Dry Tortugas to the Florida Keys to the Bahamas hitting every island between Florida and South America which took several years. They decided to settle in St. Croix to replenish their money supply and liked St. Croix because of its U.S. relationship. Ken is now selling windows and doors, a lucrative post-Hugo occupation.



CENTERBOARD SERIES (ALL MONOHULL CENTERBOARDS WELCOME)

SATURDAYS

SKIPPER'S MEETING

May 19 June 9 June 16 June 23 May 19 -- 1 pm First Warning -- 12 pm No Starts After 5 pm

LASER/SUNFISH SERIES

(Every Wednesday -- May 2 thru Sept. 26)
... except July 4 ...

FIRST WARNING -- 6 p.m.

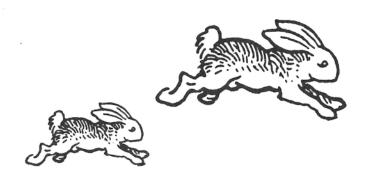
BOTH THE CENTERBOARD SERIES AND LASER/SUNFISH WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES ARE OPEN EVENTS

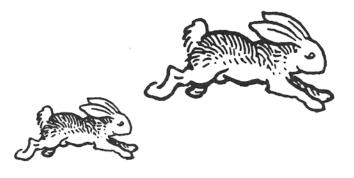
Many short races will be held to provide maximum opportunity for you to practice your Starts and Tactics while honing your racing skills. All levels of experience are WELCOME.

BBQ (you provide the fixin's; we'll provide the fire) and discussions at the AYC Clubhouse after the races.

For further information, call one of the following Fleet Captains:

Laser/Sunfish Vic Manning (288-1081)
Centerboard Fred Stearns (251-9066) or
Joe Thiel (832-0450)
Capri 14.2 Bob Jones (335-6595)
Coronado 15 Bob Musselman (892-2797)





LASERS BUNNY HOP TO REGATTA BEAT by Fred Schroth

The Easter Laser Regatta fleet was a bit smaller than we have had in recent years, but quality was there in large amounts. Four sailors are involved in Olympic campaigns. One is a pro-sailor on the Super Lube team. Another won every regatta in New Mexico and Colorado in 1989. One guy even came all the way from Michigan via the St. Lawrence Seaway.

The racing was its usual tremendous competition with five different winners in the seven races. Part of the pleasure of this Regatta is the unique set of race courses. The number one course is a triangle - windward leeward - triangle - windward to finish. The number two course is two triangles - windward leeward - windward. The shorter legs and multiple buoys allow for many tight situations at the marks. The sportsmanship of the fleet is demonstrated by the total absence of protests for the SEVENTH straight year. In fact, the only arguments were around the keg after the majority of the competitors had departed.

The Race Committee was organized by Steve Spademan and run by Vic Manning. The races were so well run that the competitors opted to sail an extra race and toss out the first race. Some would tell this differently, but the "practice race" was fun even if it didn't count. Pardon me for not naming all the names, but everybody who helped run the races was good, welcome, and appreciated.

Flora McClung cooked a great dinner; she also opened her house to Elizabeth Kratzig for the weekend. Elizabeth is one of the top junior sailors in the U.S.A. and will be campaigning a Europe dinghy toward the 1992 Olympic trials.

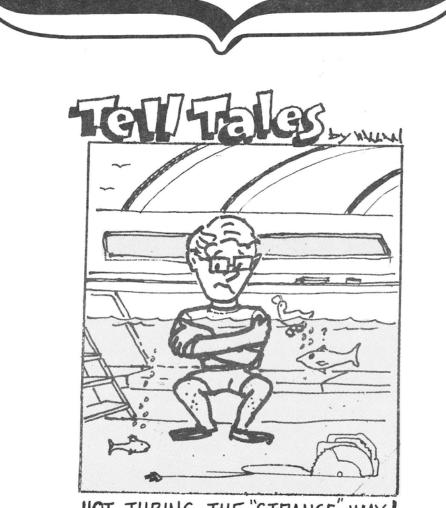
After Paul Foerster won the regatta and the post-regatta basket-ball game (in spite of having "can't jump-pass-or shoot" Fred on his team), he won the frisbee golf game. We are looking for sports to confound and/or confuse Paul. If you have an obscure sport that you can teach Paul to play, we are all trying to beat him at something -- anything?!

LASERS BUNNY HOP ... (cont'd)

The Easter Laser Regatta winners:

Paul Foerster won the traditional ceramic bunny -- 1st Hank Kleespies won something else -- 2nd Rob Johnston won a bouncing bunny in a car -- 3rd Brian Calk won a peanut butter bunny -- 4th Blaine McCloskey won a traveling chocolate bunny -- 6th Elizabeth Kratzig won a chocolate bunny -- 1st female Bill Mitchell won a sucker -- ask him why Bob Walker won some linament Most of the Race Committee won chocolate bunnies Denise Wholey won a PDGA frisbee for coffee making The staff won chocolate bunnies Fred didn't win anything.

See what you missed? Come join us next year ...



HOT TUBING THE "STRANGE" WAY!

AYC TRIVIA PURSUIT GAME

(Better known in certain circles as Denise's on going educational tool!)

Objective: See how many questions you can answer correctly, send in your answers -- and we'll see who WINS! Oh yeah, I am exempt from playing!

We will be continuing our game with the next $\underline{\text{Telltale}}$ issue--so get your answers in early, and start studying for AYC Trivia Pursuit part II) Good Luck!

- 1) What kind of boat was Dr. Bill Carter famous for?
- 2) What was the first recognized fleet of AYC?
- 3) Who was the first recognized fleet's captain? (refer to #2 above)
- 4) When (date) was current actual property of AYC purchased?
 - a) how much did it cost?
 - b) from whom was it purchased?
 - c) who negotiated the deal for AYC?
- 5) regarding the homemade boat that can be found in the Dry Sail Area:
 - a) who owns it?
 - b) did that same person make it?
 - c) when was the last time it was sailed?
- 6) Who was the first Race Commander of AYC?
- 7) Who has served the most terms as Commodore of AYC?
- 8) What was the original name of the land/place that is now know as AYC?
- 9) What kind of boat does Larry Nieman own?
- 10) Who designed the original burgee for the Austin Sailing Club?
- 11) What changes has the AYC burgee taken since then?
- 12) Who (in AYC) had the first sail out of material other than the standard cotton material of that time?
- 13) What was this "new" material?



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- 14) Who used to own the boat that now bears the sign to Commander's Point?
 - a) what is it made of?
 - b) what was her name?
 - c) what was her "nick-name?"
 - d) in what year was she built?
- 15) Who (with ASC/AYC) owned the first fiberglass boat?
 - a) what type of boat?
- 16) Who was the biggest land owner on Lake Travis at the time AYC was purchased?
- 17) What were the first structures here at AYC?
- 18) Who wrote the original (1st) By Laws of AYC?
 - a) Where were they written?
- 19) What is Tom Romberg's dad's name?
 - a) What is he famous for?
- 20) Who is currently the largest land owner on Lake Travis?
- 21) Who has served the most terms on the AYC Board of Directors prior to becomming Commodore of AYC?
 - a) name the positions held.
- 22) Joe Abell won the first distinguished Blue Duck award in 1968
 - a) how did he earn this honor?
 - b) who invented this award?
- 23) How many of the Blue Duck recipients were serving on the AYC Board of Directors in the same year as they received the honor? (name and blooper)

Have fun!

The answers will be published in the next issue of Telltale

1990 SPRING REGATTA FINAL RESULTS



CENTERBOARD HANDICAP (3 boats) PHRF G (5 boats)

1. Quentin Baker, FD

Catalina 22 Spinnaker (5 boats)

- 1. Bill Morack
- 2. Walter Allan

J-24 (5 boats)

- 1. Roy Smith
- 2. Phil Spletter

PHRF A (9 boats)

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

PHRF B (9 boats)

- 1. Larry Hall, S2 7.9
- 2. Kurt Carson, Holder 20
- 3. Steve Brown. J-22

PHRF C (8 boats)

- 1. Eddie Calogero, SJ 7.7
- 2. Dave Wahlberg, Kiwi 24
- 3. Hans Dahle, Catalina 27

PHRF D (6 boats)

- 1. Ray Shull, South Coast 21
- 2. Tommy Kozlowski, Ensign

PHRF E (7 boats)

- 1. Tim Vicknair, Spirit 28
- 2. Joe Thiel, Catalina 27

PHRF F (6 boats)

- 1. Ken Miller, Catalina 25
- 2. Mike Allen, Catalina 25

- 1. Dennis Tye, SJ 23
- 2. Tom Cummings, Irwin 25

LAKEWAY - TX HOMECOMING TROPHY

(Presented to the First Place winner of the fleet with the largest participation. Winners in two fleets (with 9 boats each) were awarded this trophy.)

PHRF A, Bob Tesch, J-29 PHRF B, Larry Hall, S2 7.9

RACE TO LAKEWAY - KEEL BOAT TROPHY

(Presented to the keel boat skipper having the fastest corrected time in the first race on Saturday.)

Ray Shull, SC-21, PHRF D

RACE TO LAKEWAY - CENTERBOARD TROPHY

(Presented to the centerboard boat skipper with the fastest corrected time in the first race on Saturday.)

Quentin Baker, Flying Dutchman

1990 SPRING SERIES RESULTS

South Coast 21

- 1. Duane Dobson
- 2. Pat Feagin
- 3. Linda McDavitt

J-24

- 1. Phil Spletter
- 2. Bill Smith/Bonner Cordelle
- 3. Kirk Livingston

Catalina 22

- 1. Bob Mathison
- 2. Walter Allan
- 3. Joe Roddy

Ensign

- 1. Clift Price
- 2. Harold Neel

J-22

- 1. John Saunders
- 2. Shirley Slaughter

Keel Fleet A

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

Keel Fleet B

- 1. Mike Chambers, Olson 25
- 2. Kurt Carson, Holder 20

Keel Fleet C

- 1. David Wahlberg, Kiwi 24
- 2. Trenton Wann, SJ 7.7
- 3. Eddie Calogero, SJ 7.7

Keel Fleet D

- 1. Bob Pillmore, Ranger 22
- 2. Hal Hayden, Catalina 25
- 3. Doyle Johnson, SJ 24

Keel Fleet E

- 1. Vern Harris, Hunter 26.5
- 2. Joe Rymal, Hunter 30
- 3. Dieter Roy, Buccaneer 295

Keel Fleet F

- 1. Joe Thiel, Catalina 27
- 2. Vic Manning, Pearson 26
- 3. Tim Vicknair, Spirit 28

Have you hugged your Fleet Captain today?

Have you "made" your Fleet Captain's day by volunteering to help out with one of the many Race Committee assignments?

YOU ARE NEEDED!!!

SPINNAKER KEEL BOATS

Average Percentage Score Standing of Top 22 Races

(Keel Fleet members for 1990)

RANK S ORDER N		YACHT NAME	YACHT TYPE	SAIL NUMBER		
2 T	/AUGHAN. STEVE TESCH. BOB	AVALANCHE	J 29	186	11	40.96
	ANCE. JOHN PILLMORE. BOB			811		35.42
	VAHLBERG. DAVID		KIWI 24	73 3260		35.11 33.89
	HAMBERS. MIKE		OLS 25	27		30.61
	PAINTON. R.			33		
	OHNSON. D.			137		
	HAYDEN. HAL		CAT 25		9	
	CARSON. K.			100		24.88
	CALOGERO. EDDIE BERNSTEIN. GAIL			104		24.43
	EYERS. TERRY	WINDWARD MAG	J 29		10 9	24.26
	SPADEMAN. STEVE	BLOWN ASSETS			7	21.70 21.06
	MAYFIELD. MIKE					20.43
	HULL . RAY		SC-21	166		17.05
	SMITH, JIM		HOBIE 33			16.81
	OTT. TOM				4	16.63
	COCKOFF. MAX					16.25
	CDAVITT.LINDA			69		15.99
	BALFOUR. DAVE BHULL. RAY			28		15.03
	EAGIN. PAT		SJ 7.7 MER 22	105		13.17
	IANDELL. JOHN		J 24	431 501		13.13 12.30
25 B		JABERWOCKY	J 22	192		10.61
		DRAGON RED		353		9.16
		ZOT	J 30	319		
	ATLIFF.LARRY		PEA/TRITN	579		8.75
	OLMES. CRAIG		J 22	308	2	7.94
	ARRISON. T		J 24	2285		5.84
	IHA. FRANK OHNSON. MARK		CAL 9.2			5.68
		MILL. FALCN. LAGNIPPE		33	3	5.47
		STRIDER	SPIRIT 28 S2 7.3	42 161	3	5.45
	LLZEY. ANNE	JINIDEN	PEAR 26	72	4	4.99 4.71
		CAFE AU LAIT		198	3	4.55
37 L		QUE PASA	SJ 7.7	10	9	3.79
38 AI	LLISON		ETCHEL 22	316	5	3.38
	AKI. VOLDI		J 22	369	2	3.25
	LUG. R.B.	~ P	SJ 24	175	5	2.55
			CAT 22	10256	4	2.27
	URFOR. JOHN OOPER. GARY	CUERVO GOLD	SJ7.7	27	1	2.27
	OHNSON. TYE		CAT 27 PEAR REN	1850 158	4	2.16 2.02
		SO LONG	HOBIE 33	32304	1	2.02

NON-SPINNAKER KEEL BOATS

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> Average Percentage Score Standing of Top 22 Races

(Keel Fleet members for 1990)

RANK ORDER	SKIPPER NAME	YACHT NAME	YACHT TYPE	SAIL NUMBER	# OF RACES	AVERAGE PERCENTAGE SCORE
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17	DWYER. WALT HARRIS. VERN RYMAL. JOE ROY.DIETER NEWSOM. SKIP BREMER. JACK KLUG. R.B. JOHNSON. TYE COOPER. GARY WHITE CAROOM. DOUG GOLDSMITH. BOB JOHNSON. D. MUSTA. CHARLIE		SPIRIT 28 CAT 27TM J 22 PEAR 26 PEAR 26 HUN 26.5 HUNTER 30 BUC 295 SJ 28 CAT 27 SJ 24 PEAR REN CAT 27 RANGER 28 MERIT 22 H 28.5 SJ 24 PEAR 26 CAT 22 FUN 23 J 22	42 354 192 163 1006 226 154 22490 224 1743 175 158 1850 70 132 613 137 237 10256 37	77585595843333241211	28.22 25.11 22.73 20.41 19.89 19.24 15.15 8.79 6.93 6.82 6.49 6.39 5.76 5.45 4.92 4.55 3.79 3.41 3.25 2.60
22 23		PEGASUS	PEARSON 26 HUN 23	194 1082	4	2.32

KEEL HANDICAP FLEET SINGLE-HANDED CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

PHRF A SPINNAKER

1. Steve Vaughan, Olson 30

PHRF B SPINNAKER

- 1. Ray Shull, SC-21
- 2. Dave Wahlberg, Kiwi

PHRF A NON-SPINNAKER

- 1. Steve Brown, J-22
- 2. John Saunders, J-22

PHRF B NON-SPINNAKER

- 1. Doyle Johnson, SJ24
- 2. Mike Alewine, Mag 25
- 3. Walter Allan, Cat 22

FLEET TALK

A-FLEET NEWS

by Gail & Mike Mayfield



As we were unsuccessful in remaining anonymous in our first article this year (thanks to our editor), it should be noted that the quiz was Gail's idea. And since no one volunteered to write this Telltale article, we must assume that all of A-fleet failed to get a high score on the quiz - hopefully you all passed! Even our ploy of not making the deadline for the last article failed to bring forward a volunteer (an honest mistake actually - color our faces purple!)

Many, many thanks to all Afleeters and crew who've participated in Race Committee this year. Particular thanks to STEVE SPADEMAN who has done a yeoman's task running the Laser Easter Regatta, co-chairing RC for the Centerboard Regatta, and refusing to be left out of Afleet's turn at Spring Series committee duty. Don't get tired, STEVE (and CANDY)! For those who are curious, all the remaining highly coveted A-fleet race committee slots are still amazingly available.

And we are pleased to note that joining A-fleet as part owner in BLOWN ASSETS is TED SMITH, a long-time member of the BLOWN ASSETS crew (and a member of the Olson 30 Famous Ocean Racing Syndicate). Welcome, TED.

Now for the racing news: In the Frost Bite series (remember that? - faces are getting purple again), STEVE VAUGHAN eked out

1st place with 3 (?) bullets; at least he threw out a second! The rest of the fleet had fun, with BOB TESCH and TERRY MEYERS earning 2nd and 3rd overall, respectively.

(We could have started with the omitted Overnight Race news -- except that we would have to point out that JIM HENSON's remote controlled motorized duck was the fastest floating object in that race!)

The Spring Regatta was basically a J-29 slugfest, with five J-29's competing, four placing in the top 5 overall. The 1st place duel was between RUSSELL PAINTON and BOB TESCH, finishing 1-2 and 2-1, with only a few seconds separating them in the 1st two races. BOB went on to win the regatta, RUSSELL taking 2nd, and STEVE VAUGHAN spoiling the otherwise all J-29 party by taking 3rd.

The Spring Series again had BOB TESCH and RUSSELL PAINTON battling for 1st, splitting most of the 1-2 finish spots (give the rest of us a chance, guys!). STEVE SPADEMAN locked up 3rd overall with consistent racing (3-3-3 -- nice job!). And not to be left out, STEVE VAUGHAN spoiled the 1-2 party by finishing 1st in the last race, taking 4th overall. The purple and white Olson must cry foul and point out that some of these races were light air races; the J-29's are required to slow down some in light air. Try to



A-FLEET (cont'd)

B-FLEET NEWS

by Kurt Carson & Norma

remember that for the Summer Series!

Turning to a different kind of sailing, the Keel Handicap Fleet's Single-Handed Regatta, three A-fleet skippers participated in the Spinnaker class -- STEVE VAUGHAN, GENE PRESTON, and DENNIS AWBREY. Watching this event, it was clear that all the skippers were working hard (what? no crew?), and maybe a little loco. VAUGHAN, perhaps being more loco than the rest, took top honors in Class A. Congratulations, STEVE!

And as it won't be reported elsewhere, STEVE VAUGHAN's Obsessed Cup race went off like clockwork. (Some of you may note the proximity of the race date with the Telltale deadline -- oops). This race drew a variety of keel boats, all very fast (Ted Scardamalia take note!), and a good time was had by all. But why were the boats with the motors in front? highlight was the trophy ceremony where handsome plaques (REALLY!) were awarded at random for dubious reasons, with plenty of cheers.

That's more than enough for now.

Your humble, Purple Sage Well, there must be a God after all, or miracles in any case. We all witnessed that in April. Rain fell and Lake Travis actually rose. It's almost full; glory be! Now all that we need are more sailors in B-fleet!

It seems somewhere around the time the lake began to dwindle away, so did (spinnaker) B-fleet boats. Since the water is back on the lake, could it be possible that the sailors would return for the thrills and chills of racing? It would be good to have a full fleet again; it would be good to see a multitude of B-fleet spinnakers hammering down the lake. Now, if this sounds like we're trying some friendly persuasion or trying to muster up some solid participation, you're damn right!

CLAUDE WELLES mustered up some solid participation, but in the Sunfish fleet at the Centerboard Regatta. And the unbeatable CLAUDE went home with a 2nd place trophy. Hope he's now ready to get back on a real boat again.

The weather is perfect; the water is there. Hey, what more could you ask for?

See you all out there ...

THE FLEET AT C

by Eddie Calogero

Here I go again, meeting a deadline -- just like old times (very old times when I was meeting a deadline every week for the AYC column in the old Hill Country News). I was talking to BILL RECORDS the other day, and these articles came to mind when he mentioned that he was gathering items of interest as he is the AYC Historian. PAT (my better half) had saved all of these articles that span 1973-74. Some of these columns are curiously interesting -- kind of like looking back into a window of history.

Jan. 4, 1974 -- There is much speculation as to how the gasoline situation is going to effect the racing participation this coming year. It has been mentioned that the AYC camp grounds will be used more frequently Saturday nights to allow for a one-way trip to town Sunday evening. (Remember when you couldn't buy gas on Sunday?)

May 18, 1973 -- John Bartlett took a very respectable fourth place trophy in the Texas State Sunfish Championship at Rush Creek Yacht Club in Dallas.

Norm Rylander judged the "O-Day" Saturday, May 12, starting nine races.

June 1, 1973 -- Turnback Canyon Regatta 1973 took place with near perfect weather conditions prevailing the entire weekend. Pete and Judy Reinhart did "yeoman duty" by doubling as Regatta Chairman and O.D. at the club. (O.D. meant Officer of the Day at that time.)



Oct. 17, 1973 -- The weather really had things fouled up at the AYC this weekend. At 10 o'clock Sunday, the first race of the Winter Series was cancelled because of rain, and several of the markers being submerged. The "point" was entirely under water, and only a few feet of the wind sock stanchion were still visible.

Dec. 21, 1973 -- Jane Anderson reports that the first race of the Sunfish-Starfish Frostbite Series will be Jan. 6. Louise Epstein has joned the fleet with her recent purchase of a Sunfish. (With all the recent election news, I hope you don't have to ask who Louise Epstein is!)

Well, enough of this "twilight zone," but you can see the interesting contrasts that exist then and now.

We have a frisky racing year upon us and C-fleet has done "its thing" as the Race Committee twice already. first time was for the Keel Handicap Fleet in the Frostbite. Pat and I were very ably assisted by RAY SHULL, GARY COOPER, TOMMY GAIRLOFF, BAY PETERSON, and JOHN & LOUISE VANCE. second duty was the Spring Series: when we were fortunate to have such help as BILL RECORDS, TOMMY GAIRLOFF, ANN TIPPETT, DOUG LAWS, JOHN DURFOR, LARRY HILL, BECKY WADDEL, and again JOHN & LOUISE VANCE. Both days the weather toyed around with us and kept the operation very interesting. We were not protested either time, so I guess

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they'll let us hang around a little longer. BULLETIN: We just got the news from MARY LYNN PAINTON that C-fleet won the Race Management trophy for duty during the Spring Series. We're the only fleet to have won this coveted award three times. What a fleet!!!

We need two C-fleet reps for each regatta, and C-fleet has one more session in October. It isn't as difficult as some think, so please volunteer to help. It is a way of "giving something back." Thanks, I know the phone will ring off the wall with volunteers!

DAVID WAHLBERG really had that Kiwi cranked up. He did a beautiful job in the Spring Series taking first overall.

Now we get to watch him practice sailing the new windsurfer he won at the Centerboard Regatta. I hear raffle tickets are being sold for that "show."

JOHN & LOUISE VANCE, in that darn Pearson, are getting even tougher. TRENTON & BARBARA WANN are always tough. The VANCE's took second and the WANN's third. Congrats to all of you.

See you on the starting line,

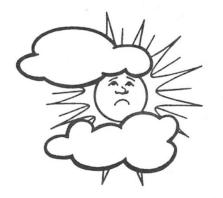
THE AGONY OF D-FLEET

by Hal Hayden

D-fleet had terrific participation for the Spring Series and, of course, several exciting races. In fact, it was close all the way to the last race. The FRELS had a first place in ALPHEUS and DOYLE JOHNSON'S TREX is consistently pushing the fleet hard too. Thanks for coming out ... it really makes for some great racing!

We were well represented in the Single-Handed Regatta by several fleet members. BOB PILLMORE took third place in the Spinnaker Division, and DOYLE JOHNSON walked away with a first place trophy in the Non-Spinnaker Division. Are these guys trying to tell us they really don't need crew members? It's a great idea, but who do you holler at? (I'm sorry ... I meant to say, who do you have those calm, tactical discussions with?)

We are fast approaching the big race of the year, as far as I am concerned ... TURNBACK CANYON! This is it folks; this is what sailboat racing is all about. This year I want you all to try and loosen up a little for Turnback weekend, OK? Our fleet is always sooooooo serious. Last one to the Bar-K makes the margaritas!



What would make me smile again? ... MORE volunteers for Race Committee duty when your Fleet Captain calls for help!!!

E and F FLEETS

by Tim Vicknair

Hey, I don't know about you guys and gals, but I am having a great time sailing in a non-spinnaker fleet. I no longer have to depend on so many people to rip up my spinnaker. Now, the gun goes off and I sail (usually with only one crew member). It's great!

For E-fleet in the Spring Series, it was VERN, VERN, VERN -- not Ernest P's Vern, but our own VERN HARRIS on DUCK LITE. With three bullets, a second and fourth, he took first place. DIETER ROY took a second with two bullets, a second, a fourth, and an eighth on his Buccaneer 295. Third went to JOE RYMAL, my dock neighbor, on DINK2, a Hunter 30.

For F-fleet JOE THIEL on ZOO, a Catalina 27TM, took first with two firsts, one second, and a DNF. I got second with two firsts, one second, and one DNC. Drats! He got me on the third tie breaker. Next time I'll tell the boss what for when he says I have to go to New York. VIC MANNING placed third with two seconds and three thirds. think this is VIC's first series on his Pearson 26. Good work, VIC. MIKE ALLEN, a new club member, got fourth on his Catalina 25.

Sailing looks like more fun than I expected for this year. At this time, I hear Lake Travis will rise to pool level, 681 feet. No more dodge the shoal. This is just in time for Turnback and the beginning of the Summer Series. This should keep our fleet participation strong.

J-24 FLEET

by Phil Spletter



The fleet has been very active since the last <u>Telltale</u> with the Spring Regatta, the Spring Series, two circuit stops, and two parties. So it looks like everyone thawed out and is rollin' into summer -- a good deal now that the lake is BACK!!

JANIS LIVINGSTON did a superb job chairing the Spring Regatta, a windy affair that five J-boats entered. WINDSHIFT took maximum advantage of the screaming reach/broaching conditions to take three bullets. DOUBLE TROUBLE, ex-BOX LUNCH, SHADOW-FAX, and SURFACE TENSION rounded out the fleet.

The Spring Series was, for the most part, colder and windier than the Frostbite Series. fact, one day was soooo cold that there was discussion about cancelling due to windchill. One race was cancelled due to potential bad weather so that left nine races. Nonetheless, the fleet, including the LIVING-STONS, the GARRISONS, DOUBLE TROUBLE, WINDSHIFT, SHADOWFAX, RUNNIN' ON EMPTY, ex-BOX LUNCH, GREG GARRETT, SUPERMAN, and NO GUTS, NO GLORY averaged six boats on the line. DOUBLE TROUBLE, with ex-BOX LUNCH close on her heels, took advantage of two circuit stops for top hon-The Spring Series also kicked off the fleet social season with burgers 'n brews for the crews.

The first two races of the metroplex Cup, a subset of the Texas Circuit comprised of the three DFW stops, have been sailed with 8-9 AYC boats making

J-24 FLEET (cont'd)

the trip. THUNDERSTAR, GRAND SLAM, mr. happy, PSYCHO, WIND-SHIFT, GREG GARRETT et al, SUPERMAN, and BON TEMPS represented AYC at Ft. Worth. Chandler's Landing Yacht Club, THUNDERSTAR overcame a 7th, 8th, and 14th to win the regatta. GRAND SLAM placed 8th despite a DNF. Completing the AYC contingent was mr. happy, the LIVING-STON's, PSYCHO, team GREG GAR-RETT, BON TEMPS, WINDSHIFT, and SUPERMAN. The fun continues Memorial Day weekend at the Rush Creek Yacht Club.

By the way, according to the May American Sailor , Paul Foerster is top gun in FD's on the U.S. Sailing team. And Doug Kern is on the top-rated Soling team as the Olympic campaigns are gearing up. Also, I saw former fleet member JIM DRAHEIM in Portland, OR, where he is a sailmaker and is doing very well in a variety of boats from Lasers to big dogs in the offshore scene. In case you haven't heard, his brother BILL just bought the Ullman loft in Dallas. So we are sure to see more of him and JENNIFER. BILL is also doing very well with his Olympic campaign in 470's.

The fleet also had a raft-up in Long Canyon and provided beer and margaritas. A number of boats (and classes) made the trip with some experiencing the trials of using a borrowed boat. Sometimes that gives you a sinking feeling. However, everyone survived day, some probably better than the next day, to get a good start on partying summer style!

Speaking of summer, the Summer Series begins on May 20 at 2:30 p.m. Please note that we have committee duty on June 24, so come on and help. Besides, it's the last race of the series so enjoy the buffet afterwards. Also, look for the fleet to have a Mexican Fiesta after the racing on June 3. More info will be in the mail soon.

Finally, all of this fun is cheap. But it's not free! If you haven't already done so, please pay your \$20.00 dues to ROY SMITH. It's a bargain at twice the price!!

See ya on the lake ...

Oh boy, oh boy!! Another great race day at AYC, and I'm helping with Race Committee -- my way of giving back to the Club.



ENSIGN NEWS

by Dan O'Donnell

Big news in the Ensign fleet!! HAROLD NEEL and regular crew MICHELLE GRAF, DAVID STARK, and TOM GROLL went to Houston in April to sail in the Ensign Spring Nationals. Also racing were BILL FAGET, 1989 Ensign national champion and DEAN SNIDER, two-time past national champion along with 16 other Ensign sailors. When the racing was over and all the beer was gone, HAROLD and crew walked away with the first place trophy! That's right -- all the marbles! They did it in handy fashion too, with four bullets out of five races. Way to go guys and gal!!!

Also at the Spring Nationals, FRANS and DEBORAH DAHMEN crewed for GENE ENGLISH. They sailed Gene's new Ensign with brand new sails to a first in the Warm-Up race. An over early in one race and a foul in another killed their overall standing, but they had an eighth place finish to highlight the regatta. FRANS says GENE and CECILE are both fine and are thinking about going to the Regionals in New Orleans this year.

Closer to home, TOMMY KOZLOWSKI made easy work of the Spring Series with bullets in all but two races. HAROLD NEEL took second, and GEORGE DAHMEN was third. KOZMO is hot this year, and HAROLD is too. But watch out for GEORGE. He can be first across the finish line on any given Sunday in any weather.

On the business side, everyone needs to remember to pay their 1990 Ensign Class Association dues. Dues are \$25 -- cheap at twice the price -- and the class needs everyone's support. Just send a check for \$25 made out to the Ensign Class Association to DAN O'DONNELL, 4300 Cliffwood Circle, Austin, 78759. I'll forward them all to the class association.

On the fun side, the Region 4 Championship Regatta will be held this year in New Orleans June 14-16. The practice race will start at 10:30 on June 14, and the first race of the regatta will start at 2:30 that afternoon. There will be two back-to-back races on June 15 and 16 with the first gun at 10:30 a.m. both days. As usual, there is a party scheduled for each of the three regatta nights. I will have further information when Fleet 18 sends

Turnback, Summer Series, and Governor's Cup are all coming up.

See you on the water ...

Wait! Wait! Here's my dues.



UNDER THE

by Chuck Mott

The South Coast 21 Fleet recently added a new member. CHARLES POPE, who already belongs to the yacht club and has crewed with the fleet, purchased South Coast #436 from BOB FREEMAN. BOB recently purchased GREG GAR-RETT's South Coast. Welcome to the fleet, CHARLES. We look forward to seeing you on the lake.

In the Spring Series, DUANE DOBSON took first, with PAT FEAGIN taking second place and LINDA McDAVITT third. RAY SHULL and DANNY LIEN sailed with other fleet members during the series who much appreciated the sailing knowledge these fine sailors shared. We had very good participation in the Spring Series with about a six boat average for the races. Let's keep it up.

The South Coast Class Championship is coming up June 8-10. This race is replacing the South Coast Nationals which had been alternating between Austin and Louisiana. You should have received a mail-out on this event. A full weekend of activity is planned including five races, meals, and the annual South Coast business meeting. Registration is \$35 and should be sent to RAY SHULL by May 30. Contact PAT FEAGIN or RAY SHULL for further information. We hope to see everybody out at the lake participating in this regatta.

CATALINA 22

by Joe Roddy

Even though the lake level has been down, the winds were up for the start of the AYC Spring Series races. Ten C-22's raced off and on with the final results showing BOB "Bullet" MATHISON 1st, WALTER "What Orange Pin?" ALLAN 2nd, and JOE "I Should've Gone to the Racing Clinic!" RODDY finishing 3rd.

The AYC racing clinics with JOHN BARTLETT have been proven a success for those who attended. BOB had a 5th the first race, went to the clinic, and finished with bullets for the rest of the series. Congrats!!

Hope everyone is planning on racing this year's Turnback Canyon Regatta May 26-27. The Dallas Grapevine Club is bringing the usual trophy totin' clan down, so we have to try and keep some of the silver here this year. It's, at the very least, our turn!

The Dallas Club has proposed the idea of a state spinnaker regatta. It seems their spinnaker boats have been racing more in the genoa fleet at the state and national level in order to compete in a larger fleet. The thought would be that a spinnaker regatta could prove equally as competitive. Would there be any interest in having this regatta in our area? Might be a chance to see how we compare on a regional basis. What do you say?

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CATALINA 22 (cont'd)

by Fred Schroth

LASER

The Summer Series starts May 20, and our first C-22 committee duty is on June 3. Many of you have expressed your sincere (well ... maybe ...), enthusiastic (I'll let you know ...), wholehearted (I have to dry my hair ...) support for our race committee duty. Seize the day!! Your chance is here!! Call now and save C.O.D. charges. Operators are on duty to take your pledge for help. Call me at 443-6659. That number again, 443-6659 -- and, yes, we are still looking for a principal race officer for this race. (I'm glad I didn't stoop to stupid, cheap, arm-twisting antics.)

Thanks to CHARLES JACKSON and BILL WORD for helping with race committee for the Centerboard Regatta May 5-6.

With the recent increase in the water level, it's time to float out for the summer's best racing.

See you there!!



It's summer time, and FRED smiles a lot on Wednesday. year the Race Committee has been assigned by mail for the whole season. HANK is calling the Laser rep of the week to gently remind on Monday. JACK BREMER is doing all the scoring. we have to do is get the rest of the fleet out so FRED is making lots of phone calls. It breaks our hearts to watch your boats just sit. We will call a few times and then move your boats somewhere where we don't have to look at them.

NEWS

HANK, AL, FRED, and SCOTT are sailing in the O'Day's. SCOTT CHENEY is also sailing in the High School Nationals and ... it's publication time. Gotta go.



... Hit a tree with this ball? What kind of golf do you play anyway?

C-15, FLEET 34

by Sallie Buchner

The C-15 fleet started off the season with a bang at the Centerboard Regatta. The winds were ranging from gusting and flukey on Saturday to light and shifty on Sunday. It was challenging to say the least.

We had a good turnout with nine boats participating. BILL BRYDSON and SALLIE BUCHNER got the Terminator Award for their great comeback, finishing back in the pack on Saturday and ending with a 1st place in the last race on Sunday. KEITH LACKEY and LOUIS ROGERS had a great time mixing everyone up and getting in everyone's way on the race course. Everyone had the thrill of leading at sometime or other during race six, due to the shiftiness of the winds. The hunt for Red Rover, STEVE CAUFFMAN, was continuous; he was all over the lake. FOSTER got a sunburned tongue for all the yelling he did on the race course. The final standings were: (1) the FOSTERS, (2) BILL SMITH/JAMES MUNROE, (3) JOHN MANDELL/ROY SMITH, (4) the MUSSELMANS, (5) STEVE CAUFFMAN/STEP-BROTHER EDWARD, (6) BILL BRYDSON/SALLIE BUCHNER, (7) KEITH LACKEY/LOUIS ROGERS, (8) the LIVINGSTONS, (9) the BINGAMANS.

We had a great time practicing the week before. JOHN MANDELL and ROY SMITH, while practicing their Starts, spent a lot of time over early. Thanks go out to BOB & CLAUDIA MUSSELMAN for organizing the practice race day. (Thanks, guys!)

At our next meeting, Thursday, May 10, at the Sailboat Shop, we will be primarily geared toward planning for the upcoming Districts Regatta on June 2-3. We expect a lot of out of town boats to join us for this Regatta. So it's a "don't miss."

Hope to see you there.



What do you mean you want to order more office supplies?

CAPRI 14.2

by Anne Ellzey

The Capri 14.2's showed up in force at the Centerboard Regatta. Winds were consistently variable. Seven boats were on the line. Talk about percentage participation -- this represents all but one of the AYC members who have a C-14.2. JOHN WELCH took first place after a tiebreaker with MARK BRADFORD who got a 2nd, and STEVE SHEPARDSON took 3rd.

Capri 14.2 Fleet #6 hauled their boats to Lake Georgetown for a daysail and hamburger fry on April 29. We enjoyed some good sailing on a pretty lake. The new members came early (i.e., at scheduled time) and were able to capsize twice before the rest of the fleet showed up. JOHN WELCH and STEVE SHEPARDSON raced up the San Gabriel River until it was too narrow to tack. The fishermen were surprised, and the alligator they used as a mark didn't know what was going on.

Capri 14.2 Nationals? Yes, they'll be here September 29-30. The Californians are coming here to see how Lake Travis compares to Mission Bay. Too bad they didn't come for the Centerboard Regatta -- a true test of the cosmic tomato.



SUNFISH! SUNFISH!

by the "Silver-Tongued Lizard"

"Hey all ye Sunfish Enthusiasts," the Wednesday Night Sunfish/Laser Series is in full swing. Come out, bring that Sunfish, and have fun. First signal is at 6 p.m. Discussions to follow and BBQ if you bring your own food. series started May 2 and runs thru Sept. 26. The first week we saw 12 Sunfish and 4 Lasers show up. The water is getting warmer, so come on out and play. If racing is not your "kettle of fish," then cruise with the fleet on Friday nights at 6:30 p.m. starting in June.

Have you noticed, there are seven, count them, 7 new Sunfish at the club. Oh, those lucky devils. "Look out, CLAUDE!" For those interested in having a new Sunfish, we only need four more to close the deal. Let your fleet captain know.

The 4th Annual Centerboard
Regatta had 19 Sunfish signed
up. Nice turnout gang. It was
good to see Dr. Baker from San
Antonio and GARY COOPER's
friends from Kansas. We also
had three junior sailors in the
fleet. And it was great to see
JIM DEETER back on the water
even if equipment failure forced
him to withdraw after the first
race.

Hey gals, get ready for the Powder Pull Race. If you're a fleet member, get your boat ready for a special treat. More details to come.

To join our fleet or get on our mailing list, call 288-1081.
SUNFISH! SUNFISH!

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