

# Telltale

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**April / May 1997**



**Austin Yacht Club**

## 1997 AYC OFFICERS

COMMODORE .....	Bruce Foster
VICE - COMMODORE .....	Lanelle Montgomery
SECRETARY .....	Ann Gairloff
TREASURER .....	Pat Manning
RACE COMMANDER .....	Voldi Maki
SAIL TRAINING COMMANDER .....	Doug Kern
FLEET COMMANDER .....	Joe Roddy
BLDGS & GRNDS COMMANDER .....	John Saunders
PAST COMMODORE .....	Ray Shull

## AYC FLEET CAPTAINS

CATALINA 22 .....	Jim Deeter
CENTERBOARD HANDICAP .....	Renee Ruais
CORONADO 15 .....	Bill Smith
ENSIGN .....	Jim Shelton
420's .....	Hugh Mahoney
J - 22 .....	Debra Phillips
J - 24 .....	Greg Buck
KEEL HANDICAP .....	Bob Goldsmith
A - FLEET .....	Dave Balfour
B - FLEET .....	Bonni Chambers
C - FLEET .....	Tommy Gairloff
D - FLEET .....	Tim McKenna
LASER .....	Ken Sherman
MULTIHULL .....	Steve McKinley
SOUTH COAST 21 .....	Polly Mayfield
SUNFISH .....	Diane Zabasnik

COVER PHOTO -- March 30, 1997, Easter Laser Regatta

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## *Commodore's Ramblings...*

It's a real challenge, but a pleasure to serve AYC's members as commodore this year. And doesn't the year get started quickly. The gap between end-of-season and opening day keeps getting shorter as we cram as much fun as possible into the calendar. Speaking of calendars, it was a true pleasure working with this year's board as we fit all the events into place like a Rubik's cube. The budget is usually the other major concern, but a combination of excellent fiscal management in 1996 and cooperation among this year's board allowed dues to remain the same for 1997. Higher dock replacement costs led to a small increase in boat storage fees in order to maintain the harbor fund payoff schedule adopted last year. I want to thank the board and fleet captains for helping wrap these up in January.

By the time this is published the Spring Series will be over, the J-24 circuit will be history, a new dock #5 installed and Fred's Easter Regatta will be the talk of the club. We have already experienced the vagaries of Lake Travis water levels and even survived a boating ban on opening day! Fleet Captains have met and appointed Jim Shelton to represent them to ensure clear communication of fleet desires to the PRC. I anticipate another year of race management excellence from the usual suspects and a high level of enthusiasm from the new attendees of Voldi's race committee seminar.

These things done, I want to emphasize several items to ensure continual improvement at our club. First, I ask all those interested in becoming club and senior race officers to take the necessary steps for certification. I've asked Vic Manning to assist in this process. Next, increased participation in USSA ladder events.

Finally, we must all do our part as "good citizens" on a more crowded lake. We all saw the increased scrutiny after the tragic powerboat accident last year. I don't believe this attention will go away and I am particularly concerned about some of the open meeting comments about the amount of lake we use for our activities. Higher water levels will help and so will common courtesy to others as they enjoy Lake Travis, no matter how inconvenient they may be to us. There are a number of proposals and stated intentions that could increasingly restrict boating activities. Joanne Weberlein, this year's TSA Secretary, is keeping tabs on any legislation that could affect us. The board will pay close attention to these and bring the issues up in board meetings and TellTale articles.

Enough on these concerns...look at the good things like a growing junior fleet, more South Coast 21's, Catalina 22's, and centerboards. Lanelle has a great group of regatta chairpeople. There are more opportunities for team participation in national, invitational events. Betsy Allison's race clinic was filled to capacity. Yup, I believe it will be another great year. I can't wait to get the leaves and bugs out of my Sunfish!



# US Sailing Ladder Events for 1997

by Lanelle Montgomery

The TSA Ladder Events have been scheduled for 1997 and are as follows:

AYC elimination races for all events will be held on May 3. In order to participate in the eliminations, you must register by notifying the AYC office no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 30. Earlier notification will be greatly appreciated!

## **TSA Quarterfinals:**

Adams, June 21-22, Dallas Corinthian SC, Flying Scot (3)  
Mallory, June 21-22, Ft. Worth BC, J-22 (3)  
O'Day, June 14-15, Corpus Christi YC, Laser  
Sears/Bemis/Smythe, July 27-28, Houston YC, J-22/C420/Laser  
POW, July 27-28, Rush Creek YC, J-22 or Santana 20

## **Area F Semifinals:**

Adams, July 12-13, Dallas Corinthian SC, Flying Scot (3)  
Mallory, July 12-13, Carter Lake, Colorado, J-22 (3)  
O'Day, July 19-20, Corpus Christi, YC, Laser  
Sears/Bemis/Smythe, July 27-28, Houston YC, J-22/C420/Laser  
POW, July 27-28, Rush Creek YC, J-22 or Santana 20

## **Finals:**

Adams, Sept. 16-21, Southern YC, Flying Scot (3)  
Mallory, Sept. 16-21, Southern YC, J-22 (3)  
O'Day, August 2-4, Seattle Corinthian YC, Laser  
Sears/Bemis Smythe, August 16-21, Minnetonka YC, Wayzata, Mi.,  
J-22/C420/Laser  
POW, August 2-4, Bayview YC, Detroit, Mi., Etchells 22

Anyone who is interested in competing in any of these events but who needs additional information should contact me at 266-1293.

## ***FROM THE SOCIAL CHAIR .....***

Larry Morrow and Doris Clay

Larry and Doris have been busy planning a great social calendar and program of the 1997 racing season. If you were at the End of the Spring Series Buffet, you got to sample a bit of tasty food!! I understand there is more of that to come!

### **END OF THE SERIES BUFFET SCHEDULE:**

<b>May 11</b>	<b>Host:</b>	<b>Cynthia Anderson</b>
<b>August 9</b>		<b>Tim O'Flynn</b>
<b>September 20</b>		<b>Laura David</b>
<b>November 16</b>		<b>Doug &amp; Shirley Laws</b>

If you see any of these members, be sure to thank them for their time and effort. Please don't feel left out. If you haven't been called to help, don't hesitate to call Larry or Doris, they'll be thrilled to hear from you. Many of the annual events require early planning and preparation.



***From the Race Commander .....***

## **1997 - 2000 RULES SEMINAR**

On April 1, 1997, the Racing Rules of Sailing for 1997 - 2000 will be the effective racing rules at AYC. These new rules are the most thorough review and revision of the rules since the 1940's. A seminar will be held to review the new rules.

**Dates:**               **April 11 at 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

**Location:**          **AYC Club House**

**Fees:**               **Pre-registration (before April 9)\$0.00**  
                             **Late Registration \$50.00**

**Supplies:**         **Bring New Rule Book**

**Food:**               **Evening Snacks**

Many changes will occur during the 1997 racing season, along with the new rules, competitors will have to contend with new flexibilities given to the race committee. The race committee may now shorten a race by both start number and by fleet. The race committee may also start the second race for the one design fleets almost at will, greatly reducing the time sitting between races. These new options allow a race committee to do really well or really bad. Time will tell. The intent of the changes is to maximize the time on the water that is actually spent racing. Voldi Maki

***More news from the PRC .....***

As most of you are aware, each time we come out to the lake to race, some one is doing race committee. You probably have been asked or have done your share in the past and want to have good race committee work when you race. One program that helps us at AYC promote good race management and recognizes people for their work, is the U.S. Sailing Race Officer Program. Currently we only have one qualified Senior Race Officer in the club. The purpose of this program is to recognize excellent race officers ,

***continued from the PRC .....***

race officers, promote high-quality race management and foster race management educational programs at all levels. you may already be qualified to submit for a Senior Race Officer or Club Race Officer position. To qualify you must be a member of U.S. Sailing, list your experience for the different positions you have worked, fill out an application and apply. If you are interested in helping the club have good race management, please contact the Race Commander for information and application forms.

Are you aware that sailboats are required to be registered and proper TX numbers on the bow of your boat? Do you know how far away from another boat you must stay when sailing? Do you know the proper procedure for asking for redress if stopped by a law enforcement official while racing? Do you know that swim areas and no-boating areas are considered obstructions? If a starboard tack cruiser, port tack racer are crossing, who has the right of way? These are some items of concern where questions have been asked. Do you know the proper answers? A number of new State Laws and Sailing Instruction rules have changed that you may not be aware of. Copies of both can be obtained in the club house for your review. ***Vic Manning***

ANSWER: TX numbers are required on all sailboats over 14' or a boat having a motor. You must stay at least 50' away from another boat when under way. If stopped for inspection, do so immediately; look around and see who is sailing near you for verification and write down the time of day you are stopped and when you start sailing again. Then apply for redress after the race is over. Bring your witness. Being stopped for violations of the inland water way rules (sailing in swimming areas) is not grounds for redress. Cruisers have as much right to the lake as racers. It's one thing to request right of way in a polite way, but not to demand that a cruising sailboat or motor boat get out of your way. Cruisers have as much right to the lake as racers. It's one thing to request right of way in a polite way, but not to demand that a cruising sailboat or motor boat get out of your way.

## NEWS FROM BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Buildings & Grounds Committee for 1997 includes 12 active members noted in the new directory. Including more members in this committee give us broader input for '97 and '98.

The committee is currently planning a great entertainment for all the club members. On **April 12, 1997, at 9:00 a.m.**, we will host a **work day** to which all club members are welcome. The goals of this get together is to clean up several areas of the property. First will be the club house and cabins. Brush is to be cleared in the dry sail area. The entire property needs to be "picked up" so to speak. The high water has left debris on the shore. Pruning and planting will be a project. Improvements will be made in the playground area. Just come on out and have fun. We supply materials and you bring tools. Donuts, coffee, lunch, snacks, You'all come!

We notice that there is a growing tendency to park in strange places. As you leave your vehicle, please look around; have you blocked any access to a boat, trailer, car, mast hoist, ramp or drive? Even though an event may be in process, another club member may be intent on launching their boat or using their trailer or vehicle while you are sailing. Even on off days, you are rarely the only one out here. The member blocked will show up because Murphy Says So. Most of us enjoy visiting our club; driving out here to sail and discovering your equipment blocked is not as much fun. Just remember, once it starts, it will get worse, and you may be next!

Go fast on the water and slow on the property. This is a diverse club with a busy schedule. Slow Down. The next bump you feel may be a 3 year old.

We will pave the back section of the dry sail parking soon. If you have a boat that is beyond use, please consider removing it or disposing of it. Space for expansion will be difficult and expensive in the future. The lower trailer parking has been extended. This is rough I know, however we do not charge for it. Most trailers not used for boats at the club have been removed. This parking has also become dear. In addition, to the dry sail area, some roads will also be repaired at the same time.

Remember, AYC is a volunteer club and will be as neat clean and orderly as you keep it.

Please remember the Board of Directors meetings on the fourth Thursday and call me if you want to talk.

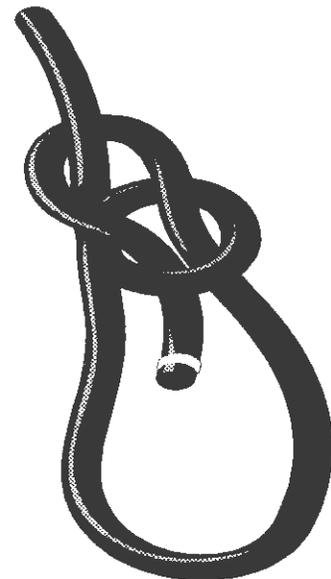
John Saunders

## ***News from the Harbor Committee .....***

By Leo Anderson

### **Hooks from Heaven!**

A big thanks goes to Donny Jones, one of our AYC members from Belton, for providing 38 of the "Ted Smith" retractable cleats for the 6 T-heads of our existing docks. Donny, all at his own expense, acquired the steel, cut and welded it into cleats and shipped the completed units to AYC. The first four of these cleats have been installed on the new dock 5 T-head. Look for remaining T-heads to be fitted with these cleats during the coming year.



***DON'T FORGET .....***

**\*\*NEXT TELLTALE DEADLINES:**

**MAY 26, 1997**

**JUNE 23, 1997**

**AUGUST 23, 1997**

**OCTOBER 27, 1997**

## ***FROM THE KEEL HANDICAP FLEET .....***

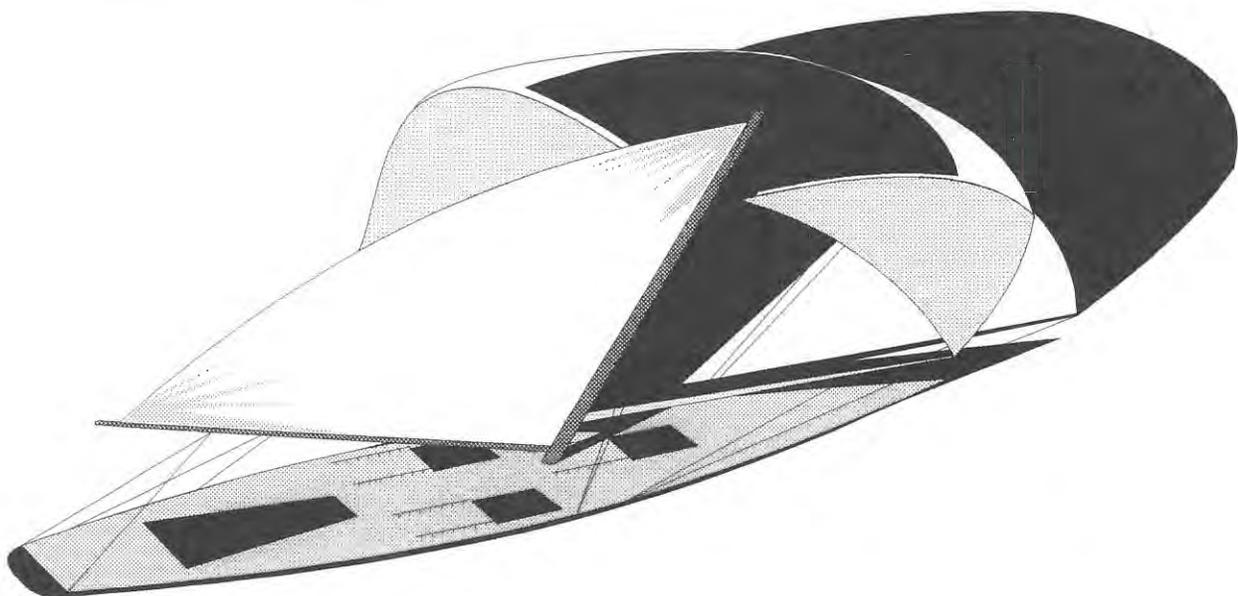
Skippers...do you yearn for the one-on-one challenge of just you racing your own boat against the other keel boat skippers? Come out and test your skills against the best of the fleet. It is time to sign up for the Keel Fleet Single-Handed Regatta which is being held next month on Saturday, May 10th.

Crew members...encourage your skippers to enter then come out and watch the fun...or, maybe you have a boat on which to test your mettle as well.

It will be another AYC race with sails flying, halyards flapping and food and beer aplenty. Entry fees will be \$10 for Keel Fleet members and \$15 for non-Keel Fleet members.

Registration will be from 12:00 to 1:15 p.m. with lunch and a keg provided. The skippers' meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. with the first race beginning at 2:30 p.m. Scoring will be by PHRF Handicap. Watch for further details to be mailed out.

Dennis Finuf  
dfinuf@mail.utexas.edu



# Opening Day Ceremonies Kick Off 1997 AYC Racing Season

The Austin Yacht Club celebrated the 1997 Racing Season on February 23, despite the closure of Lake Travis due to heavy rains, lots of debris and bacteria. Many thanks go to Martha St. Romain and her troops for coordinating such a scrumptious buffet and mimosas!

The opening ceremonies were held in the traditional fashion with the outstanding performance of Stephen Gay and colleagues' ROTC group from Westwood High School.

Race Commander, Voldi Maki informed us of the new rules and local course changes. (Don't go looking for "X" mark or "Arkansas" mark!) Ask your fleet captain about the new rules if you missed Voldi's talk. The race was cancelled after the ceremonies due to LCRA (even though there was wind). So, there was a keg to be consumed and I think that is what happened!! Every year is different, I must say!!



## Women's Rolex Clinic with Betsy Alison



"Cheeks to the teak, ladies!" "Come'on human spinnaker poles!" "Rotate that shoot around on the gybes!" "Nice job, ladies!" ...said Betsy Alison, four time Rolex Yachtswomen of the Year.

Every other year Rolex Watches USA sponsors the 'Rolex Women's International Keelboat Championship'. In the past this event has been held in Newport, RI on J24s. This September the event will once again be held in Newport and on J24s. Rolex is sending Betsy Alison around the country to train teams that have an interest in attending the event. The Austin Yacht Club was proud to host the first Women's Rolex Clinic on March 7, 8, & 9 featuring Betsy Alison.

Six teams of 5-6 women on each team attended the event. Friday night began with a slide show of highlights from the 'Rolex Women's International Keelboat Championship'. Betsy showed slides on hiking the boat, sheeting in the genoa, gybing the shoot, trimming the sails, and on what not to do. On Saturday Betsy talk about the importance of each position on the boat (with teams of 6). She discussed goal setting, and the importance of commitment to a team. Then the fun began when the teams left the dock to put their crew work together. Saturday morning drills were...sail upwind, tack, set the shoot, gybe, drop the shoot, sail upwind, tack, tack, tack....you get the idea.

After lunch (I'll tell you more about the food later), the teams set back out to the water for more practice as a team. This time the focus was on starts and crew work around the course.

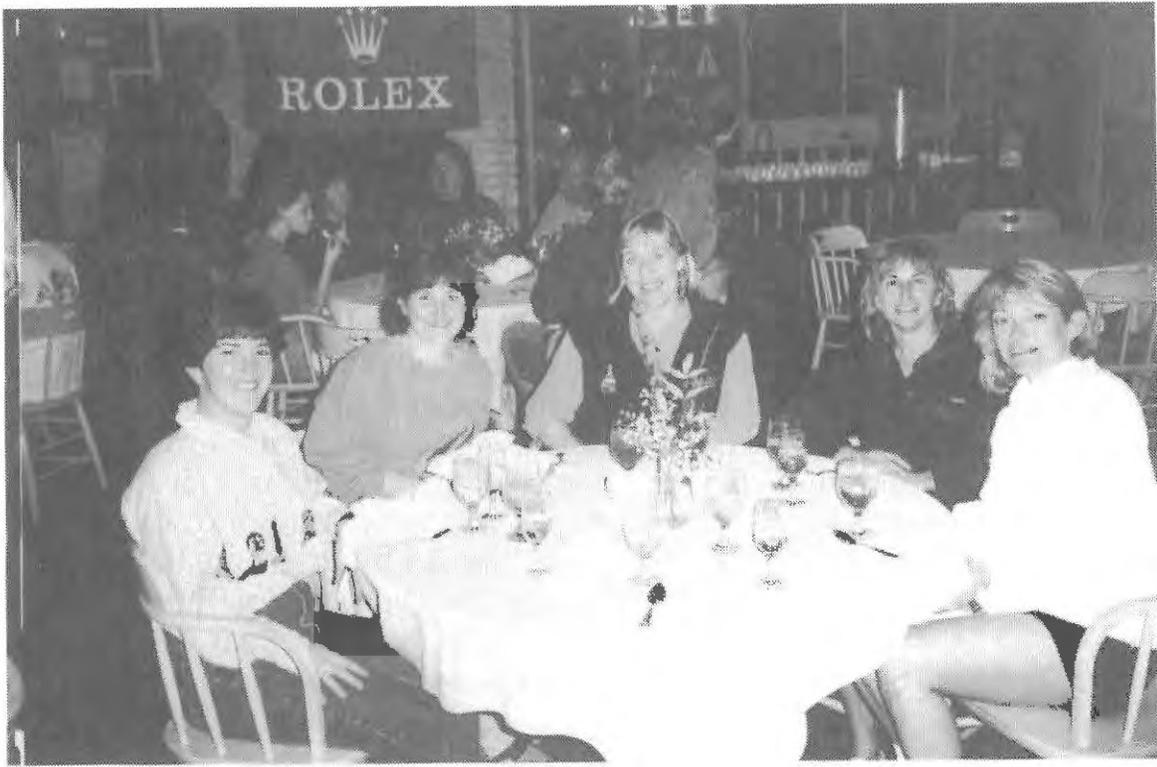
Sunday we raced. After some close and exciting racing team Evil, Wicked, Mean, and Nasty won the regatta by one point over the Mr. Happy team. Nice racing ladies.

Now to the food....What can be said except unbelievable. Troy Lawson and Bay Peterson use both their gourmet skills and some charm to satisfy 36 women over the course of the weekend. Presentation is important when serving a meal, right? These guys spared nothing to please us. We had table clothes (ironed by Tommy Gairloff), napkins, china, crystal, silver, waiters, and an incredible meal of pork tenderloin with asparagus and whipped potatoes. There was also alot of wine. It was an absolute perfect meal.

The entire weekend was a big success. The hat for the summer of '97 will say 'Rolex'! This is an event that should repeat itself next year. Thanks to everyone that made is possible!!!!

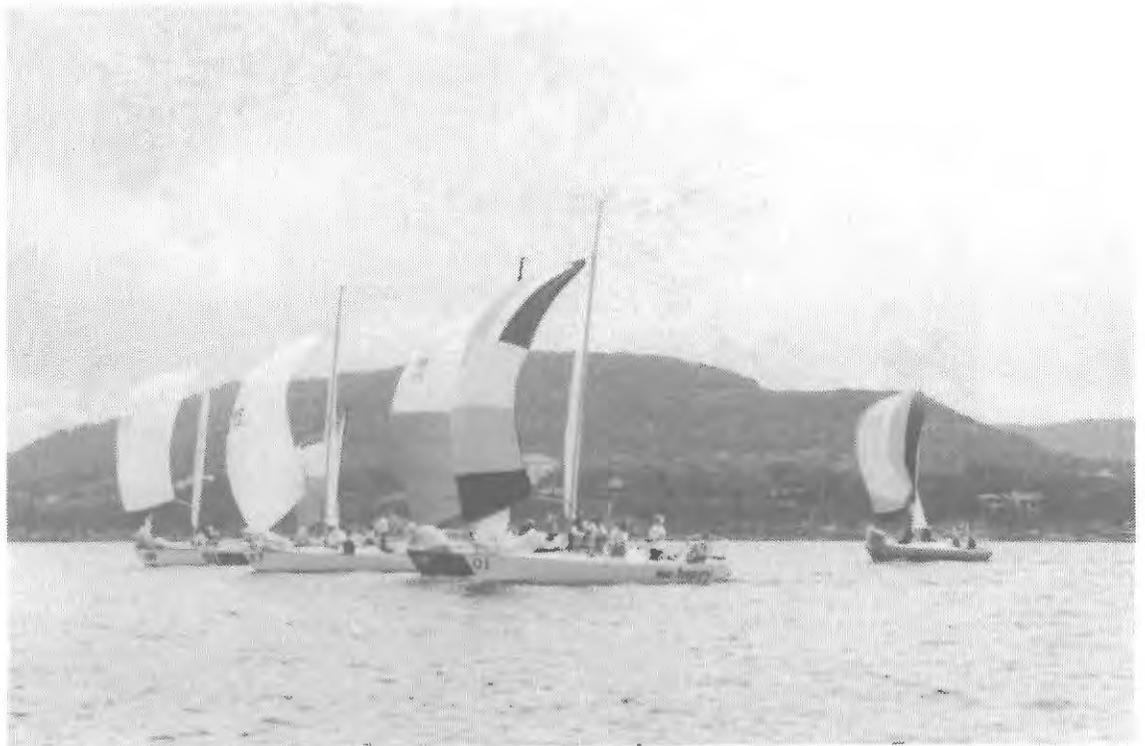


Team Psycho & Support Crew



Team RagTag

Close  
Racing  
on Sunday!





## 1997 AYC Centerboard Regatta

April 26-27, 1997  
Austin Yacht Club  
Austin, Texas

### Notice of Regatta

**Rules:** The regatta will be governed by the 1993-96 International Yacht Racing Rules (IYRR), the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, the rules of each class, and by the sailing instructions. Sailing instructions will be available at check-in on April 26 at Austin Yacht Club. The courses will be shown in the sailing instructions.

**Eligibility and Entry:** The regatta is open to all monohull centerboard and multihull yachts. Eligible yachts will be entered by completing a registration form as attached. Five yachts will constitute a class. Entered yachts will be grouped into various one-design, Portsmouth, and NAMSA classes.

**Registration:** Complete the attached form and return it with the appropriate fees to:

Austin Yacht Club  
5906 Beacon Drive  
Austin, Texas 78734-1499

Our deadline is 5:00pm Wednesday (April 23), which should allow time for any weather forecasts (in Texas?) to have been issued. You may also register late until Saturday morning at 8:45 am (April 26) before the skippers meeting (held at 9:15 am). It would really help us if you could let us know that you are coming, before the registration deadline, so that we may print enough T shirts, prepare the meals and etch trophies. Camping and cabins are available at AYC.

**Schedule and Racing:** Seven races will be held, weather and time permitting. One throwout race will be permitted after the 5<sup>th</sup> race. Two races constitute a regatta. The skippers meeting will be held at 9:15 am Saturday, and the first gun fired at 10:00 am. We plan to stop for lunch Saturday, and after the 4<sup>th</sup> race for dinner. Sunday morning the first gun will be at 10:00 am again, after which no race will be started beyond 2:00 pm. An awards ceremony is planned for afternoon.

**Food:** Meals will be provided for free throughout this regatta, with the exception of our Junior Sailor fundraiser during Sunday lunch. Tickets for this will be available at check-in. Lunch Saturday is donated by Bruegger's Bagels, and beer is provided courtesy of Celis Brewery and Bartlett/Banks Sails. Snacks, beer, and refreshments shall flow freely Friday and Saturday evenings. Saturday and Sunday breakfast will be served at 8:00 am sharp. Saturday lunch will be catered, while dinner will be served by us.

**T Shirts:** Available in M, L, XL, XXL. \$10 each; please preorder.

**Directions:** From the intersection of RR 2222 and FM 620, go southwest on 620 for 5.6 miles. Pass the dam, and at the next light, turn right onto Hudson Bend Drive at the Circle K. Proceed one mile and turn right again onto Beacon Drive. Beacon Drive deadends into Austin Yacht Club.

**Sponsored by:**

Bartlett/Banks Sails

**Celis Brewery**  
AUSTIN TEXAS

 **Southwestern Bell**

**BRUEGGER'S BAGELS**  
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Registration Form  
1997 AYC Centerboard Regatta  
April 26-27, 1997



1997  
AYC Centerboard Regatta

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Austin Yacht Club  
Austin, Texas

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Boat # \_\_\_\_\_

**Fees:**

Entry: \$25 per yacht \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Non US Sailing add \$5 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Late registration (after 4/23) add \$5 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirts: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL

please indicate sizes and quantities clearly

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration for its sponsorship of the event, I hereby release the Austin Yacht Club, its officers, employees, agents, sponsors, and members ("the Club") from any and all claims for any personal injuries or property damage in any manner related to this event or the operation of the club. I hereby acknowledge that it is always the individual responsibility of each skipper to determine whether to start or continue racing.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## 1997 SPRING SERIES RESULTS

### A - FLEET

1. John Mandell, 11:Metre
2. Dennis Awbrey, Hobie 33
3. Jay Hargrave, Hobie 25
4. Jaime Edwards, Olson 30
5. David Balfour, Ross 830

### B - FLEET

1. Larry Morrow, J-30
2. Mike Chambers, Olson 25
3. Burton, Garlo, Olson 25
4. Mary Sikora, Moore 24

### C - FLEET

1. Barbara Hawn, San Juan 7.7
2. Paul Frels, San Juan 24
3. Steve Johnson, Merit 22
4. Doug Laws, San Juan 7.7

### D - FLEET

1. Ken Miller, Catalina 25
2. Tim McKenna, Hunter 23
3. Ralph Jones, Ranger 22

### CENTERBOARD HANDICAP

1. Geoff Arnold, Int. 505
2. Int. 505 (sail #6882)
3. Peter John, Thistle
4. Scott MacKay, Int. 505

### SC21

1. Ray Shull
2. Steve Gay
3. Kevin Reynolds
4. Bob Freeman
5. Jeff Hardesty

### CAT22

1. Bill Wheat
2. Matt Bartlett
3. Calin Popescu
4. Steve Starr
5. Pete Harper

### ENSIGN

1. George Dahmen
2. Jim Shelton
3. Jim Baker
4. Tom Groll

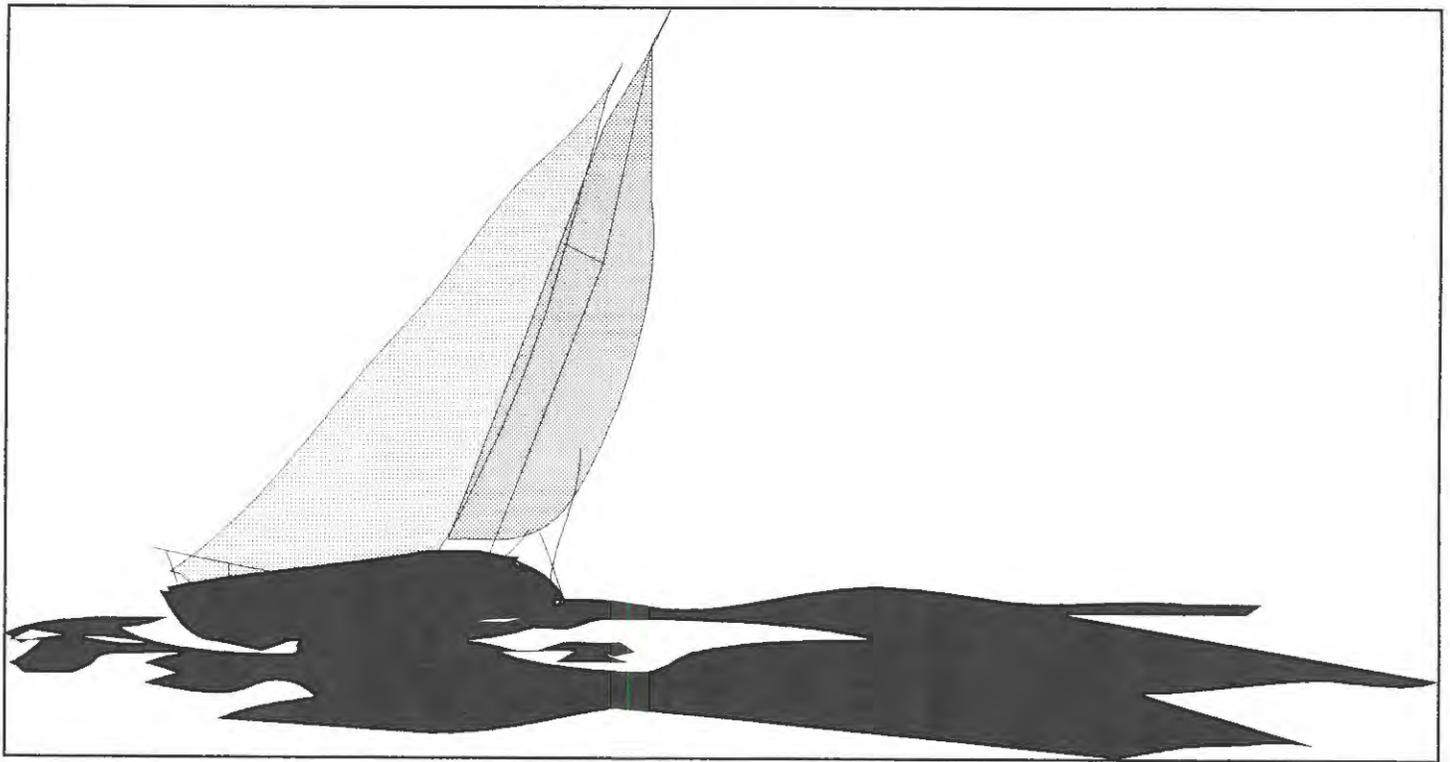
### J-22

1. John Saunders
2. Debra Phillips
3. Steve Brown
4. Max Rockoff
5. Voldi Maki

### J-24

1. Eric Nelson
2. Dave Broadway
3. Kirk Livingston
4. F. Amrhein
5. Leon Lance

*\*\*Special thanks to our social chairs, Doris Clay and Larry Morrow for a scrumptious end of the series buffet! The barbecue was delicious!!*



## April 1997

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> WHITE CAP REGATTA
<b>6</b> WHITE CAP REGATTA	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> PRC Rules Seminar 7:00 p.m.	<b>12</b> BLDG. GROUNDS WORK PARTY
<b>13</b> MID-SPRING SERIES #1	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> MID-SPRING SERIES #2	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> AYC Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Centerboard Regatta
<b>27</b> Centerboard Regatta	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			

**1997 EASTER LASER REGATTA  
MARCH 29 & 30**

**RESULTS**

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SKIPPER</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
1	Eric Faust	15
2	Hank Kleespies	18
3	Scott Yound	18
4	Doug Peckover	24
5	Fred Schroth	46
6	Doug Kern	48
7	Sean Nunes	51
8	Kevin Reynolds	64
9	Mark Eldred	74
10	Jonathan Baker	76
11	David Morgan	79
12	Nelson Reynolds	82
13	Deke DeKeyser	86
14	Weberlein/S. Gay	87

Total 28 boats

**RADIAL DIVISION**

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SKIPPER</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
1	Patrick Reynolds	10
2	Phillip Stearns	27
3	Sarah Baker	28
4	John Bowden	28
5	Kent Leverich	29
6	Nick McKenna	35
7	Stephen Gay	38
8	Elizabeth Baldinger	42
9	Lauren Foster	46
10	C. Bartlett/R. Harden	52
11	Holly Brown	64

Total 11 boats



Easter Laser Shots:

Rounding the mark --

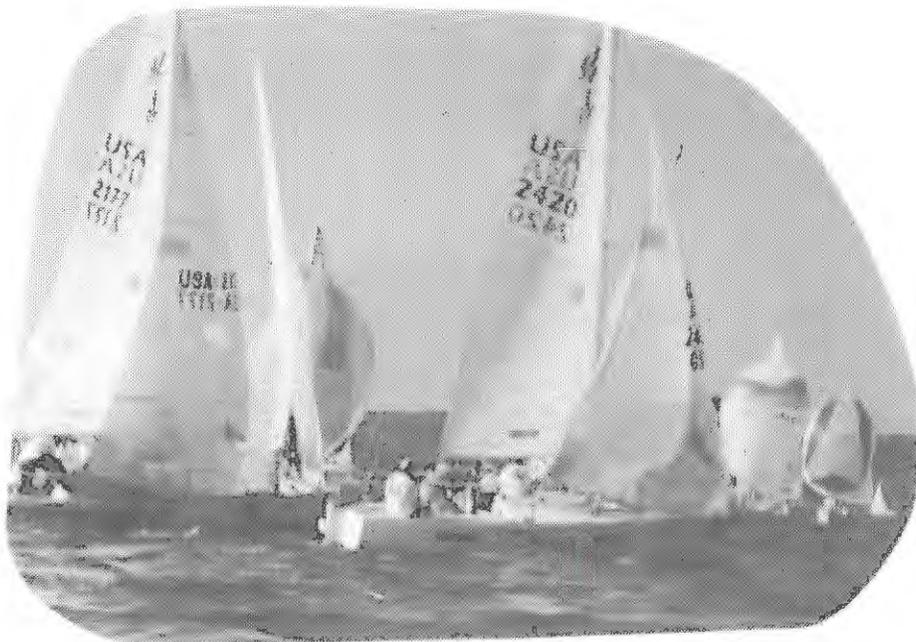


## J-24 CIRCUIT REGATTA RESULTS MARCH 22 & 23, 1997

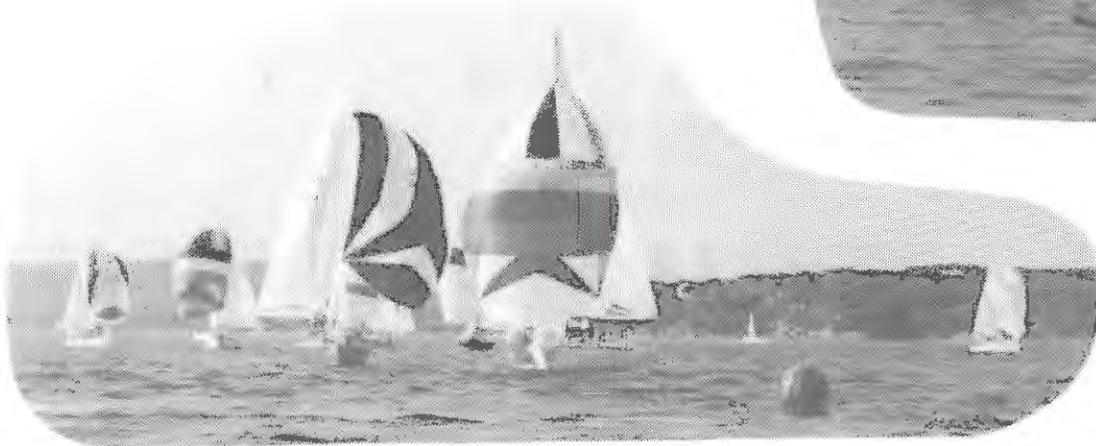
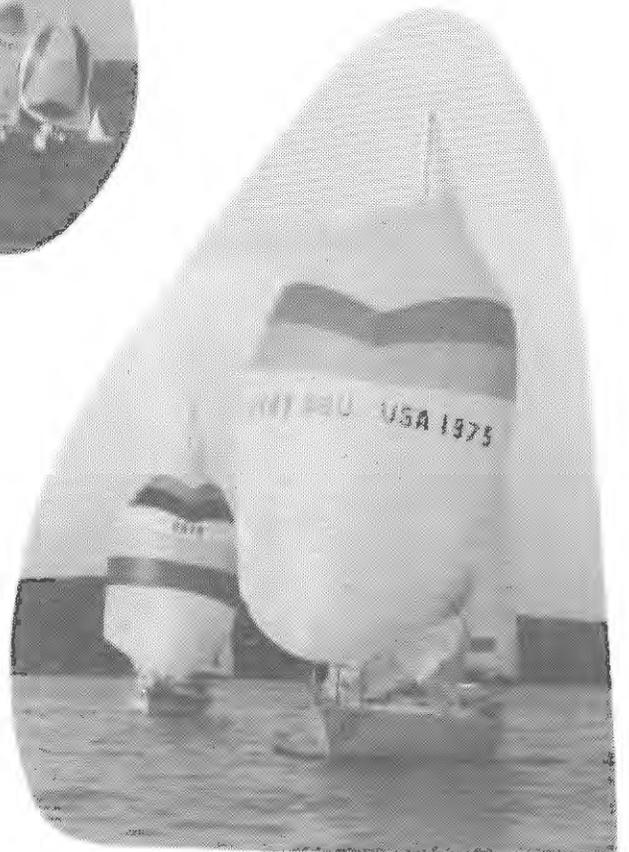
**28 BOATS PARTICIPATED: 4 RACES TOTAL**

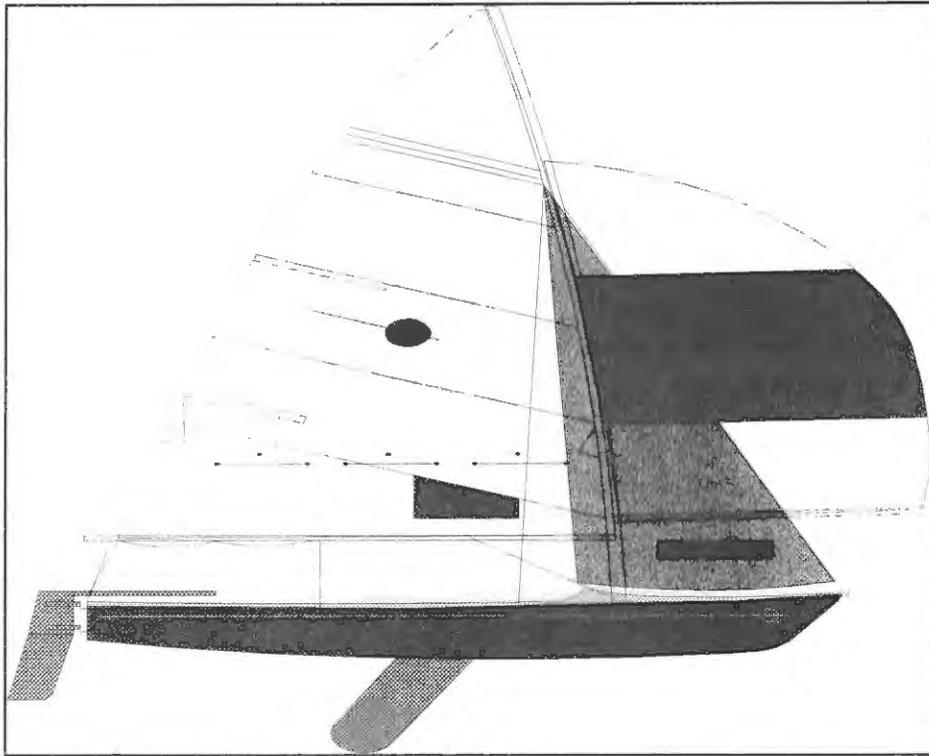
<u>POS</u>	<u>BOW NO.</u>	<u>SKIPPER</u>	<u>YACHT NAME</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
1	01	Bob Harden	Mr. Happy	12
2	70	Jim Anderson	Graybeard	19
3	15	Lee Cash	Slick	29
4	05	Kirk Livingston	ToolTime	31
5	17	Thomas Bremer	Catapult	33
6	08	D. Pledger	More Grief	37
7	10	David Broadway	Superman	40
8	14	Worsham/Wellman	Shadowfax	49
9	12	Fred Am Rhein	Flour Power	50
10	19	Nelson Reynolds	evil wicked mean	51
11	30	Eric Faust	Out of Control	53
12	64	Charlie Arms	Some Like it Hot	56
13	09	William Cantrell	Lightnin'	57
14	18	Greg Buck	Turn & Burn	59
15	81	Becka Lien	Family Crisis	60
16	24	Chris Snow	Monster Fish	61
17	77	Phil Spletter	Double Trouble	61
18	87	Fred Schroth	Psycho	62
19	16	Bill Jennings	Impulse	66
20	11	Christian Dupont	WEBE	69
21	99	Dave Walberg	Running on Empty	74
22	00	Doug Anderson	Ragtag	84
23	169	David Loose	Surface Tension	87
24	29	Allyn Johnson	RayBan	92
25	20	Jerrell Wolaver	Itsy	92
26	78	B. Morgan	Good Bull	93
27	88	John Schmidt	Juice	94
28	43	Chris Merlin	White Lightning	95

A special thanks to all AYC volunteers, friends and crew who contributed to the success of this event!!



## J-24 Circuit Shots





## May 1997

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Beer Can Series Begins 7 p.m.	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Mid-Spring #3	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Sunfish/Laser Races Begin 6:00 p.m.	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Beer Can Series 7:00 p.m.	<b>10</b> Keel Single- Handed Championship
<b>11</b> Mid-Spring #4 Series Buffet	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Sunfish/Laser Races 6:00 p.m.	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Beer Can Series 7:00 p.m.	<b>17</b> SC-21 Intergalactics Championship
<b>18</b> SC-21 Intergalactics Championship	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Sunfish/Laser Races 6:00 p.m.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Beer Can Series 7:00 p.m.	<b>24</b> Turnback Canyon Regatta
<b>25</b> Turnback Canyon Regatta	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Sunfish/Laser Races 6:00 p.m.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Beer Can Series 7:00 p.m.	<b>31</b>

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

### **C15 FLEET 34**

By Bill Smith

Yaaawwwnn. Is it time to come out of winter hibernation? Is it time for all you fair weather (read warm weather, warm water, good winds) sailors to uncover those C15s? YES, it is.

And do we have a fast and furious year in store for you. If you want to race against the most fun (read very competitive AND fun) bunch of sailors in this part of the country (OK, literary license is on file somewhere), time to find a C15 to buy or race on.

Our year "finishes" on June 27, 28, & 29 in AUSTIN at the C15 North American Championship. We will host this year's C15 North American Championship in conjunction with the Governor's Cup Regatta centerboard weekend. The event will be a 3 day event, with 2 of those days racing as a part of the Governor's Cup Regatta. We will have a big turnout for this event with boats from all over the country making an appearance...

quite a few from California (no lake sailors there? I didn't mean you Allison Jolly or any of your buddies) and I hear that a Foerster/Draheim team may put in an appearance as well. Don't forget about all the Austin locals who think "ah, what's an Olympic medal anyway... that was years ago. What have you done lately?"

There will be an A and a B fleet for the NA's. There will be fun for everybody. Give me a call if you want to see about crewing/helming/leasing/borrowing a boat so you won't miss the fun! (that's Bill Smith at 263-5242 or email at [bsmit17@austin360.com](mailto:bsmit17@austin360.com)). I will publish all the details about the regatta once we figure them out (and write the notice of regatta...). Its definately going to be a real party and if the wind shows up (it willllll) its going to be the best racing this year.

So much for the finish. The rest of the fun is leading up to the "big one".

As a fleet, we intend to race our usual 2 series early this year... we will race as a fleet in the Mid-spring series and the One Design series. The C15 District Regatta will be held on May 10 & 11 in Dallas on

## **Cont. FLEET TALK .....**

(C-15, Bill Smith)

Whiterock Lake at the Corinthian Sailing Club. Don't forget about the Centerboard Regatta this year (another event we will race as a fleet).

We really had a great time racing last year and really experienced a growth in the number of new fleet members that showed up to race regularly. I expect more growth this year. The competition has never been better or more fun.

In case anyone didn't hear already, ... yes, the C15 fleet team was able to repeat as the AYC Sr. Champions. This time it came down to the last race. We were in 2nd place by 1 point behind the SC21 fleet (helmed by Ray Schull) going into the last race. A handy wind shift showed up at the start line right at the start and everybody except us (I think there was 1 other boat that was semiclose, but it wasn't the SC21 boat) was at the wrong end of the line fighting for that 2nd place start. We managed to cover the fleet the whole race, needing only to beat the SC21 boat, but getting a bullet to remember the event by... We had a great time this year, just like we did last year. This was a hard fought event and I can't wait for next (this) year. Can we 3peat? Bet there's some sailors out there that don't want us to... I hope we get the opportunity. By the way, the team of Bill Smith, Evert Broersma, Skip Hartman, and Jay Davis were representing the C15 fleet (the same as the previous year).

See ya'll out on the race course. There's plenty of water this year, so "think wind".

## **Cond. *Fleet Talk***

### **J/24 FLEET**

by Dave Broadway

Key West or Bust!! Three AYC J/24 crews (Mr. Happy, Shadowfax, and Oreo) made the 26 hour trek to Key West, FL, for the 20th Anniversary of the USJCA MidWinter event. 98 teams converged from the US, Japan, S. America, Canada, and England. The conditions were rough and tumble as 2 masts, numerous halyards, vang, etc. busted during the first day of qualifying races. The conditions were blustery most of the week, but the fleet enjoyed the competition and the comraderie.

The event was won by Chris Larson, with Mr. Happy finishing 15th in the Championship Division. Hopefully the event will be in Key West again next year as several AYC owners are already focusing on the event.

On the J/24 Texas Circuit Regatta, AYC J/24 Fleet #21 had 14 boats of a total 28 boat fleet participating at the AYC stop March 22-23. Once again, this was the largest local representation of any one fleet on the Circuit. On the road, more AYC based J/24s regularly attend all the Circuit stops than any other yacht club.

Dave Wahlberg put together a team aboard Running On Empty. Charlie Arms, Sobstad San Diego, flew in with her Rolex Team to tune up for the prestigious September event in Newport, RI. Chris Snow, North San Diego, also was in attendance.

Saturday evening, the fleet enjoyed an informal buffet in the clubhouse. Awards were presented to the top 10 finishers overall for the 1995-96 Circuit. AYC was represented by Mr. Happy, 1st, Tool Time, 5th, and Superman, 10th. Most importantly, Dr. William Cantrell was honored for his considerable time, effort, and leadership as our District Governor for the past several years.

For the weekend racing, AYC garnered 5 of the top 10 finishers including Mr. Happy, 1st, Tool Time, 4th, Superman, 7th, Shadowfax, 8th, and Evil, Wicked..., 10th. Sundays unique awards ceremony included for each team a 6 pack of Sailor Suds, a fine homebrew by AYC's own brewmeister Phil Spletter, owner of Double Trouble.

Special thanks go to Fleet Captain Greg Buck and Social Chairperson Angie Buck who were ably assisted by Eric and Robbie Nelson and many others to make the weekend run smoothly. Jim Baker and his RC team performed admirably in the sometimes trying wind conditions. Most importantly, everyone had a great time!!

**Cond. *Fleet Talk***

**J/24 FLEET cond.**

The next out of town Circuit stop is at the Fort Worth Boat Club, April 25-26. The fleet has seen about 7-10+ boats participating each AYC Series race day this season. Whether you are a new AYC member or a longtime member looking for some fun, year around one-design racing at home, regionally, nationally, or even internationally, come join the worldwide fleet of over 5000 boats. Fred, of Schroth Fiberglass, has a great deal on a J/24 at his shop, while there are other goods boats available around Texas.

The AYC fleet continues to provides snacks, beer, and sodas after each race for the fleet members. Catch a ride or borrow a J/24 to join the fun. In addition to the racing, the margarita cruise, shrimp boil, etc, are just around the corner so stay tuned to your fleet newsletter.



**Key West Harbor**

*Cont. FLEET TALK .....*

## **ENSIGN FLEET 30 SAILORS**

The annual fleet meeting was held at George Dahmen's house on March 7, 1997. Attending were Jim & Lynn Shelton, George Dahmen, Dan O'Donnell, John & Ann Lawler, Bill Hawk, Franz Dahmen, Jim Baker, Lou Kimball and special guest John Mandell. Fleet officer will remain the same for another year: Jim Shelton, Captain and Lou Kimball, Secretary/Treasurer.

### **Ensign Regionals on Lake Travis**

The main order of business was discussion of the upcoming Region IV Regional Regatta, which will be hosted by Fleet 30 here on Lake Travis in May. Attached is a summary of the events, as laid out by George Dahmen (Regatta Chairperson) and Jim Shelton (Fleet Captain). As hosts, we all need to contribute our time and efforts to make this Regatta a success! Please call and volunteer to help.

DATES: MAY 14, 15, and 16, 1997

### **Boat Measurement, more Regatta details**

Jim Baker will be chief measurer with assistance from Lou Kimball and John Lawler. We will measure local boats on Saturday, May 10th at 1:00 P.M. and on Sunday, May 11th before the Sunday series race. Out of town boats will be measured on Tuesday, May 13th.

Notice of Regatta and sailing instructions were reviewed and will be sent out by George with Jim Baker's help. Remember! We will be racing under the new rules!! It looks like we will have an excellent turnout - 4 boats from Colorado and 3 - 4 from Houston. We will need to borrow 4 - 5 boats. They will be insured, tuned up, and their bottoms pressure washed.

*PLEASE* volunteer your boat if you do not plan to race!! Call Lou Kimball or Jim Shelton to volunteer. We would like to inspect the boats and sail them and perform any needed minor repairs prior to the first week in May. Please call!!

### **Other Information**

John Mandell will be Race Committee Chairman, (Thank you, John!) and needs volunteers for race committee duty. Call Jim Shelton or Lou Kimball to volunteer (before they call you!). The Protest Committee is in place but we still need to man the boats.

That's all!! See you on the water! ----- Lou

## **SUNFISH, FLEET 70**

The Sunfish Fleet is 10 years old this year! YEA!!!! And I have the honor of being elected Sunfish Fleet Captain during this milestone. I hope to see some new and some rarely seen faces on the race course this year. If you are not sure why you should join such a prestigious organization such as this, then let me give you a brief history and the TOP TEN reasons you should join:

### **HISTORY OF FLEET 70**

Sunfish Fleet 70 was re-established in 1987 by Mr. Tim Erwin, at the Austin Yacht Club (AYC), Austin, Texas. Previously Fleet 70 had been recognized as the Sunfish/Starfish fleet at AYC, but died out for lack of interest by the late 70's.

With a growing interest in sailing a small boat that could be thrown in the water in just a couple of minutes and have fun on, Tim and friends (Bill Records, Shirley Slaughter, John Saunders, Steve Brown, Mike Strange, Vic Manning) re-formed the old Sunfish Fleet and started playing in the Wednesday Night Laser Series Races. The whole thing was a hoot, with half the fleet not knowing how to race, playing bumper boats and doing more talking than racing. It didn't matter, the idea was to play, have fun, drink beer and throw water balloons.

By mid-summer Tim had been named the "Grand Wizard", and the reputation of adults having fun on the water was spreading. Fleet Rule 70 was developed (girth measurement and age had to be more than 70 inches to be a fleet member) to keep the hard bellied serious sailors out. "This Fleet was for Fun." The Fleet has so much fun that, during the first summer a number of people joined, bringing the fleet to 15 members by year's end.

The following year, fleet membership grew to 28, and again the Sunfish fleet joined the Laser's for Wednesday night racing. The same issues followed that year with sail controversy and non-Sunfish boats wanting to compete. A firm stance was taken and the issues were soon resolved. The fleet started seeing a little more intense competition from fleet members; the Laser Fleet ask the fleet to provide committee for Wednesday Night racing; a fleet championship race was held in August and the first Downtown Regatta for Sunfish only was sailed on Town Lake.

For 1989, a new Fleet Captain, (Victor Manning) was elected, and the fleet saw a small growth of members but a large interest in the Wednesday night activity. Membership for 1990 grew to 45 paid members and an additional 15 participate in the Wednesday Night activities. The fleet also provided support to the Centerboard Fleet for committee duty in both series racing and two regattas. Our third Fleet Captain elected at the 1990 annual meeting was Shirley Slaughter.

\*This history is included in the Sunfish Fleet Captain's manual and was written by Vic Manning.

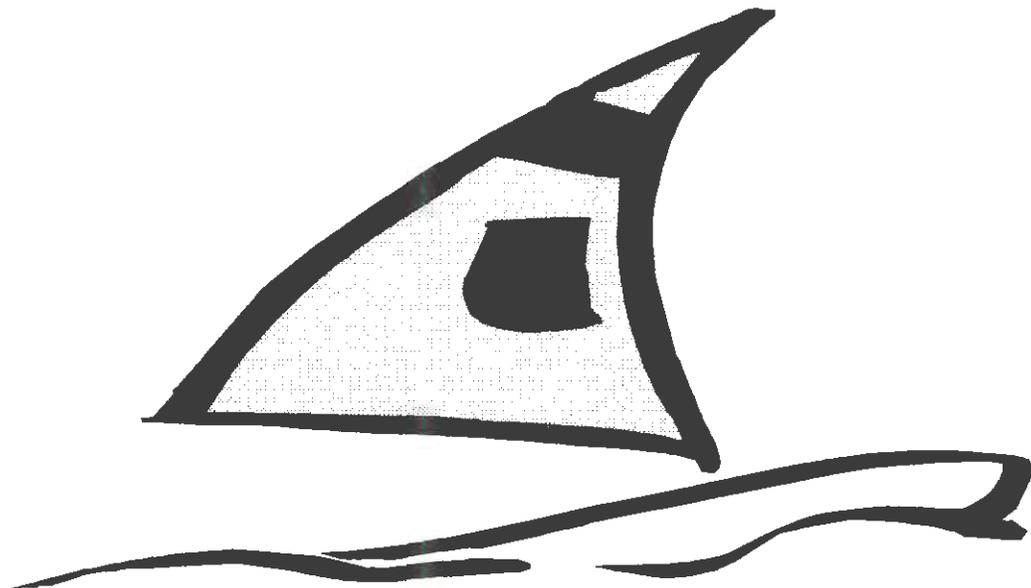
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**TOP TEN REASONS TO SAIL A SUNFISH ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AND BE A MEMBER OF FLEET 70:**

10. You can race for 21 weeks in a row from May to Sept.
9. You get to make up reasons to leave work early on Wednesday afternoons.
8. Only costs \$10 and you get lots of beer and wine.
7. By the end of the season you can say that you raced in over 80 races (if you show up every Wednesday night).
6. Your sailing skills get better and better each week.
5. You can say you were one of 25-30 sailors who start on the line with 25-30 boats each week.
4. A good excuse to party every Wed. Night, and a school night at that!
3. You don't have to be serious.
2. Why spend happy hour in a bar when you can spend it on the lake.
1. Because you have a Sunfish and if you don't sail it you're missing out on loads of fun!

\*\* Special recognition and a hearty thanks goes to Tim Erwin and the charter members, as well as the successive fleet captains who have helped to make the Sunfish Fleet what it is today. Vic Manning, Shirley Slaughter, Pat Manning, Martha St. Romain, Tommy Barnes, Bruce Foster and Cynthia Casto.

Have Fun!... That's what the FLEET Was Founded On!  
Diane Zbasnik, Fleet 70  
'Z Lady'



# C-FLEET NEWS

Tommy Gairloff  
C-Fleet Sucker,

Hi boys and girls,

Welcome to the neighborhood, oh look boys and girls our neighborhood is full of water, Isn't that special, Dam right, it is as you leave the AYC harbor. Which is exactly what I'd like to invite all those cobweb encased, scum growing, mildewed infested boats and their owners to do!! Yeah, can the C-Fleeters come out and play??!!

Yup, we're well into another year, got one series down the drain, are ya going to miss another one, I thought Knot. Speaking of a series, let's congratulate those that participated and took honors in the AYC Spring series, Let's give it up for :

Barbara and Trenton in Sweet Agony

Paul and Jill Frels (Alpheus)

Steve Johnson (Merit 22)

Doug Laws and crew in Que Paso

The final race results are posted in the Race result section (good way to get you to thumb through the rest of this Rag).

Now after you have seen the results we need a game plan. So everyone but Barbara and Trenton are invited to the Big Tree just south of the club house before the next race. Where we will draw straws to see which two boats will sit on, mess with, and other wise make Sweet Agony's life a living sailor's hell. Or, we can just put some boats on the line and make them really have to sail for their next Trophy. What I'm saying here is get your "*Whoooo mister loud mouth, do as I say, all talk no action, J-boat ho. You best get your gray haired butt out there and sail that water soaked, fish smelling, pile of fiberglass you call a race boat and set an example,*" I have spoken-- *The Supreme Dealer!!!!* Mansfield Damn where did that come from??

OK OK !! I can take a hint, Deuces Wild and it's Tanqueray soaked crew will be out there too, doing our best to make C-fleet the most active, partyingist, most envied bunch of Swoshed bucklers on Lake Travis.

Speaking of party the crew of Deuces Wild would like to invite you to dinner after the first race of the Mid-Spring series on April 13, under the club house. The Wild one will be providing chicken tits and buns. We ask that each boat bring their favorite side dish and beverages. The invitation is open to any Keel Fleeter with a PHRF rating 192 and up spinnaker and non-spinnaker. Come join us in kicking off a great year of handicap racing. Crutches, wheelchairs and walkers will be available for former one-designers.

Thanks for reading the whole thing.

*Tommy Gairloff*  
*C-fleet Capt.*

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