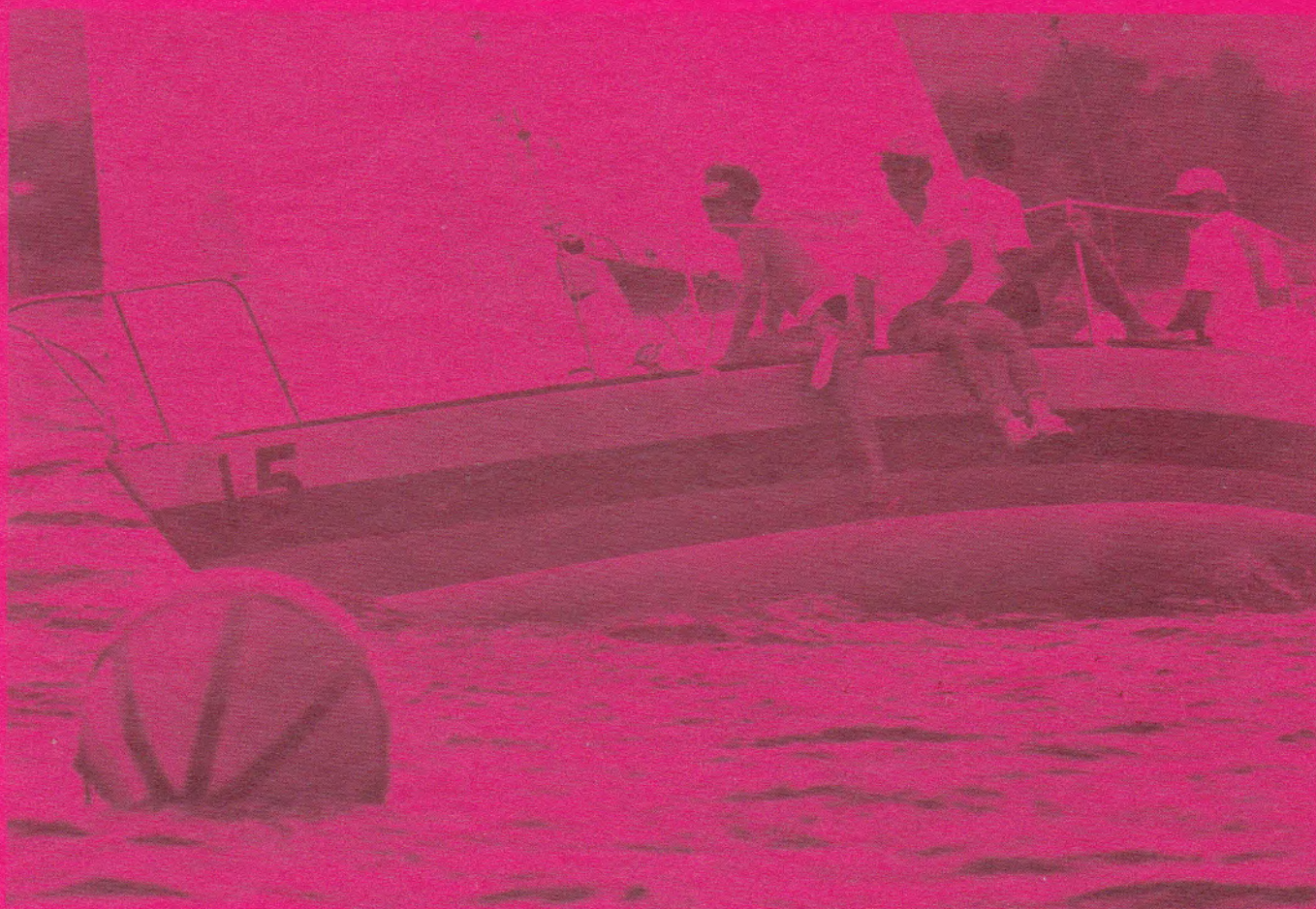


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From the Commodore ...

This is my last Telltale article for a while. I started to say ever, but as I am about to complete my second year of a one year term as your Commodore, you all know by now I have a hard time saying no! This has been a fun and productive year and I'd like to thank you for this opportunity to serve the Austin Yacht Club. There are a lot of people who have put in many hours to make 1991 a great year and AYC the best sailing club in Texas. You each have my deep appreciation for all your hard work. Thanks!

I am sorry if you were confused by your last AYC bill. I intended to include a letter explaining the changes, but I went out of town on business and before I knew it the bills were already in the mail. That's what happens with a brand new energetic office staff and a two year old Commodore! However, effective October 1, 1991, nonprofit country clubs and other clubs that are classified by the IRS as 501(c)(7) organizations must collect tax on their dues, initiation fees and other fees charged to members for special privileges and on other amusement services. Roy Smith spend many hours on the phone talking with the comptroller's office and the tax assessor-collector's office trying to understand the new law. What it means is that, thanks to the Texas Legislature, we now have to pay **State Sales and Use Tax** on dues, slip (dry or wet) rentals, and initiation fees. Our tax rate is **6.25 percent**. The reoccurring line on your monthly statement, that use to read "Dues" or "Dues and Docks," now reads "Dues and Tax" or "Dues, Docks, and Tax" and the amount charged includes the 6.25% tax. We did not receive all the information in time to change the billing program and collect the taxes with the October statement. So there was a one time "October 1991 Taxes" charge on the November statement. If you have any questions let me know, if you have any comments send them to your State Legislators.

The United States Yacht Racing Union (USYRU), our national governing body for the sport of sailing, has changed its name to the **United States Sailing Association**. They will operate as **US SAILING**. The central focus of activity will remain the administration and encouragement of sailboat racing in all of its forms, including rule administration; due process appeals; certification of judges; recognition of race officers; administration of offshore handicap systems; provision of a diverse system of national championships; assistance to one-design and cruising classes; selecting, training, and fielding of international teams (including the Olympic and Pan American teams); and comprehensive insurance programs to protect the volunteers who make all of this possible nation-wide. The new name, however, more adequately describes the broader activity of the organization, which now provides a national training system to teach sailing, windsurfing, and offshore safety to the general public, and support for public access learn-to-sail programs. The administration of US SAILING hopes that the name change will clarify their intention to fulfill every aspect of the responsibilities of a national governing body under the auspices of the Amateur Sports Act, for every sailor in the United States.

Back on the home front

AYC received a plaque, Rolex/US Junior Sailing Team burgee, and reprint of the current American Sailor article in honor of Becky Cheney being named to the team. Teresa made a great looking display in the clubhouse and over the next year we will proudly fly the burgee. Be sure to read the article in the current American Sailor and give Becky your congratulations.

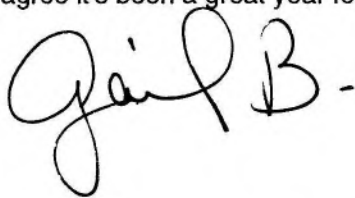
We have some new AYC souvenirs for sale. The current shipment includes: grey polo type shirts with our burgee, royal blue polo type shirts with our logo, blue and white long sleeve polo type shirts with our logo, and AYC code flag belts. We will keep a small amount of AYC souvenirs in stock, but it won't take long to reorder when the inventory gets low. Since I personally worked on this project, the colors and styles are my choosing. But let us know what you like and don't like, we can order other colors next time.

Our annual banquet, December 7, is a time for reflecting on where we have been, and where we are going, and to recognize our many AYC volunteers. It is also a time to just plain have fun. So dust off your blue blazers and bring out your party dresses. Teri and Ronny are planning a Southwestern Gala Affair for this special occasion.

Rumor has it that Santa will be coming to AYC in a bigger and brighter sleigh than ever before! If you have little ones, or even not so little, bring them to the Children's Christmas Party on December 14. Kids of all ages are invited!

As usual, the Keel Fleet will be sponsoring the Wild Turkey (December 1), Red Eye Warm-Up (December 15) and Red Eye (January 1) Regattas. They are all one race regattas and a great diversion from football bowl games. So fill out a PHRF Rating Form and join the fun.

It's been a great year for me personally and I hope you agree it's been a great year for the club. I thank you for the opportunity to be your commodore.



FROM THE EDITOR . . .

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FROM YOUR SOCIAL CHAIRPERSON . . .

Martie Shirey

Well, 1991 is almost over and this is the last Telltale of the year, so I thought I would take this opportunity to present my choices on the most outstanding social events of the year.

To JAN THOMPSON and CANDICE CLARK for the most tradition event of the year -- the Opening Day Ceremonies.

To CHARLENE ALLAN and PATTIE MEYERS for the best family event of the year -- the Family Day.

To CLAUDIA FOSTER and CLAUDIA MUSSELMAN for the best children's activity of the year -- the Children's Christmas Party.

To TERI NELMS-SMITH and RONNY SMITH for the most southwestern event of the year -- the Annual Banquet.

It was a really hard decision to make on the Series Buffets, but here are my choices:

To SALLIE BUCHNER and HOPE LOCKRIDGE for the most Mexican series buffet with tamales, etc., for the Spring Series.

To SUSAN ADAIR and PAUL and WENDY HUNN for the most typically Texas with barbecue for the Summer Series.

To MIKE EITELMAN and MARTHA MILLER for the most southern buffet with fried chicken for the Evening Series.

To CANDY and STEVE SPADEMAN for the most Italian with lasagna for the Fall Series.

To CAROL THIEL for the most inexpensive buffet with chili for the Winter Series.

And finally, under other events, the most fun missed by most people was the White Flag Fridays.

Seriously, I want to thank all these people for doing a great job this year. Without volunteers like these, AYC would not be the special, unique place that it is. I also want to thank everyone who attended the events. Without you there would be no events at all!!

But the year isn't over yet. CAROL THIEL has a great chili dinner with all the trimmings planned for the Winter Series Buffet, Nov. 24. TERI NELMS-SMITH and RONNY SMITH have been working hard with this year's Annual Banquet, Dec. 7. So be sure to call the AYC office and make your reservations early. And CLAUDIA FOSTER and CLAUDIA MUSSELMAN always have some great ideas for the kids at the Children's Christmas Party, Dec. 14. We'll look for you there . . .

FROM THE RACE COMMANDER . . .

Ray Shull

Now that my term as Race Commander is nearly over, I first want to take this chance to sincerely thank everyone that helped pull off what I think was a very successful racing season at AYC (even though I know it's not over yet). First, I had a tremendous Permanent Race Committee that really did most of the work. ANN BAYLOR, JACK BREMER, MIKE CHAMBERS, BOB FREEMAN, BILL HAWK, KIRK LIVINGSTON, PAT MANNING, and JIM SMITH all did a super job of taking prime responsibility for the various AYC racing events and should be thanked by all AYC racers for their efforts. Additionally, MARY LYNN PAINTON helped immeasurably in my duties by providing insight from her year in-the-barrel and by all the very organized information she assembled for me. Also TOM ROMBERG, JOE THIEL, and HOWARD SHIREY especially helped in the improvements to the scoring system for racing events. And WARREN CREWS and JOE RYMAL devoted a large amount of time in implementing this scoring system in the later regattas and series races of the year. And finally thanks to everyone else that helped in organizing, running, and scoring all the many events that AYC conducts. The great thing about AYC is that just about everyone who sails can also say that they also helped conduct racing activities during the course of the year.

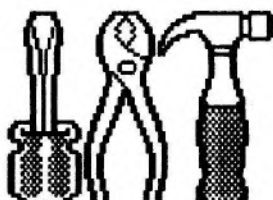
I would also like to take this time to remind everyone that next year we'll need some new faces on both the Permanent Race Committee and the Scoring Committee. I would like to encourage everyone to consider volunteering for these important functions. We will especially be looking for individuals to serve on the AYC Scoring Committee. We are looking for people who may not be able to race but are interested in racing and are willing to score the races during series events and regattas. Please contact the new Race Commander if this appeals to you.

Finally, don't forget that there is still plenty of racing this winter. So don't hang up your sailing gloves just because it's not swimsuit weather.

See you on the water.

FROM THE BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMANDER ...

Howard Shirey



The Buildings & Grounds agenda was quite full this year and unfortunately we didn't get everything done. Let me take a minute to list the things we did accomplish:

ELECTRICITY TO RC DOCK -- We ran an electric cable to the Race Committee primarily for a battery charger. Now the boat batteries can be charged on the boats and will not have to be carried to and from the clubhouse.

EXPANDED DRY SAIL STORAGE -- We created a lower cost boat storage area behind the dry sail area for boats that were not being used very much. This brought in additional income for the club and freed up some dry sail spaces.

REPAIR ROAD TO MOBILE HOME AND BARN -- The road to Brad's mobile home and the barn was in pretty bad shape. We added some road base and diverted some of the rain run off into the grassy areas.

REFINISHED CLUBHOUSE CHAIRS -- The wooden chairs in the clubhouse were looking pretty tattered. We glued and fixed as many as we could, stripped the old varnish off and put two coats of sealer on them. We will try to get another coat on before next year.

BARBECUE GRILLS -- We "planted" five new barbecue grills on the grounds.

EMPLOYEE STORAGE BUILDINGS -- We built two storage buildings for our grounds keepers. As you all know, you never have enough storage space around the house and these guys had very little to begin with.

RENOVATED CABINS #2 AND #3 -- We did some minor work on cabin #2 to keep it from deteriorating any further and to make it more useful for the Junior Sailing Program. Work on cabin #3 was a little more extensive. CLAUDIA FOSTER and BONNIE LACKEY did their magic on the inside and TOMMY KOZLOWSKI did his stuff on the exterior to make this cabin as pleasant as the others. Those of you that have stayed in cabin #3 before but haven't stayed there recently should take a look at it now.

PATIO LIGHTS -- As I write this article TOMMY hasn't finished yet, but I think he is just waiting on the fixtures to light up the patio and dance area. The light above the official bulletin board is in and working just fine.

REPLACED ROLL-AWAY BEDS -- We replaced all of the roll-away beds in the cabins this year. The old ones were really worn.

HEAT PUMP FOR CABIN #1 -- The air conditioner in Gary's cabin finally gave up the ghost late this summer. When we replaced it we decided to replace it with a heat pump to provide a little more heat this winter. We got it in just before the first cold front, and I think he was pleased to have it.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS (cont'd)



We still have two major projects I am hopeful we will finish this year:

ROCK RETAINING WALL -- This project is a stone retaining wall that will follow the unofficial foot path to the rigging dock and race committee dock starting just past the swimming pool. This area has a few small oak trees on it that have exposed roots. The idea here is to backfill this area with top soil and plant low maintenance ground cover.

WORK AREA RENOVATION -- We are going to expand and improve the work area. It's hard to describe in this article, so I am not going to try. But I will say we're going to add another concrete pad and plant tall growing hedges for a wind break. If you want to know more give me a call.

All in all it has been a great year. Buildings & Grounds has had a lot of success this year thanks to the dedicated individuals who served on the committee. These folks have given their time and effort to help make your clubhouse and grounds a more pleasant place to be. The next time you see one of them around the club take a moment to say thanks. They took the job because they care. Lord knows it wasn't for the salary! Just in case you have forgotten or your Directory isn't handy, these hard-working folks are:

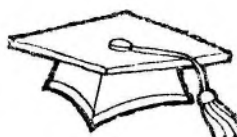
JIM CASTO, BRUCE FOSTER, TOMMY KOZLOWSKI, DANNY LIEN,
NELSON MIKESKA, MARY MARCIA MOTT, DELLA PEARSON,
JOHN SAUNDERS, PHIL SPLETTER

The staff has been great this year. BRAD and GARY, our grounds keepers, have done an outstanding job keeping things trimmed and looking good. It takes a lot of work to keep the grounds looking this good especially with the amount of rain we had this year. These guys never complain and they do most of the dirty work around the club. No matter how big the mess, how rowdy the party or how fierce the storm on Saturday, the clubhouse and patio are always clean and shiny by race time Sunday. Thanks guys, you're a definite asset to the club. JOHNNY and TERESA are our newest staff members and have already been helpful. We don't break them in easy here at AYC!!

While I am on the subject of thank you's, there are a few members that have really given a lot to Buildings & Grounds this year:

CLAUDIA FOSTER and BONNIE LACKEY -- Cabin #3 decorating. DAVE GAGE -- Advice and consultation. DAVID PRICE, DAVID BALFOUR, and PETE REINHART -- Work area. TOM GROLL -- Landscape and erosion control. JANIS and KIRK LIVINGSTON -- Kitchen supplies for the cabins. FRANS DAHMEN -- Employee storage buildings and clubhouse carpentry. And ALL WORK DAY VOLUNTEERS -- Refinishing chairs, trailer parking clean-up, dry sail and space numbering.

I have enjoyed being your Building & Grounds Commander this year so much that I've agreed to do it again next year. It's really nice to have so many people who care about our club and grounds. Thanks to you, AYC is the best bargain in Austin because you make it that way.



Commodore GAIL BERNSTEIN has been named a Senior Judge for the U.S. Sailing Association.

REBECCA CHENEY was named to the 1991 USYRU/Rolux Junior Sailing Team. BECKY competed in the Leiter Cup competition with 41 Laser Radials at the Sausalito Yacht Club in California and was the honored recipient of the Sportsmanship Award. Determined to do better than last year, BECKY's practice, practice, and more practice this year moved her up to the middle of the fleet.

R.B. Klug's photo appeared in the Skyliner publication as one of this year's participants in the Leadership Austin Class of 1991-92.

JANE FREDERICK's photo in the Austin American-Statesman brought this news to our attention. JANE volunteers her time for the Executive Women International (EWI) organization, just one group making a difference in Austin. The Austin chapter of EWI awards three scholarships to local high school business students and then helps them move on to regional and national finals where they are eligible for even larger scholarships.

When a national sailing magazine like Sailing (October 1991 issue) wants to make special note of C-15 rock stars, they know who to go to. Our own BRUCE and CLAUDIA FOSTER were referred to as a "successful husband and wife team" in a C-15. Now, we knew that! But what we didn't know is that BRUCE releases the jib, not main, in gusts. Even national sailing magazine's can misquote, huh Bruce?

CONGRATULATIONS to STEVE BROWN and LESA ROSS who tied the knot during a Colorado vacation. We guess he *did* decide it was cheaper to marry her than pay for another yacht club membership!

Former long-time AYC members BILL and STEPHANIE DRUMMOND just came back from Virgin Gorda in the BVI's where they ran into *guess who?* DOUG KERN, who was there being a casual Rock Star in the traditional Fast Tack Race Week. The match racing was done in Freedom 30's. DOUG crewed for ED BAIRD who had five bad starts and still won! And we KNOW it was DOUG's expertise that guided Ed to the finish first. Bill Drummond crewed for JIM BRADY and KEVIN MAHANEY and loved every minute of it and learned a lot. Both the Drummond's said that all the young sailors there -- like DOUG and Jim and Kevin -- were just the nicest folks.

In the November 1991 issue of Better Homes and Gardens, magazine CARLOTA DWYER is recognized as one of the ten best teachers in the nation. According to an education expert quoted in the magazine, "Great teachers empathize with kids, respect them, and believe that each one has something special that can be built upon." After 30 years in the profession Carlota said, "I don't teach English because I love *Macbeth*. I teach because I want *these kids* to love *Macbeth*." Carlota teaches the honors English class at Clark High School in San Antonio. And she's also a member of the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards.

THE AUSTIN YACHT CLUB
ANNUAL BANQUET
A Southwestern Christmas

1991 Austin Yacht Club
Annual Banquet

Saturday, December 7, 1991
\$25/person

(price includes southwestern
buffet dinner, 2 drink
tickets, and wine with
dinner, cash bar thereafter)

Guest Quarters Hotel
303 West 15th

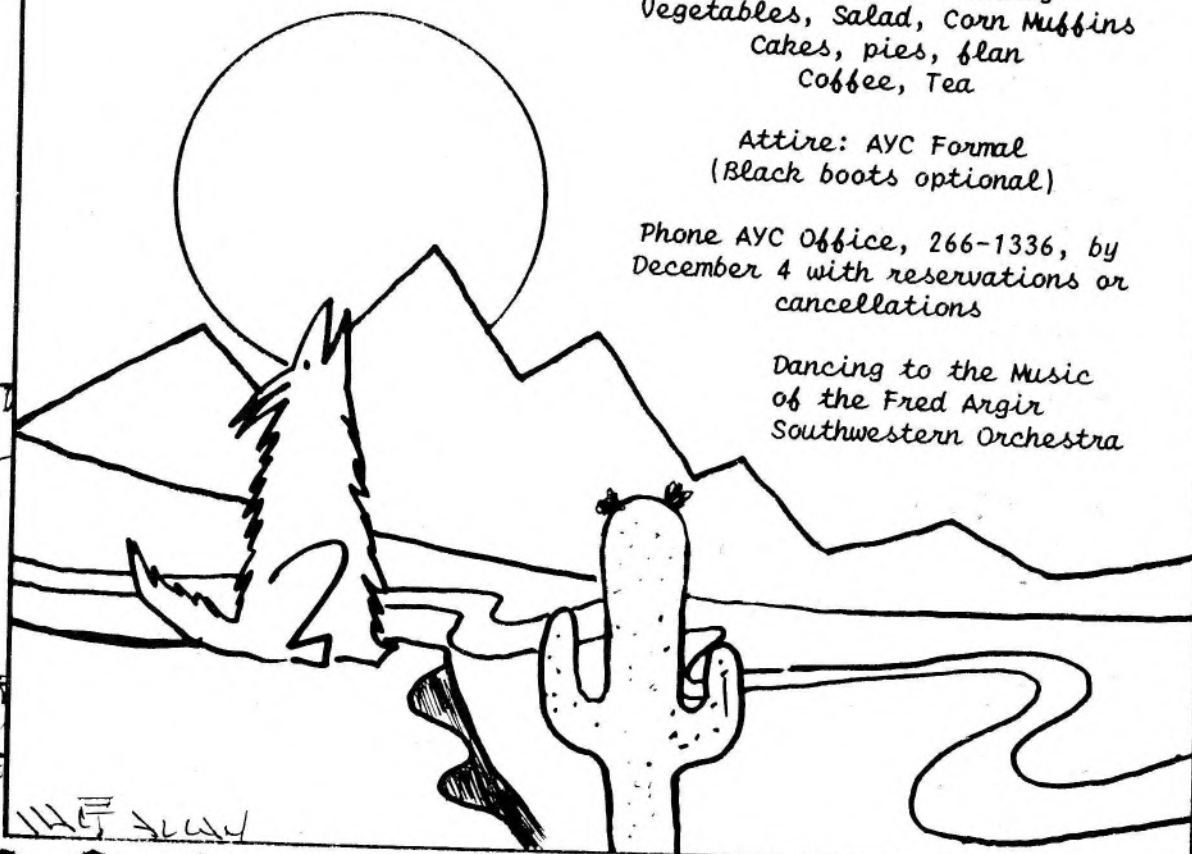
Cocktails & Reception, 6-7:00 p.m.
Dinner & Awards Presentation, 7-9:30

Southwestern Buffet includes:
Marinated Laredo Broil Beef
Boneless Grilled Chicken Breast
with Jalapeno Chutney
Vegetables, Salad, Corn Muffins
Cakes, pies, flan
Coffee, Tea

Attire: AYC Formal
(Black boots optional)

Phone AYC Office, 266-1336, by
December 4 with reservations or
cancellations

Dancing to the Music
of the Fred Argir
Southwestern Orchestra





Twas the Night Before Sugar Bowl

UT Sailing Team

Ravi Subramanian & Jay Allen

*Twas the night before Sugar Bowl
and all through the team,
Not a sailor was stirring
not even Sabrina.....a.*

*The sailors were nestled
all snug in their beds,
While visions of championships
danced through their heads.*

*When out on the lawn
there arose such a fuss,
I popped a new beer
to check out the bust.*

*The moon on the bow
of the old rotten Thistle
Sent chills through my bones
and made my hair bristle.*

*With a heavy old skipper
clearly well fed,
I knew in a moment
'twas none other than Fred.*

*"Now Stephen! Now Darcy!
Now Courtney and Amy!
On Joseph! On Camper!
On Heather and Kimmy!*

*So we packed for New Orleans
and though it's not far,
This team's travelled more
than a cheap rental car.*

*We arrived at the lake
with no time to spare,
Our thoughts were the same –
"Oh damn, it's light air."*

*The Aigles were hung
by the chimney with care,
In hopes that the stench
soon wouldn't be there.*

*And Sung in his doo-rag
and I in my cap,
Had just finished off
our past-due school crap.*

*Away to the window
I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters
and threw up the sash.*

*When what to my wondering
eyes should appear,
But a green and white van
piled high with old gear,*

*The words that he spoke
were clear and defined,
But the thoughts they conveyed
came from a warped mind.*

*To the front of the line,
to the top of the fleet!
Now sail away! Sail away!
And don't you get beat!"*

*The drive was made short
with spitballs and beer,
Except for the driver
stuck having to steer.*

*The forms were filled out
and old friendships renewed,
But truly adrenaline
Had tailored the mood.*

Then out to the course
as sailors we flew,
With bailers and duct tape
being stowed by the crew.

The races got started,
ourselves soon there after,
The competition was fierce,
but so was the laughter.

And when the waves cleared
Tripp said with a gleam,
"Alone in first place,
that fast Texas team."

But I shall exclaim
as I soon graduate,
Compared to the real world
college is great!

For we knew all too well
that Ponchartrain chop,
And the thick mud that sticks
on-to your mast top.

Round windward! Round jibe mark!
Round leeward and finish!
We sailed all the races
with nary a blemish.

So we stowed all the boats
thanked our friends with a sigh,
'Twas the last race of fall
so all said "Good-bye."

So the team sends its thanks
in a heartfelt decreee,
We're unspeakably grateful
for our AYC.

Well, it's been a great couple of years, but my dear alma mater is handing me a degree and sending my happy butt out the door. I suppose it's time; six and half years of college and parents start getting worried. It's still hard leaving my friends here at school and those out at the lake. You all have been great.

But as I depart I can relax, knowing that the team will continue on in the capable hands of our new captain, Jay Allen, and our continuing president Stephen Burke. Kim Young will fill my position as AYC Rep, Kathryn Hammond is our new UT Rep, and Joe Sircely will handle our funds. Sungwhan Oh will maintain our old boats and Darcy Brooks will recruit new members and Captain our women's team. It's been great working, travelling, and sailing with all of them. Once again, thanks for having me around and, I suppose, bearing with us at times.

Ravi Subramanian



Soon-to-be-ex-captain
UT Sailing Team

P.S. I'm still trying to stay in Austin, so I'm not quite gone yet.



AUSTIN YACHT CLUB

1991 FAMILY DAY

by Charlene Allan and Pattie Meyers

There were approximately 125 people who attended Family Day this year, and we all had a great time! Folks with healthy appetites consumed lots of hot dogs, hamburgers, and ice cream sundaes. Thanks go to FLORA McCLUNG who donated all our M&M's for toppings for the sundaes. They were appreciated by the kids AND adults.

We played lots of games and everyone received a ribbon for winning or losing. We raced on teams for a balloon bottom pop and then got partners on teams for the balloon tummy pop. Our balloon toss was won by a brother and sister team LAUREN and ALEX MEYERS. LAUREN and her cousin Tiffany were nice enough to sell our old regatta T-shirts and souvenirs and sold \$180.00 worth. Thanks, girls.

CLAUDIA MUSSELMAN was in charge of our bucket brigade and brought her holey buckets for a fun and rather damp game.

CLAUDIA FOSTER was again in charge of our fishing contest. Our fishing winners for catching the first fish was a tie. The winners were EMILY MUSSELMAN and ADAM RAUSEHUBER. The most fish caught was won by RYAN HARDEN and the biggest fish trophy went to TIM MEYERS.

We had lots of great swimmers and the races were all very close. The winners in the "3 year old" category were 1) Emily Smith and 2) Evan Balfour. In the "4 & 5 year old" category were 1) Jessica Hawkins, tied, 1) Dana Mathison, tied, and 2) Christopher Mayer. Audrey Willman got a 1st in the "6 & 7 year old" category with Rachel Haggerty placing 2nd. In the "8 & 9 year old" category were 1) Phillip Stearns and 2) Lauren Foster. Omar Percy got a 1st in the 10 & 11 year old" category with Beth Rausehuber placing 2nd.

An extremely large thank you to all the Mom's and Dad's, cooks, servers, game folks and to JANIS LIVINGSTON for cleaning up afterwards. Thanks to everyone and don't miss it next year. It's really a great day for lots of good wholesome family fun.

1991 FALL SERIES RESULTS

C-15

- 1) Keith Lackey
- 2) Steve Cauffman
- 3) Bob Musselman

Centerboard Handicap

- 1) Tom Gunderson, M-20
- 2) Vic Manning, Sunfish
- 3) Tim Arnold, E-Scow
- 4) Kirk Ulbricht, E-Scow

J-22 (5 boat avg.)

- 1) Claudia Foster
- 2) John Saunders
- 3) Max Rockoff

J-24 (12 boat avg.)

- 1) Bobby Harden
- 2) John Schmidt
- 3) Tucker Garrison
- 4) Eric Nelson
- 5) Fred Schroth

SC-21 (8 boat avg.)

- 1) Ray Shull
- 2) Pat Feagin
- 3) Linda McDavitt
- 4) Duane Dobson

Ensign (6 boat avg.)

- 1) Tommy Kozlowski
- 2) Frans Dahmen
- 3) Tom Groll

Catalina 22 (6 boat avg.)

- 1) Walter Allan
- 2) Calin Popescu
- 3) David Moore

PHRF A (7 boat avg.)

- 1) Steve Vaughan, Soverel 33
- 2) Dennis Awbrey, Hobie 33
- 3) Gail Bernstein, J-29

PHRF B (7 boat avg.)

- 1) Tom Lott, Lindenberg 26
- 2) Steve Bangs, Merit 25
- 3) Mike Chambers, Olson 25

PHRF C (5 boat avg.)

- 1) Dave Wahlberg, Kiwi 24
- 2) Trenton Wann, SJ 7.7
- 3) Eddie Calogero, SJ 7.7

PHRF D (5 boat avg.)

- 1) Paul Frels, SJ 24
- 2) Bob Pillmore, Ranger 22
- 3) Perry Weller, S2 7.3

PHRF E (7 boat avg.)

- 1) Bob Goldsmith, Fun 23
- 2) Larry Gensch, Hunter 34
- 3) Dieter Roy, Buccaneer 295

PHRF F (6 boat avg.)

- 1) Tommy Gairloff, Harmony 22
- 2) Ted Scardamalia, Columbia 8.7
- 3) Tom Romberg, Hunter 30

BOOZE & BOATS DON'T MIX

More than 50 percent of the boating accidents
that result in death can be traced
to alcohol impairment.

National Safe Boating Council





CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS
PARTY

Sat., Dec. 14

11 - 2:00 p.m.

LUNCH PROVIDED

Photos with Santa



Bring an ornament for the tree

AYC TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT

by Fred Schroth

Vicki demanded an article about the races, so here goes. BILL LEVENS, BILL MITCHELL, and I sailed out of the harbor in an Ensign and struggled through the first race somewhere in the middle of the fleet. We traded boats and got a lousy start in the second race. We tacked and I fell on the bottom of the boat. Bill Levens yelled, "Get up! Get up!" Bill Mitchell's foot was heading straight at the side of my head and the next thing I knew we were all up on the clubhouse porch and folks were telling us that we sailed real well.

We all extend a very special thanks to the seven Ensign owners who let us use their boats for the championship series and the folks who ran the races.

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS:

WOMEN'S -- Karen VanHooser and Janis Livingston

MEN'S -- Fred Schroth, Bill Mitchell, Bill Levens

1992 US Sailing Association Calendar of Events

CHAMPIONSHIP	TROPHY	DATE/LOCATION/BOAT
U.S. Women's Sailing Championship	Adams Cup	September 17-21, 1992 Bayhead Yacht Club, NJ Lightning
U.S. Men's Sailing Championship	Mallory Cup	August 26-30, 1992 San Francisco Yacht Club, CA Etchells
U.S. Singlehanded Sailing Championship	O'Day Trophy	August 5-9, 1992 Bay-Waveland Yacht Club, MS Boat TBA
U.S. Match Racing Championship	POW	September 27 - October 2, 1992 Southern Yacht Club, LA Boat TBA
U.S. Team Racing Championship	Hinman Trophy	early September 1992 Encinol Yacht Club, CA Boat TBA
U.S. Multihull Racing Championship	Alter	Date, Location and Boat TBA
U.S. Junior Sailing Championships	Sears/Bemis/ Smythe	August 15-21, 1992 Ida Lewis Yacht Club, RI J22, Laser II, Laser

1991 FALL REGATTA RACE RESULTS

PHRF A

- 1) Terry Meyers, J-29
- 2) Steve Spademan, Olson 30

PHRF B

- 1) Dave Gage, J-22
- 2) Steve Brown, J-22

PHRF C

- 1) Eddie Calogero, SJ 7.7
- 2) Bruce Northup, Catalina 30

PHRF D

- 1) John Vance, Pearson 26
- 2) Dave Wahlberg, Kiwi 24

PHRF E

- 1) Marilyn Boemer, Catalina 22
- 2) Tommy Kozlowski, Ensign

PHRF F

- 1) G. Bilawsky, Fun 23
- 2) Steve Bangs, Merit 25

PHRF G

- 1) Grant Wolfe, Holder 20
- 2) Ray Shull, SJ 7.7

PHRF H

- 1) Ken Miller, Catalina 25
- 2) Jim Parker, Catalina 25

PHRF I

- 1) Calin Popescu, Catalina 22
- 2) D. Tucker, Catalina 22

J-24

- 1) Kirk Livingston
- 2) Roy Smith

PORTSMOUTH A

- 1) S. McKinley, Nacra 5.5
- 2) J. Smith, Nacra 5.2

PORTSMOUTH B

- 1) Charles Quade, Snipe
- 2) Tom Gunderson, M-20

**CAROLINE HOWARD MEMORIAL
TROPHY WINNERS:** (for the
best all-female team performance
in the Fall Regatta)

Cynthia Darwin, Skipper
Jan Thompson
Tyrell Courtney
Mary Sikora

(Sailed on a J-22)

J-24 AUSTIN CIRCUIT STOP RESULTS (AYC Finishes)

1. Young/Haggerty
8. Evert Broersma
10. Kirk Livingston
14. Bobby Harden
18. Bartlett/Nelson
20. Dave Broadway
24. Kurt Carson
28. Dave Smedley
29. Cordelle/Smith
31. Fred Schroth
33. Steve Ficklin
34. Michael Wellman
35. Mike Eitelman
40. Glenn Byus

J-24 FLEET CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Bobby Harden (16 pts)
2. Dave Broadway (31 pts)
3. Kirk Livingston (34 pts)
4. Eric Nelson (35 pts)
5. Tucker Garrison (43 pts)
6. Fred Schroth (46 pts)
7. Cordelle/Smith (47 pts)
8. Danny Lien (49 pts)
9. Roy Smith (55 pts)
10. Mike Eitelman (63 pts)
11. Michael Wellman (71 pts)
12. Evert Broersma (78 pts)
13. Steve Ficklin (79 pts)
14. Kurt Carson (83 pts)
15. Dave Cheney (88 pts)
16. Ravi Subramanian (93 pts)
17. Glenn Byus (94 pts)

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KEEL FLEET CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

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Average Percentage Score Standing
of Top 22 Races for
Keel Boats

(Keel Fleet members for 1991)

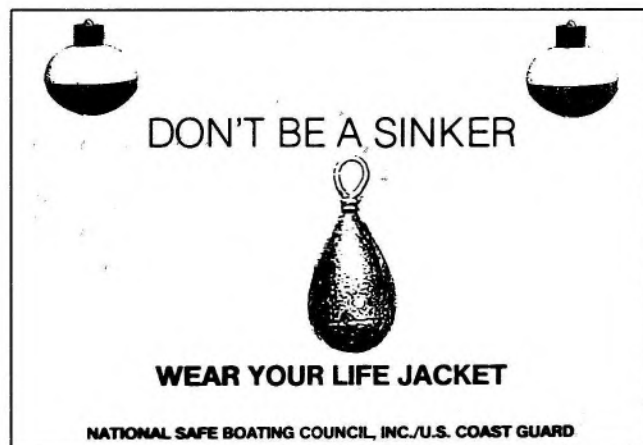
RANK	SKIPPER NAME	# OF RACES	AVERAGE PERCENTAGE SCORE
1	WAHLBERG, DAVID	21	85.73
2	MEYERS, TERRY	22	78.45
3	PETERSON, BAY	22	78.37
4	CALOGERO, EDDIE	22	77.48
5	SHARP, RICK	22	68.46
6	SMITH/SPADEMAN	22	67.96
7	VANCE, JOHN	18	65.77
8	CHAMBERS, MIKE	22	64.01
9	MAYFIELD, MIKE	22	58.85
10	TESCH, BOB	22	57.29
11	SUDERMAN, E.	18	44.53
12	REINHART, PETE	15	43.92
13	BERNSTEIN, GAIL	18	40.84
14	WELLER, PERRY	13	39.84
15	BANGS, STEVE	13	39.84
16	SMITH, JIM	19	39.28
17	LOTT, TOM	10	38.94
18	VAUGHAN, STEVE	11	38.21
19	FRELS, PAUL	12	37.95
20	WHITEHILL, R.	18	34.30
21	PILLMORE, BOB	11	33.47
22	WANN, TRENTON	9	32.75
23	DWYER, WALT	14	30.14
24	VAUGHAN, STEVE	9	27.54
25	PAINTON, R.	10	26.60
26	RIHA, FRANK	12	25.33
27	FARMER, ROBERT	17	24.85
28	BALFOUR, DAVE	9	24.15
29	AWBREY, DENNIS	9	23.81
30	HENDERSON, DAVE	8	23.54
31	RATLIFF, LARRY	8	23.46
32	HENNIGH, STEVE	5	22.73
33	SCARDAMALIA, T.	12	22.65
34	MAKI, VOLDI	6	21.77
35	MORRIS, CARL	12	20.42
36	SHULL, RAY	5	19.10
37	COOPER, GARY	13	18.81
38	SOEFJE, LOUIE	9	17.34
39	HAYDEN, HAL	6	16.88
40	JOHNSON, TY	6	16.74
41	REYNOLDS, N.	6	12.95
42	CARSON, KURT	3	12.21
43	GAIRLOFF, T	3	10.23
44	BOUCHER, BUD	3	9.77
45	BROWN, STEVE	2	8.18
46	DAVID GAGE	2	8.18
47	ALLISON, BOB	6	7.77
48	BRADFORD, MARK	9	7.42
49	MCDAVITT, LINDA	3	7.27
50	GARRISON, T	2	6.82
51	ELLZEY, ANNE	3	6.40
52	LAWS, DOUG	9	6.28
53	DAHMAN, FRANS	3	5.68
54	KNOX, KEY	1	4.55
55	SCHROTH, FRED	2	4.55
56	CARDOM, DOUG	3	4.16
57	FREEMAN, BOB	2	3.79
58	SHULL, RAY	1	3.41
59	HALE, BRYAN	3	3.41
60	VAN FLEET, JIM	2	1.82
61	GENSCH, LARRY	4	1.43
62	TAPLEY, BYRON	1	0.51

Page No. 1NON-SPINNAKER KEEL BOATS
11/14/91

Average Percentage Score Standing
of Top 22 Races for
Keel Boats

(Keel Fleet members for 1991)

RANK	SKIPPER NAME	# OF RACES	AVERAGE PERCENTAGE SCORE
1	HARRIS, VERN	22	80.97
2	THIEL, JOE	20	56.13
3	BANGS, STEVE	13	50.65
4	ALLEN, MIKE	16	47.90
5	GOLDSMITH, BOB	11	39.43
6	GENSCH, LARRY	19	37.20
7	ROY, DIETER	16	35.06
8	WOLFORD, STEVE	19	31.14
9	SCARDAMALIA, T.	12	27.77
10	GOLDSMITH, BOB	9	25.40
11	GAIRLOFF, T	5	22.16
12	KLUG, R.B.	4	16.17
13	HAYDEN, HAL	5	15.28
14	CARDOM, DOUG	6	13.42
15	VAN FLEET, JIM	7	13.33
16	WELLER, PERRY	3	11.74
17	WHITEHILL, R.	4	11.43
18	DWYER, WALT	3	11.36
19	CUMMINGS, TOM	3	10.82
20	LAWS, DOUG	6	9.06
21	BOERNER, DAVE	7	8.76
22	POPESCU	3	6.82
23	WILFLEY, MIKE	3	6.36
24	RYMAL, JOE	4	6.11
25	PAINTON, R.	1	4.55
26	SHULL, RAY	2	4.55
27	NEWSOM, SKIP	2	4.55
28	CARDOM, D.	2	4.55
29	JOHNSON, TY	1	3.64
30	RATLIFF, LARRY	1	3.64
31	GLASS, R.	2	3.46
32	DURFOR, JOHN	2	3.03
33	REYNOLDS, N.	1	2.73
34	BAYLOR, RANDY	2	2.02
35	SOEFJE, LOUIE	1	1.82
36	HALE, BRYAN	1	1.01



CONNIVING CAROUSERS CONDUCT COLORFUL KEEL COMPETITION

Were you one of the 100+ lucky folks who made it out for the Keel Fleet's Annual Party? If not, you missed the best party of the year! A cool October Saturday evening saw Keel Fleeters do what they do best -- compete. On or off the lake, we're always at it! This time, it was in costume (as if that's new) and with lots of eating, dancing and test tasting (those definitely are not new!). The sailing instructions dictated a decorated booth, costumes, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beers for the tasting (gee, those cups were small). Order of starts went like this:

A-Fleet, British Isles -- B-Fleet, Mexico -- C-Fleet, Oriental -- D-Fleet, Fantasia (Islands of the World) -- E-Fleet, Germany -- and F-Fleet, U.S. and North America

Fleet party planners provided a great meal of bratwurst (boiled in beer and then grilled), German potato salad, red cabbage, tasty breads and all the trimmings. A "Best German Dessert" contest produced a most scrumptious array of goodies! The German music was good enough to have made any Oktoberfest proud. A silent six-pack auction and voting for "Best Beer" kept competing conversations spirited. Impartial judges from other fleets kept the race course fair. An internationally famous Australian judge did the honors for the Dessert course.

Dieter Roy got to wear his Leprechaun (German, that is) hat. Bob Pillmore and Tyrone Johnson displayed excellent identify crises, but I guess Fantasia is a strange land. Jack Bremer constantly had a smile on his face with taste in hand. Paul and Mary Keller were great American neighbors. Teri and Ronny Smith were excellent tourists complete with cameras, binoculars and hats -- and as Judges, they COULD be bribed. Eddie Calogero guarded his prized Oriental booth with samurai sword. Gail Bernstein actually had an excuse to drive her car on the grass without Brad shaking his head. Rick and Beverly Sharp were authentic Pancho Villa and his Lady Love, complete with guns, ammo belts and roses behind the ear. David Wahlberg was in costume -- or was he? I KNOW Russell Painton was. Mike and Lisa Allen just rode their horses in off the plains and Ted Scradamalia introduced us to Elvira. Tom and Ann Gairloff actually brought their parents to testify to C-Fleet's rowdiness and help them with their fantastic makeup. Hap and Carol McCollum said they really HAD seen the Purple Bowling Team on one of their British travels. David Bernstein was a great M.C.

And the winners were: Best Dessert, Marian Jensen -- Best Overall Fleet, C-Fleet (1st Runner Up, B-Fleet; 2nd Runner-Up, D-Fleet) -- Best Beer, D-Fleet/Fosters (1st Runner-Up, A-Fleet/Old Peculiar; 2nd Runner-Up, C-Fleet/Kirin) -- Silent Auction, Mark & Marian Jensen (1st Runner-Up, David & Gail Bernstein).

Very special thanks to all the party planners: Mike & Lisa Allen, Tom & Ann Gairloff, Ty Johnson, Pancho & Beverly Sharp, Mark & Marian Jensen, Steve Wolford, Bob & Kathy Pillmore, Bob & Jeane Goldsmith. Thanks also to fleet captains/coordinators: Mike & Gail Mayfield, Pancho Sharp, Tom & Ann Gairloff, Ty Johnson, Dieter Roy, and Mike Allen.

Mark your calendars for upcoming Keel Fleet events: Sunday, Dec. 1, Turkey Day Regatta -- Sunday, December 15, Red Eye Warmup Regatta -- Wednesday, January 1, Red Eye Regatta -- and Saturday, January 11, Annual Meeting. YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!!!

AYC Keel Handicap Fleet HOLIDAY RACING SERIES



WILD TURKEY REGATTA

RED EYE WARM-UP REGATTA

RED EYE REGATTA

December 1, 1991

December 15, 1991

January 1, 1992

Where: Austin Yacht Club, Lake Travis

Schedule: 9:30 a.m. New Year's Day Breakfast (*Jan 1 only*)
11:45 a.m. Registration & Skipper Check-in
12:15 p.m. Skipper's Meeting
1:30 p.m. First Warning Signal

Race Classes:

The regattas are open to all keel boats. There will be both spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes. Scoring calculations will be based on the *PHRF of Lake Travis Handicap System*.

Course:

Each regatta will consist of one race around AYC buoys.

Entry Fee:

Keel Fleet Member	\$15.00 per boat
Non-Member	\$20.00 per boat
New Year's Breakfast	\$3.00 per person (Reservations requested please.)

Rules and Equipment: Each regatta will be governed by the *International Yacht Racing Union (ISYRU)*, the rules of each class concerned (except as any of those are altered by the sailing instructions,) and by the sailing instructions. All yachts must comply with *Texas Water Safety* rules.



A FLEET NEWS

by Gail and Mike Mayfield

Fall Series turned out to be a duel between the ultra fasts. Dennis Awbrey in SO LONG gave Steve Vaughan's SOVEREIGN a run for the money. By our unofficial score keeping, Dennis would have won the series except for a mix-up on recovering after hitting I-mark. This race ended up being Dennis's throwout, which was too bad really, since SO LONG probably could have done ten or more 720's and still won the race. Steve Vaughan also did well in the series, with two firsts and a second, taking the overall first in the series with Dennis close behind. Our Commodore, Gail Bernstein, also took first in one race and put together other good finishes to easily claim the third place spot. And to top off the series, Steve and Candy Spademan dished up a delicious lasagna end of the series dinner. Congratulations all!

Now the Fall Regatta. We're sure every article will have something to say about the melee at the finish of the first race. So we won't (say much). But - it's fair to point out that LOWRIDER had help from John Bartlett, and let's just say that John had nightmares for a week after the regatta. John moved us out in front at the start of the first race and we rounded B-mark wide (as in behind Starnes Island - Dave Henderson said he rounded Starnes Island also John - so you're both crazy!). We won't talk about the next hour of the race getting to C-mark, except to say Russell was WAY out in front. What happened next was the last fun part of the race for LOWRIDER - we got to roll all of A-fleet (and B-fleet and C-fleet and..... all right we'll just stop there John), OOPS - except for the Paintons in JOYSTICK. We didn't

catch JOYSTICK until Russell did his depthsounder verification test. As for the rest of the race, well - see the foregoing about the finish. Oh yes, in the melee at the finish, Ted Smith drove thru the SMALL opening between LOWRIDER and SOVEREIGN (with Steve yelling something about his paint job) to nose out the two of us at the finish. What fun to be stalled at the finish line; we know John enjoyed it! Our crew was just amazed that we didn't get hit.

The second race was more of a race. However, it wasn't nearly as much fun for us. With Sunday's race cancelled, Terry Meyers' two first place finishes were unbeatable and he won the regatta easily. Gutsy (were your eyes closed?) Ted Smith took second just edging out Steve Vaughan. Congratulations Terry and Ted.

Now for various thank you's. Thanks to Marian and Mark Jensen for representing A-fleet in the planning and hosting of the keel fleet Wurst party. It appeared that Mark got even more of a workout than he does racing on Sovereign. And thanks to Gail Bernstein and Paul Boone for their race committee work for the Fall Regatta.

And one final note: this IS the year that the Purple Sages ride (sail) out into the sunset. Blown Assets' newest skipper, Ted Smith, has agreed to be the A-fleet captain for 1992 (one year late Ted!). After this article, Ted will own the A-fleet pen, so 1992 is "be nice to Ted year" in A-fleet. We wonder what Ted will call the "Ted Smith / Steve Spademan Blown Assets Racing Syndicate" when acknowledging their victories in 1992 (just a hint Ted, we finally decided on just "Assets").

Your humble, Purple Sages

C-FLEET NEWS

by Dave Wahlberg

Well, our illustrious fleet captain has once again gotten some easily duped skipper to be a guest columnist for this issue of the Telltale. Actually, after all of the whining and crying about my rating that has filled this space during the past year, I was just about to file suit for equal time ... so this works out OK.

The first racing since the last article was the PHRF Singlehanded Championship. Typical Lake Travis patchy breezes were the order of the day. That, combined with a silly course that required us to portage Windy Point made for a frustrating race. I managed to find a little bit of private air to sneak away from the rest of our fleet before the weather mark and that was the hunt. It felt good to finally beat Ray Shull in that fast South Coast. Farmer's Capri 22 showed promise of things to come.

The Fall Series began with committee duty and featured a good turnout and good committee work. We hadn't raced the Kiwi during the Summer Series and I was really pumped to get back. Some serious bottom polishing and a couple of practice sessions to break in a new foredeck had Caveat ready for race #2. After some tight bumperboat work at the start with Walt Dwyer below us and Barbara Hawn above, we finally broke away and picked up a couple of nice shifts that put us in the lead. Great Kiwi weather and solid crew work allowed us to lead from the first mark onward. Agony was second.

Race #3 started with Dwyer and Calogero combining to trash us but we managed to pick up a nice windshift to break away. Typical Lake Travis shifty light air was the order of the day,

but we were blessed and managed to lead Eddie around the course.

We skipped race #4 to travel to the Houston Yacht Club for the Galveston NOOD. My crew of Larry Ratliff and Guy Stewart met Guy's Uncle Al and his Merit 25 for this event. In a boat with sails scrounged from four different boats, no tiller extension, and a bottom that looked like the back side of the moon, we took first overall in the Level 25 fleet. For anyone who missed it, that means: no handicap, level race, first place.

Back for the last race of the series, Barbara Hawn duked it out with us all over the course with Calogero and Vance in close pursuit. I tacked into two headers trying to avoid shallow water near the Lodges and Barbara got away. A poor decision to set the chute followed and allowed Eddie to blow past while we went sideways and Vance and Peterson closed to within cursing distance. Barbara wins.

If you didn't sail the Fall Regatta, you really missed some classic Lake Travis racing. The breeze for the first race filled in from the rear and all 70 keelboats finished within three minutes of each other. Great race committee work saved the scoring. On the trip back, Vance proved that a new bottom job will make the wind blow just for you. He put nine minutes on us between Arkansas and C mark. We barely squeezed by Farmer's Capri for second. Vance won on the tie-breaker when the third race was wisely cancelled for lack of wind.

After an enforced layoff for the J-24 Circuit (Bay Peterson showed up to race anyway and I obliged him by racing boat for boat for a case of beer; they got fairly cheerful on all that

C FLEET NEWS (cont'd)

Coors Light), the Winter Series started with a whimper instead of a bang. One race was called for no wind and one for whimps who can't stand the cold. Race #3 found everyone so ready to race that we must have had a dozen boats in C Fleet. I'm embarrassed to report that we were so far back that I don't know whether it was Shull, Peterson, Vance or Gairloff that won. Shull and Gairloff put on quite a speed exhibition for most of the race. In the immortal words of former racer Bill Records, "If it weren't for the wind and the other boats, we'd have won."

In the "good news/bad news" department, I'm sorry to report that you won't have the Kiwi to whine about next year. We will be racing a Moore 24 in B Fleet.

D FLEET NEWS

by Ty Johnson

Greetings D-fleeters ... This is your captain, back for one last round of comments.

I went to this great Halloween party with my mate Mary Louise. She was disguised as a dinghy blond armed with an amazing number of dumb blond jokes. So I was thinking about telling y'all a dumb blond joke just to lighten things up before I pontificate on the present woes of our fleet. It's not like I'm planning a judicial career, so I don't really have to watch my mouth.

The truth is most of the jokes are about as bad as D-fleet participation. It's been tough on the few regular D-fleet sailors. On a number of occasions there were not enough boats on the line to make a fleet. And on a really good day

D FLEET NEWS (cont'd)

we might get six boats. So what are we to do?

A number of factors are working against D Fleet -- like people want to sail fast, or people want to sail really slow (non-spinnaker), or people enjoy racing against boats that look like theirs. The trend has been for the D Fleet to function as a backstop for a number of dissimilar boats. It's almost like a bad blond joke: What do a Ranger 22 and a Pearson Triton have in common? Well, they both float on water but beyond that, not much. The way I see it we have several options to choose from:

- 1) We can sell our beloved boats, put our \$\$\$ together and buy Steve Vaughan's Olson 30.
- 2) We can do away with D Fleet, attach ourselves to C Fleet and watch Commodore Wahlberg sail out of sight.
- 3) We can give all the members of F Fleet spinnakers for Christmas.
- 4) Or we can follow the advice of that west Texas wit, Blatant Billions, and just relax and enjoy it.

I don't see much chance of putting together a fleet of Pearson Renegades next year, so I'm going to pick option #4.

If y'all missed out on the annual keel fleet party, you missed a good one. We showed the fleet members how to win the most awards. D Fleet won the best beer in the world award and we raised the most money for the keel fleet. If you want to know how we did it, come to the Annual Banquet on Dec. 7 and I'll explain it.

Who will play fleet captain next year? If you haven't done it before, you're next on the list. You'll learn how to run races, and you'll get to write smart aleck comments in the Telltale.

J-22 FLEET NEWS

From Under the Tumtum Tree

by Steve Brown



The silence was split by a clap of thunder. Our hero looked up at the redhead and thought to himself ... "If I live through this I'm going to get a J-22." No 150's, no big crews, no club level protests, just good relaxing fun. Circuits and world championships, too, if that suits your fancy.

Just think, a boat that can be sailed competitively by a totally human crew. What more could you want? More space? We all know anything less than 40 feet and air conditioned is camping out anyway. Come join the fun! When was the last time your fleet got together just to enjoy each other's company. Give us a try - you'll like it!

But enough of a *sails* pitch; on to the J-22 news. Going into the last Sunday of the Fall Series three boats were hot after 1st place. Claudia, John S., and Max were really cooking. But before the results, I take pleasure in recognizing new fleet member, John Wilcox. John W. made his J-22 debut during this series on his newly acquired boat, Allegro. John and crew, WELCOME!

The Fall Series final results are Claudia 1st, John S. 2nd, and then Max. Mr. Saunders sailed an outstanding first race except for one small detail. He pierced the starting line downwind and got no horn at the finish. The area between the yellow and orange pins is no-man's-land when it is being used. My thoughts are it's best

to stay away from it no matter what is going on.

The Fall Regatta saw four J-22's in B-Fleet. Dave Gage took first with me in second place. Cynthia Darwin borrowed Saunder's boat and with a crew of Jan Thompson, Mary Sikora, and Tyrell Courtney won the Caroline Howard Memorial Trophy for the best all-female team performance in the regatta. Good show, gals!

The first Sunday of the Winter Series -- no wind, no race. The second Sunday results, the last I can report this year, are too cold, no race. No big deal as several of the J-22 folks were racing Sunfish on Canyon Lake anyway. Hmmmmm?

Alas, we must now bid farewell to the tumtum tree and as all stories should have a happy ending, the redhead (or is she really?) saw the error of her ways and is now racing with our hero at AYC. Who could they be you ask? Are they anyone we know? Do they win? Who drives the boat? Will Nell Fenwick finally consent to marry Snidely Whiplash? You guess! Things to ponder over the winter. 'Til we meet again, see ya on the race course. Es war ein Riesenspass!

SOUTH COAST 21 NEWS

Under the Cottonwood ...

by Bob Freeman

The club and our fleet have gained a new member and another red South Coast 21. The new member is STEVE GAY from Commander's Point Marina and his sail number is 101. Steve and his crew say they are eager to mix it up on the race course.

During the Winter Series the SC-21 fleet had enough starters to award four trophies. Duane Dobson took fourth place while Linda McDavitt came in third. Pat Feagin cruised into second place just behind Ray Shull who sailed away with the first place trophy. Bob Johnson, Don Sannes, and Bob Vassallo made the competition for trophies a real contest of sailing skills.

Charles Pope is back from the Far East and is just in time to move his boat from Dock 7 to the main basin. Now he and his crew can get to Gin & Tonic in half the time.

Lake Mead, lookout, Bud Boucher is on the way. Bud and Betty are moving out west soon and the club and our fleet are going to miss a good boat and a great sailor. Bud says Lake Mead has very few sailboats. Sounds like someone needs to start a sailing club there.

Dare I even think it? Picture this, Allen Breeze and Mary Marcia Mott crewing for Carl Morris on a yellow SC-21. Naw.

Grab your woolies and foul weather gear because we're going to have two regattas in December and one on New Year's Day. Old number 161 is looking forward to the fun and games, so let's talk it up and see if we can make a fleet for all three events.

As always, here's hoping to see you on the line Sunday.

ENSIGN FLEET NEWS

by Dan O'Donnell

Ensign turnout for the Fall Series was great. Nine Ensigns hit the line at least once during the series and four of them won at least one race. Average participation was just over seven boats. Tommy Kozlowski took home the first place trophy with five bullets in the ten races.

Ensigns were selected for the AYC Men's Team Championship. George Dahmen, Tom Groll and Harold Neel, Tom George and Bill Hawk, Sam Humphrey, Jim Baker, and Dan O'Donnell were kind enough to lend their boats for the event. All the boats were well equipped and the general consensus was that they were evenly matched, with five of the boats finishing with at least one first or second place. The Championship consisted of six races in one long, breezy day of racing.

The 1992 National Championship Regatta will be held at the Canandaigua Yacht Club in New York's Finger Lakes region from August 16-20. The local Ensign Fleet #23 plans to provide loaner boats, and they will guarantee competitive race equipped loaner boats to the first 15 applicants. Members of the fleet will also provide free lodging in their homes for the first 20 people. It is important for anyone interested in either of these offers to notify Fleet #23 as soon as possible. For further information, contact me.

There will be a fleet #30 meeting shortly after the first of the year to elect new officers and announce the 1991 fleet champion. Current thinking is to hold the meeting at Bill and Kelly Hawk's neat new home. Time will be announced later. In the meantime ... see you on the water or in the work area.

CENTERBOARD FLEET NEWS

by Fred Stearns

The deadline is here again. What happened to the year? I'm not even sure where to start.

Centerboard weekend of Governor's Cup was quite interesting. We had all the wind that was allocated for the regatta. The turnout was wonderful, with even two Sunfish starts.

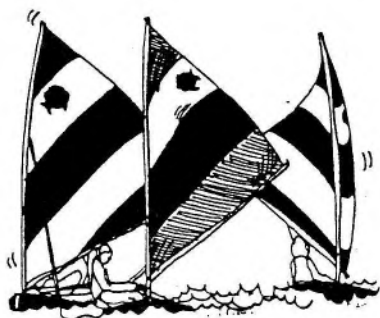
Fall Regatta was memorable as being as windy as the keel boat weekend of Governor's Cup. About a year ago, I sold Charlie Quade a nearly new suit of Snipe sails I no longer needed. This caused him to buy a newer Snipe and with this combination he won the Centerboard trophy. Now we need to get him to join AYC.

The Winter Series got off to a roaring start with a total absence of wind followed by lots of wind but a lack of temperature. Then we finally had good wind. Let's hope it stays for the last two races. This series sees the diehard centerboarders. I whimped out and sailed with Coop.

The next chance for centerboard races will be next Spring. If anyone has any ideas for organizing for improved turnout next year, give me a call.

Do I have any volunteers to take on the onerous task of writing these articles? Maybe a little more reliably than I have done this past year?

See y'all at the Annual Banquet.



LASER FLEET NEWS

by Fred Schroth

Happy Turkey Day! All things depend on the mail service but either this will set there ahead of Turkey Day or you are eating leftovers and it's still Thanksgiving. So what's happening in the Laser fleet? Fred, Scott, Becky, and John are in Dallas racing in the Bruce Cup. Others may go but as of 11-12-91 they had not made their intentions known to me.

The fleet has a few Christmas items for sale that you may wish to give to friends & relatives:

1) Bill Mitchell's Sailing Video -- Bill and model Becky C. show how to lumber across your boat in a roll tack, climb up on the centerboard after dumping, and climb onto the dock after missing and slipping into the water.

2) Dave Maguire's Rules Video - Dave walks around his boat and shows all the places that Simon rammed him last year. Dave explains why Simon was wrong each time while Ken Sherman yells, "You tell 'em, brother" in the background.

3) Hank's Hairdo Video -- Hank shows you how to sail without mussing up your coiffure. The portion with Vicki has been censored because she dumped and got her hair wet.

Also, for those who have compact disc players in their cars or just want to listen in the Walkman, we have tapes and CD's:

1) Tucker and Liz sing their yule tide favorites: Deck the Halls, Aweigh in a Manger, The WaSAIL Song, Frosty the Bowman, We wish you a Merry ChristMAST, Gramma Got Run Over By a J-29, and Behold That Spar.

2) Al "Tripp" Alyn explains how to launch a boat with color commentary by John Wilcox. You

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can actually hear the sail snapping violently in the wind as it luffs just before the boat tips off the trailer and lands on the asphalt.

3) Scott Young reads "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Scott doesn't read very well and stumbles on a bunch of the big words, but he used to sail in the fleet and we still have these tapes left over. (Also available on 8-track.)

Our only scheduled fleet activity during December is to go to the J-24 Christmas party. Anybody who ever crewed on one of the things seems to be welcome although it is getting harder and harder each year to find out where and when the fool thing is. Make sure you bring a good gag gift for the exchange.

The Dutchman's Landing Laser Race is in the organizational stages. It will probably be a Saturday event on the spur of the moment this year as it takes a couple hours in a brisk breeze to make the trip. Watch for details.

Finally, buy yourself a boat part for Christmas so you can sneak out to the lake Christmas afternoon. Get away from the in-laws and try it out on the lake.

SUNFISH FLEET NEWS

by Wurstfest Numbuns

Serious stuff first ... Fleet 70 members Sarah Baker, Claudia Foster, Pat Manning, and Joanne Weberlein loaded up their "fish" and went to New Orleans for the Women's Sunfish North American Championships. Cap'n Shirley provided their going away care packages. Light air, some shifts, then no wind was the

order of the day. Out of 26 competitors, Claudia was 8th, Sarah was the top junior and was 9th overall, Joanne was in a 3-way tie for 11th, and Pat was 16th. Word has it that the 2nd place junior finisher from the Fort Walton Yacht Club in Florida, Carey Wilusz, is Vicki Bremer's cousin. And Vicki missed seeing her at this regatta because she was busy gazing at the Fall leaves in CT and looking at big boats in New London instead of putting her Sunfish to the test. Traveling to New Orleans was a long ride, but it was an experience that was well worth it.

We came, we saw, we put up tents, launched boats, built fires, and generally lowered the property value as only the Sunfish fleet can do. The No-Tell Motel was up and in business within minutes. Cap'n Shirley fired up the water for her famous hot buttered rum. Curtis, Bruce, and Vic got the boats launched. And we all settled around the fire to thaw and plan our annual assault on the rules and regulations of LCYC.

Now, old Numbuns here gets a little fuzzy on what happened after that. I remember Pat Manning saying, "I've fallen and my butt's frozen to the ground and I can't get up." Dr. Della Pearson was a sight standing around the fire in no less than a mink coat. She was talking to Mad Dog who was wrapped up in whatever remnants he could find. Steve Cauffman and Friar Pete went to New Braunfels ... they reported that all the single women were over 90 and the AYC Laser fleet already had them cornered. Vicki Bremer waited in vain for hot water at the campground bathhouse ... I said "clubhouse", Vicki. The first hint should have been when you saw the knobs marked "C" and "C."

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There was some racing amongst the shivering. Unlike previous Wurstfest, there was no consistent wind. It was lighter and shiftier than around F-mark. Curtis Tarpley, Martha St. Romain, and Jim Rehage stayed near the front in most of the races. So did Pat Manning. When the icicles had melted, out of 40 boats, Curtis managed a very good 6th. He was the only 70 Fleet member to trophy, but overall the AYC boats were higher in the standings than the last couple of years.

This one is history. But not to worry ... the phantom photographer caught some memorable scenes that may make their way to the slide show at the annual banquet. The "Blue Moons" were a'bobbin around the fire while Totally Hidden Video did their thing. Cap'n Shirley said something about it being the first time anything was warm all weekend.

See y'all at the banquet. Sanders has the duck call! Be there or be the subject of all sorts of rumors and innuendoes!

CORONADO 15 FLEET NEWS

by Claudia Foster

Most everything is put away for the year. It's a time to look back on a successful 1991 ... a time when the fleet grew and became very tightly competitive. We can count on 8-10 boats to dodge killer E-Scows on the line. The fleet resurrected "Cheap Thrills" with a registration fee of \$9.99 for 10 races. Twelve boats participated with trophies going to:

Keith/Bonnie Lackey, 1st
Evert Broersma, 2nd
Bob Musselman, 3rd
Steve Cauffman, 4th

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Jeff Perna, 5th
Sallie Buchner, 6th

The Fall Series served as the fleet championship. The title went right down to the wire with Keith Lackey and crew Bruce Foster sneaking out a close win over Steve Cauffman and crew Pete. Bob Musselman finished third.

Since this article is obviously being ghostwritten by some poor schmuck who never gets credit on the byline ... whatdya expect ... Bo knows C-15? See ya at the Annual Banquet when we can look at dirty pictures from the Sunfish parties.

J-24 FLEET TIDBITS

by Michael Wellman

(EDITOR'S NOTE: As I was wrapping up the Telltale, Michael came running into the office waving a 2-page fleet article while apologizing profusely for being late. Because the total # of pages sent to the printer must be divisible by four -- and this is page 28 -- you can guess what I had to tell Michael. Ssssoorry! But I do have room for these important tidbits.)

Tucker and Liz Garrison will be hosting this year's fleet Xmas party which will be held Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. Don't forget the infamous gift exchange. Fleet championship awards will be presented.

I would like to thank some of the people who have helped make this past year so successful: Dave Broadway for the great job he has done with the monthly newsletter; Danny Lien for organizing the fleet championship series; Phil Spletter for organizing the Austin circuit, and Captain Kirk who has worked hard all year to keep things going in the fleet.

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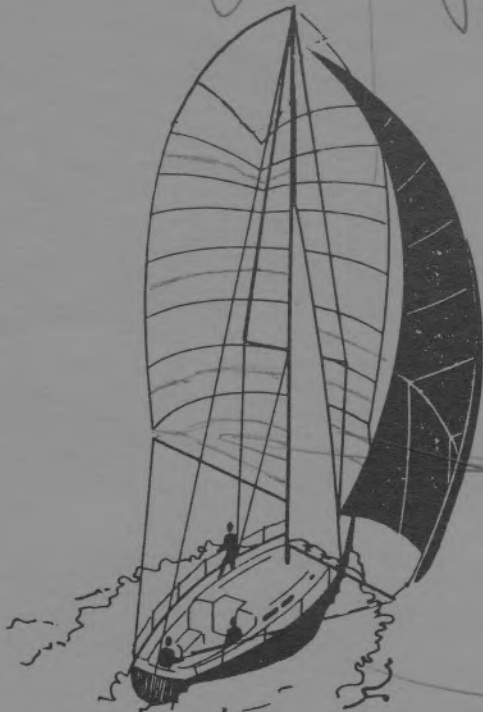
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