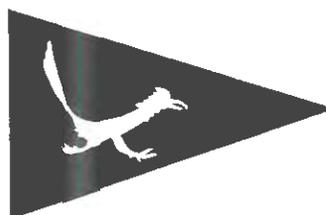


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# FROM THE COMMODORE ...



Well, 1994 has gotten off to a roaring start.

The Board began organizational meetings in early December to prepare the FY94 budget and to begin filling in the calendar with all of the "events" that will occur throughout the year. And this will be a full calendar! You should have received a copy of this calendar in your last billing.

By the time this edition of the Telltale is in your hands, we will have had our Opening Day Ceremonies and a few series races behind us already.

I know AYC will reap benefits for years to come from the Junior Sail Training facility dedicated on Opening Day, and we will be indebted to the foresight of Mark Rylander, the Rylander family, and all of the corporate and individual sponsors who made this facility a reality. What is most significant to me about this project is the amount of "involvement" that was generated across the entire membership (and beyond). It re-emphasized to me what great things can be accomplished if people are willing to get "involved."

All of us need to constantly remind ourselves that the racing and social events sponsored by AYC - from race management to coordinating the children's Christmas party - will only be as good as the involvement and commitment of each and every member. I know each Board member has been doggedly recruiting their respective committee members, and other assorted volunteers, to insure that all of the activities planned for this year are enjoyable and are of a high quality. I also know the frustration some of them have experienced in getting commitments and willingness to volunteer. I know. It is easy to rationalize that "I've done my part in the past" or "I'm just so busy right now with my (chase one or more) family, business/job, children, parents, racing, boat maintenance, life, etc." And you know what . . . you're exactly right . . . just like every other AYC member.

So when you're approached to assist with an event - try your "damned-est" to fit it in to your schedule and help out. Better yet, look over the annual schedule of events (the one you should have received already) and contact the Social Chair, Race Committee, Regatta Chair, Event Chair, etc., early on and let them know when you are available and that they can count on you to assist. (Well, I guess I've been sufficiently droll for my first column.) On a lighter note, we (the Board) expect 1994 to be a great year. We hope it will be great for you too.

Are YOU having fun yet?

David Henderson  
Commodore

FROM THE EDITOR . . . .



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- May 3 (1st Tuesday/Odd Month)
- July 26 (Last Tuesday/Odd Month)
- September 6 (1st Tuesday/Odd Month)
- November 1 (1st Tuesday/Odd Month)

## FROM THE RACE COMMANDER ...



AYC's racing season is well underway thanks to all the participants and the PRC members whose detailed preparations made it possible:

MIKE ALLEN, JIM CASTO, CYNTHIA CREAMER, BOB GOLDSMITH,  
LEON LANCE, NELSON REYNOLDS, HOWARD SHIREY, FRED STEARNS,  
and Scoring Committee Chair MARY SIKORA

All ten of us on the PRC will do our best for quality and fun racing if you'll help with these four elements:

- 1) Participation in AYC club, fleet, and championship racing events,
- 2) Feedback on what you liked or didn't like, and your suggestions,
- 3) Willingness to volunteer for Race Committee when needed, and
- 4) Sharing fun and good times with fellow sailors.

Our fleet captains now meet on a regular basis to work together and discuss good ideas to promote AYC racing. Contact your fleet captain or any of the PRC members to contribute your thoughts. Some of the changes resulting from your inputs are:

- o A more consistent approach to the racing calendar.
- o Moving most RC equipment downstairs under the clubhouse.
- o Using round inflatable starting marks for easier handling.
- o Additional permanent mark locations and new courses.

We are working on additional race management education, equipment improvements, and training new leaders for future PRC appointments (contact any of us if you're interested).

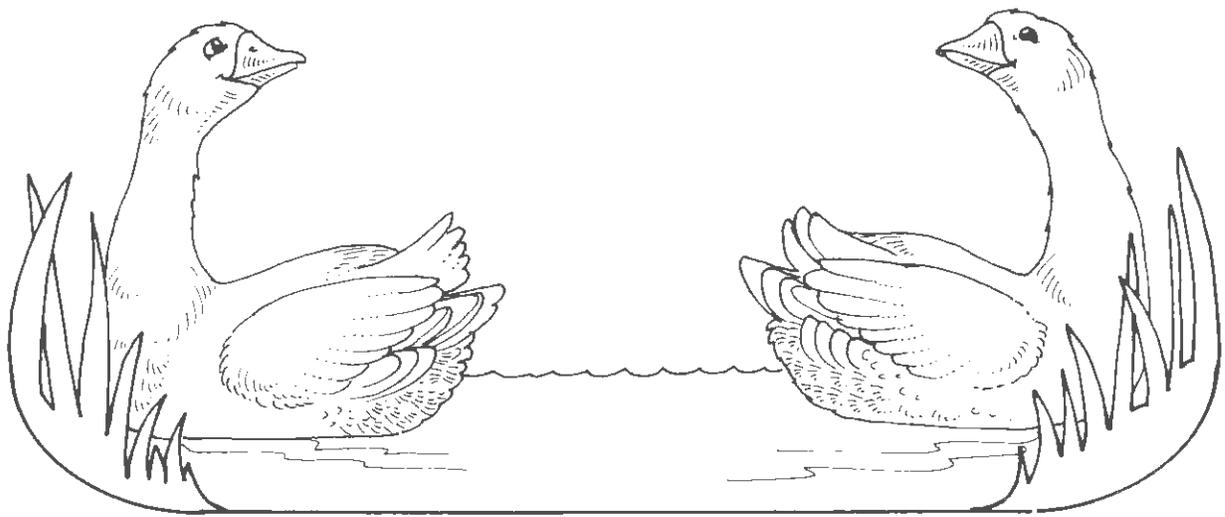
Along with the changes we have the usual busy racing calendar. In 1994 AYC hosts the Women's Sunfish North American Championships, the Flying Dutchman Nationals, and major events in every fleet. We have three TYA and Area F competitions. There are AYC, Keel, Multihull, and One-Design series races, and our famous Turnback Canyon and Governor's Cup regattas. Full programs of UT and junior racing are also scheduled.

Also, congratulations to David Henderson for chairing the TYA Adams competition in 1993 and, thereby, winning for AYC (by participant voting) TYA's Nazro Trophy for excellence in race management.

As 1994 unfolds, please keep in touch by checking the official calendar (posted at the patio level), reading the Tell-tale or, best of all, by enjoying racing and good times with your fellow sailors, fleet captains, and PRC members.

See you on the starting line!

Steve Pervier



## FROM THE SAIL TRAINING COMMANDER ...

Before I begin telling everyone all the exciting events for the upcoming year, a special thanks needs to be given to CLAUDIA FOSTER. In 1993 Claudia did an outstanding job as Sailing Training Comanuder. She, along with MARK RYLANDER, saw to the building of a Junior Sail Training facility. Congratulations and thank you to both of them. Now my job will be to see to it that there is training for the juniors.

The junior program for 1994 will consist of the following camp dates:

### Summer Day Camps

June 6-10, 13-17, 20-24 -- Cost: \$225 (non-AYC member), \$175 (AYC member)

Peanut Butter & Jelly Series -- Cost: \$20

Session 1 -- May 14, June 4, 11, 18

Session 2 -- July 9, 16, 23, 30

A head sailing instructor plus assistants will be hired for the summer. This means that we will have an ongoing summer program for juniors interested in racing Sunfish and Lasers. The goal of this program will be to improve sailing skills at a racing level to begin successfully racing at and beyond the club level. Look for a mail-out in March.

The racing program for 1994 will be held ou Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday beginning July 6 and ending August 12. The cost will be \$50/week. If you have any questions about any of the junior programs feel free to call me. Also, if anyone would like to volunteer to help the junior program there is always plenty to do!!

On February 20 approximately 35 people attended a racing seminar at the AYC clubhouse. JOHN BARTLETT, DOUG KERN, and SCOTT YOUNG did an excellent job discussing various topics. HANK KLEESPIES shared his experiences at the J-24 World's in Australia. The clinic was a success thanks to these guys. Sunfish Fleet 70 sold lunch at the clinic to raise money for Women's Sunfish North Americans which will be held at AYC May 14-15. The next racing seminars will be held on Wednesday, April 20 and 27. This clinic will be designed for the Wednesday night Sunfish and Laser racers. This time Sunfish Fleet 70 will be selling dinner to raise money for the Women's Sunfish North Americans. Look for topics and times in your April billing.

Finally, there will be a Women's Sailing Camp July 9-10. This camp will be a continuation of last year's racing camp which was a big success. Look for a mail-out in May.

# WELCOME TO AYC'S NEW MEMBERS

## **CARTER and JANET HOBBS**

Carter is a M.I.S. Director for County Line, Inc. Janet is a Home Designer for Hobbs' Ink. They own Thistle #1961 and have two children -- Allegra (12) and Justin (10). About 18 months ago they got their boat at the Hudson Bend Volunteer Fire Dept. garage sale for \$150.00. Since that time they've replaced virtually every piece of wood on it, and they now have a very enjoyable sailboat. They claim to be very "green" sailors who need help from experienced sailors.

## **BRYAN PATRICK LEONARD**

Pat is a sales manager at Genie Car Care Center on West William Cannon. He owns South Coast 21 #14. According to his membership application, he joined AYC because he "loves to sail" and "wants to race" and because "Ray told me to."

## **REBECCA FUGATE and partner BRYAN DOUGHERTY**

Rebecca owns a Capri 14.2 and Goldfish #12. She has raced with the South Coast fleet for several years with JIMMY FONTENOT, RAY SHULL, and miscellaneous other South Coasters and would like to begin racing instead of crewing.

## **DAVID and CHERYL SCHOENEMAN**

David works at Tracor Aerospace as a manager in Business Development. Cheryl is an office manager at Trimbuilt Construction. They have two children -- Christina (15) and Lauren (10) and own a Hunter 22, sail #584. They've been sailing at AYC for about the last 10 years and have many friends at AYC. They joined AYC to improve their sailing skills as well as be with friends and have fun.

## **JOSEPH CASEY**

Joseph is retired and was introduced to AYC sailing by his son-in-law in the Ensign fleet. He owns a Knarr, sail #141, and 2 El Toro dinghies and enjoys using the club facilities with his grandchildren.

## **STEVE and MARY ANN JONES**

Steve owns Belco Manufacturing Co. in Belton and Mary Ann is a teacher with the Belton ISD. They have three children -- Jeff (20), Michael (18), and Lisa (16). The Lindenberg 28, sail #12, is their lake toy, and they enjoy the racing competition at AYC.

## **MARLYS DENISON**

Marlys works in telecommunications for the state of Texas. She enjoys sailing and is seriously considering the purchase of a boat.

## **POLLY MAYFIELD**

Polly is an environmental engineer for Geraghty and Miller, Inc. She owns South Coast 21 #80 and has been racing in AYC series and regattas for the past three years as crew on other boats.

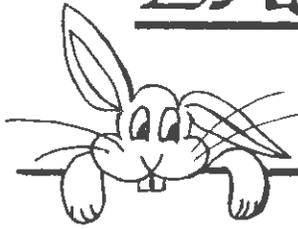
## **MARK and LISA PALERMO**

Mark and Lisa own Ultimate Salon Services. They recently purchased J-29 #178 (formerly BUBBA) now named Super Charged - Team Paul Mitchell.

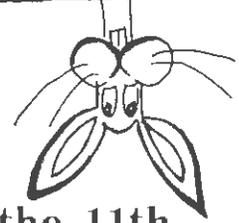
## **REYNOLDS and FLORENCE MacNARY**

Reynolds is a manager at Dell computer and Florence teaches at Manor Jr. High School. They own a Force 5 and also crew on Sovereign.

# EASTER LASER



## REGATTA



**Austin Yacht Club Laser Fleet #22 is hosting the 11th Annual Easter Laser Regatta on Lake Travis. April 2 & 3 (Easter Weekend) 1994 Lasers only.**

**Registration:** You may preregister by sending twenty dollars and the registration form below to:

**Austin Yacht Club  
Attn.: Fred Schroth  
5906 Beacon Drive  
Austin, Texas 78734**

AYC ☎ (512) 266-1336  
Fred ☎ (512) 447-6585 h

You may also register Saturday morning before the skippers meeting. It is really great if you let us know that you are coming so we can prepare the right amount of FOOD. Sailing instructions will be available at the skippers meeting. We do expect that you will be a member of the International Laser Class Association.

**Schedule:** Seven races will be attempted if weather and time permit. No throwouts in scoring. The skippers meeting is to be held at 9:00 Saturday morning and the sailing begins as soon as weather, wind, and practicality allow. Racing continues with appropriate lunch breaks until the committee decides to quit for the day. There is a **free dinner** after the racing on Saturday. Sunday racing begins at 10:00 AM. No race will be started after 2:30 PM on Sunday.

**History:** The 1993 Easter Laser Regatta had 84 boats. The field always contains US Sailing champions, collegiate All-Americans, and one-design national champions. Strong, shifty winds and sportsmanlike sailing have been the rule. The water and air are usually warm enough such that the fleet is split 50/50 between shorts and foul weather gear on the windy days. (1994 Easter is late -- warmer water and air, and healthy south breeze expected)

**Past Winners:** (3 Olympic Silver Medalists) 1984-Mark Salih, 1985-Doug Kern, 1986-Doug Kern, 1987-Steve Bourdow, 1988-Eric Faust, 1989-Chris Junge, 1990-Paul Foerster, 1991-Paul Foerster, 1992-Scott Cheney, 1993-Steve Bourdow, 1994-???

**Prizes:** Open, Junior, Apprentice, Masters, Grand Masters, and the usual chocolate bunnies and gag prizes.

**Other:** The regatta will be governed by the International Yacht Racing Rules, the prescriptions of US Sailing, and the Laser class rules.

# SUGGESTION BOX AVAILABLE

by Robbie Nelson

The Buildings and Grounds Committee has installed a suggestion box in the clubhouse for the membership. The box is located near the water fountain.

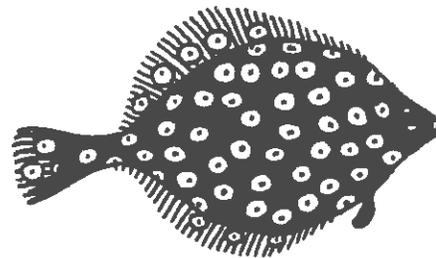
If you notice an area of the AYC grounds that needs attention or you have any suggestions for any other committees or Board members, please put "To the Attention of ..." on your suggestion so it can be directed to the appropriate person. The AYC Board Secretary will distribute the suggestions. Also, it is important for you to sign your name on the suggestion so that you can be contacted in case of questions about your suggestion.

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## WANT TO GET HIGH ON PERFORMANCE RACING?

And it's legal! We're talking about reactivating the Thistle fleet. If you have a desire to do any of the following, contact Richard Hlista (345-9416, Home, or 458-5205, Work) as soon as possible:

- 1) Buy a Thistle.
- 2) Skipper a Thistle.
- 3) Crew on a Thistle.
- 4) Sell your Thistle.
- 5) Take a ride on a Thistle.
- 6) Find out more.



JUST SAY YES to racing a fast and fun boat.

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**DOWNTOWN IS GOING UPTOWN ... ask  
Bill Records. He'll tell you what it's all about.  
More coming later.**

★ CONGRATULATIONS TO ★  
 1993's PERPETUAL AWARD WINNERS



(L to R) Vicki Palmer, Jessie McIlroy Smith Bowl winner,  
 Fel Heston and Becky Heston, Annual Banquet Chair.



Kim Young, Scott Young Cup



Lauren Foster, Liz Bauman  
 Memorial Trophy



Dennis Mills, Jimmy B. Card  
 Memorial Trophy



(Seated) Vic Manning, Max White Memorial Trophy,  
 with Commodore Roy Smith presenting the award.

No photos available (sorry) for Martha St. Romain,  
 Corinthian Woman Sailor Trophy, and Carl Morris,  
 Ol' Salt Award.

# \* \* \* FLEET TALK \* \* \*

## C-FLEET NEWS

by Ann Gairloff

Well, here goes! I may find it hard to write just a short article for this Telltale because so much has been happening amongst the C-fleeters. With the Frostbite Series behind us we will be well into the Spring Series by the time you are reading this. A big congratulations to BARBARA and TRENTON WANN (SWEET AGONY) for winning the Frostbite Series. They pretty well smoked all of the rest of us. We had an average of 8 boats participate in that series and are hoping for even more as the weather warms up.

The Spring Series started with a great showing of 11 boats on the starting line. Lots of folks are just tired of sitting around the house and have decided to dust the cobwebs off of their boats and sail. Lots of competition on the first race. Race #1: SWEET AGONY showed up DEUCES WILD at the finish with boat speed to **kill** for and won 1st place. ALPHEUS and SATISFACTION are back and seem to be sailing faster and faster as they finished 3rd and 4th respectively. BAY PETERSON was spotted on the race course on his Laser??? What about TEMPTRESS?? I heard that EUREKA was going to sail non-spinnaker this spring -- back after the winter season. We won't need to look for PATIENCE since JOHN and LOUISE bought an Impulse which means we'll need some more Pearsons out there besides TALISMAN and WINDRUNNER to give us all a hard time. (How 'bout it ANNE and CANDICE??) SUZANNE BRADFORD was spotted showing MARK how to make their boat go fast during the first race. Way to go SUZANNE!!

By the way, please let me know if anyone has info or scoop for the Telltale regarding C-fleet, AYC, or just sailing. If not, you'll be stuck reading just my stuff for the next several months.

Thanks to DOUG LAWS' persistence and interest in around-the-buoys format plans are being made for a fleet meeting at BARBARA and TRENTON's new home to discuss this possibility. Also, several parties are being planned so now's the time to get your two cents in! I asked for suggestions from fleet members for this year and for some reason FOOD was mentioned and requested for after the races! So food and

munchies you get; we'll figure out a way for this to happen. Look for us under the big oak tree or under the clubhouse after the races.

See you on the line.

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## J-22 FLEET NEWS

by John Saunders

You missed a great fleet meeting in January with 9 boat owners attending and 5 calling to express regrets and time conflicts. The prevalent idea was RELAX/SAIL/HAVE MORE FUN!! "This is a social experience."

Now bear with me while I report on decisions and thoughts for the first part of the year. If you've seen AYC's 1994 racing schedule first notice the unbroken series this year. Thank you Steve Pervier.

On February 20 there was a great sailing seminar with such racing notables as JOHN BARTLETT-DOUG KERN-SCOTT YOUNG doing the instructing and HANK KLEESPIES as a special guest speaker. The J-22 folks also used this as a fleet event and boat cleaning day.

For the February 27-March 27 Spring Series we'll use this time to talk to our friends and crews. And we decided to race with spinnakers around-the-buoys as a practice for the Austin Circuit April 15-17. After the races we will gather at the table by the bell to share a round of Margaritas. This is between the docks and the dry sail area. Do any of you have a favorite recipe?

April 15-17 will be our big event, the J-22 Austin Circuit. Although plans have not yet been finalized, here's a rough sketch of what to expect -- Friday afternoon and evening, registration/launch boats/social; Saturday, registration/launch boats/race/cook your own steaks or chicken dinner, and Sunday, race/launch boats/awards/socialize if

## J-22 NEWS (cont'd)

anyone has any energy left. CLAUDIA FOSTER is still looking for volunteers to help with everything -- registration, food, boats, you-name-it.

For the Mid-Spring Series, April 17-May 8, the J-22 fleet will race spinnaker around-the-buoys once again to gear up for the J-22 North Americans in Dallas June 7-12. More info later. NOTE: The 1st Mid-Spring series race is immediately following our J-22 Circuit. Anyone wanting to race should. I do suggest that after the circuit we gather round for a few stories and a glass, but certainly AFTER all our guests have been helped.

On April 30-May 1 for the big South Coast regatta the J-22 folks will do committee trade-out. In plain English that means they're doing the Race Committee for our Circuit, and we're doing Race Committee for their regatta. If you haven't figured it out, that's how our club functions best.

During Memorial Day weekend, Turnback, anyone who wants to race should. Maybe we all should. Thought: party at AYC one of those days, Saturday during the starts, and then enjoy our club and great boats. Remember, the club gets very quiet after all those people leave. Let me know how you feel about this one.

During June there is a one-design series scheduled on Sunday afternoon. This has been planned on a not-to-interfere-basis with all of the other events previously scheduled. In my opinion we, as a fleet, will be very busy during June and probably should opt out of this event. It will be a difficult series because of Sunday conflicts. Again, let me know how you feel.

The weekend of June 18-19 AYC will host the TYA Mallory competition in J-22's. Most of you know I support this only because our fleet needs participation in any form. With some luck and participation this year we should be able to dodge this bullet in the future.

For the Saturday Summer Evening Series we will race NON-spinnaker. This was fun last time. More people come out and stay longer. Think about ways we can make this series more fun yet.

This is definitely enough for now. Regattas, race committee duty, etc., have not been discussed. We will get to these as they come up.

This looks like a great year. New people, new boats in the fleet. We have a great schedule and lots of interest in keeping our J-22 fleet active and healthy. Please do not hesitate to call or write.

1994 officers:

JOHN SAUNDERS, Fleet Captain  
CLAUDIA FOSTER, Treasurer  
VICKI PALMER, Secretary

Palmer? A new fleet member? No, it's the same ol' Vicki who has been around forever. You know her, Flashdance's mommy/owner/skipper/crew. Just a new, old last name that's all.

REMEMBER, "B" FLEET WANTS "YOU."

Apology to MARK RYLANDER: I'm not sure that you got the message about the fleet meeting in January. I'll do better. John

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## Reciprocity Notice

The Oakland Yacht Club in Alameda, CA, has offered reciprocity to AYC members which include the following privileges:

Use of club facilities, bar, and dining room. They serve lunch on Wednesday, dinner Fridays and Saturdays and breakfast to order on Sunday mornings. The clubhouse is open and the coffee pot on Tuesday through Sunday.

Three nights free berthing at their guest dock. Overflow berthing will be made available at no cost right next door at the Marina Village Marina.

Use of showers and restrooms (key deposit required).

Grocery/other shopping within easy walking distance.

Oakland Yacht Club: (510) 522-6868

## ENSIGN FLEET NEWS

by Tom Groll

Spring time at last! I don't know about you, but I'm glad it's time to sail again (without a parka). After several months of very little racing activity it's time to blow out the cobwebs, dust off the sails and get back on the line. We had 4 starters on Opening Day including GEORGE DAHMEN, BILL HAWK, the mystery crew on JIM BAKER's boat (ROD ETHRIDGE, CYNTHIA CREAMER, et al), and myself. Our 4 Ensigns looked kind of puny compared to the 11 South Coasts we're starting with this series. I think every South coast in the world was on the line that day! Gee, if we could get just half the Ensigns at the club to show up for a race we would out-number those guys. The races are every Sunday at 2 p.m. We're the 3rd start. Please come join us!

In other news ...

By the time you read this the Notice of Regatta should have been sent out for the upcoming Regionals. From the response I have received so far it looks like we will have a good turn out, possibly 20 boats. My thanks to those of you who have already volunteered your time and/or boat. I will be contacting you soon to let you know where we stand. If you haven't volunteered yet I'm sure it's only a matter of time before you will, right? We really need to have a decent pool of loaner boats for our guests, so don't be shy. Call me or GEORGE DAHMEN to offer yours.

I would like to welcome CHARLES LOCKLIN back to the area. CHARLES owns Ensign #1085 and is hoping to start sailing with us again in the near future. He has been living in the Waco area for a number of years and is in the process of moving back to Austin. We look forward to seeing him on the lake.

For those of you who remember HAROLD-the-hippie-bastard-NEEL, I spoke to him recently and he said to "tell y'all high," or was that "hi." Anyway, he's doing well and is continuing with his plans to sail around the world (if he could just get his boat to float). There's even some rumor that he may be coming to join us for the Regionals, to avenge 1989's debacle I presume. Hopefully he'll be here to enlighten us with his many tales from the sea.

That's about all for now. Don't forget to race your boat.

## SC-21 FLEET RUMORS

by Ray Shull

Question: What can eat 70 hamburgers, drink 2 liters of gin, eat 10 pounds of dessert, and suck down 2 quarts of hot sauce in just over an hour? Answer: The South Coast 21 fleet, as demonstrated after the 1st race day of the Spring Series. The participation was great with 11 boats racing both races for Opening Day. We expect that 3 or 4 more boats will be on the line by mid-March so we may see 15 boats for some of the races.

Some of the additional boats are new owners to the fleet who we know will become very active racers. New owners include PAT LEONARD, POLLY MAYFIELD, KEVIN REYNOLDS, and there's a rumor that an ol' salt currently in Las Vegas who used to consistently place high in the races will reappear by this summer. We have several other sailors in the category of looking-for-the-right-South Coast and will probably be proud owners by the time this is published. It looks like we may have to have a midnight raid on the boats in Shreveport to supply the local demand.

The annual South Coast Inter-Galactics is scheduled for April 23-24 at AYC. This should be an exciting regatta with the likelihood of over 15 boats battling for the perpetual trophy. We hope that a few out-of-town boats will venture here for the competition and will allow us to show our friendly hospitality on the shore (on the water, every boat is on their own).

Also, a quick check of the recent race results will show that South Coast 21 sailors have been fairly busy since the last series race. We were well represented in the Wild Turkey and Red Eye Regattas and also in the Frostbite Series. The noise heard round the cottonwood is often the sound of silver clanking together after a successful foray into the world of handicap racing.

If anyone is interested in joining one of the most active and economical sailing fleets, stop by the tree after the races and introduce yourself. You are welcome to a gin-n- tonic and all the free advice you can stand. Or call anyone in the fleet who can steer you in the direction of how best to join the fun.

See you on the water.

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