



TELLTALE

Austin Yacht Club

November/December 1996

AYC FALL REGATTA WINNERS

Caroline Howard Trophy:

Cynthia Darwin, J-24

PHRF Lakeway Trophy:

Steve Vaughan, Soverel 33

Portsmouth Lakeway Trophy:

John Ridley, Nacra 5.5

PHRF A

1. Steve Vaughan, Soverel 33	1-1-4	5.5 total
2. Ray Shull, J-29	2-2-2	6
3. Scott Christopherson, J-29	3-3-1	6.75
4. Bob Allison, Hobie 33	5-4-3	12
5. Hobie 25	4-5-5	14

PHRF B

1. Claude Welles, Cal 9.2	1-1-2	3.5
2. Mike Mayfield, Capri 25	4-2-1	6.75
3. Tom Lott, Lindenberg 26	2-5-3	10.5
4. Donny Jones, Impulse 21	2-4-4	10.5
5. Stephen Piche, S2 7.9	5-3-5	13

PHRF C

1. Dave Wahlberg, Kiwi 24	1-1-1	2.25
2. Jim Shelton, Ensign	3-2-2	7
3. John Lawler, Ensign	4-3-4	11
4. George Dahmen, Ensign	5-4-3	12
5. Roy Crouse, Pearson 22	2-6-5	13
6. S. Johnson, Merit 22	6-5-6	17

PHRF D

1. Brock Gates, Kiwi 22	1-1-1	2.25
2. T. Davis, Santana 30	3-2-3	8
3. Joe Roddy, Catalina 30	4-3-2	9
4. Paul Hunn, J-24	2-4-4	10

PHRF E

1. Kevin Reynolds, SC-21	1-1-1	2.25
2. Tim McKenna, Hunter 23.5	2-2-4	8
3. Tom Cummings, Irwin 25	3-3-2	8
4. Gerald Rabun, Buc 210	4-4-3	11

J-24

1. Kirk Livingston	1-1-3	4.5
2. Leon Lance	2-3-1	5.75
3. Phil Spletter	3-2-2	7
4. Nelson Reynolds	5-4-5	14
5. Cynthia Darwin	6-5-4	15
6. Dan Tull	4-6-6	16

South Coast 21

1. Steve Gay	1-1-1	2.25
2. Bob Freeman	2-2-2	6
3. Mark Vories	3-3-dnc	13

Catalina 22

1. Jim Deeter	1-1-1	2.25
2. Steve Starr	2-2-2	6
3. Larry Hill	3-3-3	9
4. Walter Allan	5-4-4	13
5. Matt Bartlett	4-5-5	14
6. Martie Shirey	6-6-dnc	21

Catalina 25

1. Steve Pervier	4-1-1	5.5
2. Gabe Ayson	2-2-3	7
3. Ken Miller	3-3-2	8
4. Mike Allen	1-4-dnc	11.75

Catalina 22 (Non-Spin)

1. Gary Payne	1-2-1	3.5
2. Calin Popescu	2-1-3	5.75
3. Sail #13173	3-3-2	8

Thistle

1. Ed Hill	5-1-1	6.5
2. Richard Hlista	2-3-2	7
3. Jim Kincaid	1-4-3	7.75
4. Stanton Smith	4-2-4	10
5. Robert Halter	3-6-5	14
6. Sail #2550	6-5-7	18
7. Sail #1579	8-9-6	23
8. Sail #2000	7-7-10	24
9. Sail #3408	9-8-9	26
10. Steve Blair	10-10-8	28

Sunfish

1. Dave Hilfer	1-1-3	4.5
2. Bruce Foster	6-3-2	11
3. Jim Uroda	2-5-4	11
4. Nick McKenna	3-2-7	12
5. Gary Cooper	4-4-6	14
6. Andy Hemphill	8-6-5	19
7. Vickie Stones	5-8-8	21
8. Ray Plepys	7-7-9	23
9. Martha St. Romain	1/-1	28.75
10. Sail #700	1/-10	38
11. Sail #80115	1/-11	39

Int'l 505

1. Geoff Arnold	1-1-3	4.5
2. Scott Mackay	2-2-1	4.75
3. Renee Ruais	3-3-4	10
4. Tom Taylor	4-4-5	13
5. Sail #8011	1/-2	18

Portsmouth A

1. John Ridley, Nacra 5.5	1-1-1	2.25
2. D. Yoder, Hobie 20	4-2-2	8
3. Hobie 14	2-3-dnc	10
4. Nacra 5.8	3-4-dnc	14

Portsmouth B

1. John Bartlett, Int'l i4	1-1-1	2.25
2. 470, Sail #802	2-2-2	6
3. Laser Sail #152605	3-3-3	9

Editor's Corner

Wanted: Telltale Editor

Work responsibilities have made it increasingly difficult to continue as Telltale editor. Please call me if you're interested in being creative, having fun, talking to all kinds of wonderful, wonderful people, and want to try your hand at publishing.

Vicki Palmer
263-5873, Home

This newsletter is a sample of what can be published more easily in case the 20+ page magazine style is more than you think you want to handle. Some members are even saying that a newsletter is preferable. It will certainly be easier and cheaper to produce!



FOUR TEXAS SAILORS WERE AMONG THE 113 COMPETITORS AT THIS YEAR'S SUNFISH WORLDS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The southwest region of the International Sunfish Class Association was well-represented at this year's Sunfish Worlds in the Dominican Republic held October 12-19 where 113 competitors fought for position on a very long start line and even busier race course.

L to R: Ash Beatty (a frequent visitor to AYC's regattas from the Houston area), Vicki Palmer, Pat Manning, and Vic Manning.

SUNFISH, SUNFISH, SUNFISH ...

by Cynthia Casto, out-going Fleet Captain

As I sit here and write my last Sunfish Telltale article as fleet captain, I have to admit I'm a little sad. It has been a great year of fun, sailing, and new friendships for me. Let me close out with the latest happenings in the fleet.

September was the month we determined our fleet champion. Bill Gerloff has once again taken the championship trophy by sailing successfully in anything from 3 mph winds to 25 mph winds. He can sail in anything and do it with style. Congratulations, Bill! Jim Shelton took a close second, Vic Manning 3rd, Bonner Cordelle 4th, and Pat Manning 5th. Congratulations to Pat also for being our top female finisher. I would also like to recognize Nick McKenna as being our top junior sailor this summer. Every time I turned around Nick was at the top of the fleet. As a matter of fact, he finished 8th in the fleet overall! That's 8th out of almost 70 Sunfish fleet members that raced this summer. Look out folks, things could get real interesting with this guy around.

Our most improved sailors this summer were Paul Brandner and Tim McKenna. I expect these guys will be at the top of the fleet next year. Their consistency and good sailing are sure to be felt next summer. Look out, Bill.

The fleet ran 85 races this summer. Of those 85 races, Paul Brandner raced 70 times; Larry Hill sailed in 58 races, and Andy Hemphill made it for 57. Those are some good numbers to have on your sailing resumes, guys.

We also had 50 men and 19 women from our Sunfish fleet participate in this year's summer sailing. Thanks to everyone who showed up and had fun with us.

Some other folks I'd like to recognize this year are Dayna Mosier for helping me with our mailing list database and newsletter. Dayna did a great job, and I have a feeling she is going to get recruited next year. Thank you very much from all of us, Dayna.

Jim Casto did all of our scoring and calculated all of the statistics for me this summer. Thank you, Jim, for always having the scores done by the weekend, and with no pressure from me either (ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha ...). Hey, we're still happily married too!

Bruce Foster took care of the race committee schedule and rules. Thank you, Bruce. Vic Manning made copies of the unofficial scores and posted them on the board until the "official" scores could be posted. And thanks to Doug Laws, Tim McKenna, and Jerry Rabun for helping out with the grill on Wednesday nights.

We hosted our year-end fleet party on October 25 at the AYC clubhouse. The UT sailing team supplied us with homemade spaghetti and took donations for their club. Fleet members brought in desserts and big appetites. Of course the fleet supplied the wine. Anyway, after the "serious" trophies were presented, Dayna Mosier was presented with our "Boner" award. It was a lovely 8" dog bone (you have to be a dog lover to appreciate this thing; I was afraid to touch it) that will sit proudly on her new mantelpiece. Dayna thought she could put her mast up and drive around the club without running into any obstacles ... NOT ... needless to say, she had to get a new mast this summer. After this prestigious award was handed out, Diane Zbasnik was unanimously voted in as our new 1997 fleet captain. I am looking forward to working with Diane, as I'm sure all you Sunfish fleet members are. Diane got an early jump on things by starting to collect much-needed dues. (I seem to have depleted the fleet account by buying a lot of wine this summer!). Carry on, Diane ...

It has truly been a pleasure serving as fleet captain for this fleet. From interviewing you for our newsletter profiles to blowing bubbles on the race course to drinking lots of wine (that is until I got pregnant), this has been a great summer for me. Now, just so you don't think I am completely

abandoning you, I have come up with a Top 10 list of things to do in the off-season. My maternal instincts have completely taken over, and I feel responsible for each and every one of you from October to April.

Top 10 Things to do in the Sunfish Off-Season

10. Think of a name for your boat if you do not already have one.

9. Bug your friends with stories about all of the Sunfish sailing you did on Lake Travis this summer.

8. Go to Chuy's.

7. Do whatever it takes to keep you from getting hooked on Beverly Hills 90210.

6. Prepare your "How I spent my summer on a Sunfish" report, and turn it in at the 1997 opening fleet party.

5. Go hang out on the AYC point and yearn for those windy Wednesday summer nights.

4. Pray for rain so the south cove doesn't get any smaller, and we have to launch in the north cove.

3. Go to Chuy's.

2. Pay your \$10 dues for next year.

1. Start thinking of new reasons to leave work early on Wednesday nights because your boss was getting really suspicious about this past summer.

See ya Wednesday, May 7, 1997, at 6 p.m. on the starting line!!

HARDEN/BOWDEN TEAM WIN AYC JUNIOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

by Lanelle Montgomery

Six teams of junior sailors competed in the Junior Team Championship races held on September 21! This was quite a coup given the fact that the junior team championship races have not been sailed since 1989. While the wind was not as cooperative as the sailors might have liked, it was good enough to get in six short races in the round robin event sailed in 420's. Thanks to the excellent instruction by John Bartlett two weeks earlier, the teams demonstrated some outstanding team sailing abilities. In the end, Ryan Harden and John Bowden were victorious with the low point score of 10.25. In second place with 19.75 points were Phillip Stearns and Jacob Lien. Close behind in third place were Stephen Gay and Patrick Reynolds with 20 points. Lauren Foster and Danielle Ellenbrook, while finishing two races in first place, ended in fourth place with 20 1/2 points. Close behind them were Nick McKenna and Megan Murphy with 21 points. Sam Livingston and Chris Reynolds finished with 34 points.

RYAN HARDEN WINS JUNIOR SINGLE-HANDED CHAMPIONSHIP

by Lanelle Montgomery

Five junior sailors racing on Sunfish competed for the title of Junior Team Champion. Competition was stiff and the winds varied during the day giving everyone a fair shot at winning. As a matter of fact four out of five of the entrants won at least one race. In the end, a slim quarter of a point divided first and second places. Ryan Harden won with 10 1/2 points followed by Nick McKenna with 10 3/4 points, Phillip Stearns with 13 3/4 points, Lauren Foster with 13 3/4 points (tie went to Phillip), and Chris Bartlett with 25 points.

1996 TEXAS JUNIOR CIRCUIT NEARLY OVER

by Lanelle Montgomery

By the time this issue is published, the 1996 Texas Junior Circuit will be history. AYC junior sailors have proven themselves to be very capable competitors. Once the final race results are tallied and the overall scores determined, our junior sailors are sure to win several top honors. They have all grown tremendously in sailing prowess over the past year.

Racing conditions during the fall have been less than ideal. During the Roadrunner Regatta, races had to be canceled on Sunday for lack of wind. The following month in Palacios the races were canceled on Sunday due to too much wind. Then, the next regatta in Seabrook was canceled altogether due to too much water! It is no wonder that so many people decided to skip the next regatta in Dallas when threats of a strong cold front for the weekend were predicted. As it turned

out, the weather was beautiful for the regatta though a little windier than some would like. The only Austin sailors to attend the Dallas regatta were Earl Gerloff (winning 3rd in Optimist Blue Fleet), Phillip Stearns (winning 4th in Laser Radials), Patrick Reynolds, Chris Reynolds (winning 2nd in Novice Fleet), and Stephen Gay.

An additional competition has been added to the Circuit this year. There will be an Inter-Club Championship held on December 14 & 15 at the Houston Yacht Club. The competition will be conducted in 420's and will consist of six round-robin races among six junior sailors from each yacht club. Each competitor will race once as skipper and once as crew. The team which accumulates the fewest points will be named champion. This event promises to provide a new and challenging experience for those who participate.

The UT Sailing Team will be hosting a sailing clinic at AYC on Saturday, November 16 beginning at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the clinic is to introduce college sailing to prospective members. Bruce Mahoney, well-know Laser sailor, will be the featured instructor and will focus on improving double-handed sailing. Topics will include boat handling, fine tuning of 420's, and general tactics. Donations to the UT Sailing Team will be appreciated. **BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH AND LIFE JACKET** as well as a pen and paper if you wish to take notes. If you have any questions, you should call Hugh Mahoney, Captain of the UT Sailing Team, at 482-0901.

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Tom Taylor

DRIFTING AMONGST THE TORNADOS

(Author Unknown)

Palacios is always a fun regatta -- if for no other reason than everyone in town is so glad to see us. The town's economy is based on shrimp and regattas. This year's regatta had the usual bayfest activities and thousands of cabbageheads (that go bump bump bump on your daggerboard) with a few extras thrown in -- like rain measured in inches per minute, billions of mosquitos, and a few nearby tornados. And should I mention no wind and lots of current?

The fleet looked like AYC Wednesdays since all but two Sunfish were from Austin. Even Hank Kleespies and Eric Faust borrowed a couple of 'fish. The "usual suspects" included the Mannings, Dane, Coop, Bruce, Joanne, Larry, and Bill.

Saturday was exciting, but a racing bust. Wind finally arrived along with some ominous clouds. A few Sunfishers headed out to escape the mosquito hoards only to see two or three tornados dropping down from the clouds to the west. Most everyone got back in just before the downpour. Except Jim Uroda who seems to be at home in any situation, "Hey, I still had some beer and I thought a shower would be nice, so I just stayed out there." The rain brought out the fire ants.

Everyone got ready for the evening's festivities -- the favorite cologne was Eau d'Off. The dance rage was the "Texas Two Slap" -- one step and slap mosquitos, repeated forever. Even the diehard campers moved indoors.

Racing started Sunday. The wind said "go right;" the current barely whispered "go left." Those who heard the whispers were rewarded. Joanne Weberlein took two bullets. Hank, Eric and Bill Gerloff were right on her heels. Only two races were completed. All went home looking like they'd been rolling in cactus. Palacios is always an adventure. Even John, Lauren, and Eric had fun exploring the town from one end to the other.

Same time next year!



DON'T FORGET

Winter Series ... Nov. 10, 17
Winter Series Buffet ... Nov. 17
Jr. Sailing Seminar ... Nov. 16
Wild Turkey Regatta ... Nov. 23

Annual Membership Meeting
December 5

Annual Banquet
December 7

Children's Christmas Party
December 14

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