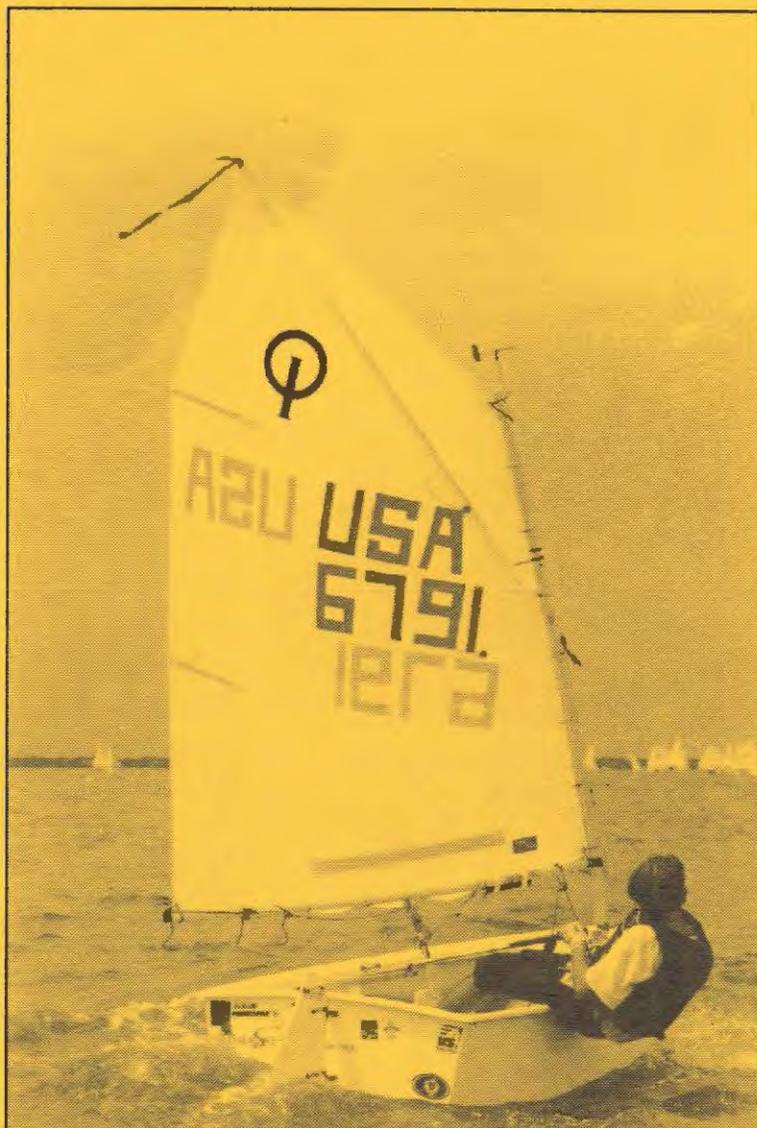


# *Telltale*

**Austin Yacht Club  
Fall 1999**



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## FROM THE COMMODORE - - - - Voldi Maki

Fall is definitely here, it is 60 degrees and the wind is blowing 20 out of the North. Four days ago we sailed the night race in 80 degree weather. The Winter Series and Fall Regatta are the last major AYC racing events of this year. The Fall Series had excellent participation in all but the two fleets who had major events out of town. Those who sailed out of town did extremely well. The free food and social time after the series races may have helped to get more members out on the race course. Many thanks go to Dayna Mosier for the trophies for all of the series races. Thanks also go to the many people who helped Pat and Vic Manning provide the food following the series races.

The Mortgage Party was a great success. Somewhere around 200 people came out to celebrate the pay-off of the mortgage on the office and bath house. The dessert contest judges selected Cynthia Casto's Lemon Tart as the best of show. It was very difficult to choose a winner considering all of the wonderful desserts the members entered into the contest. Thanks again to Pat and all of the people who helped her for making the event so much fun.

The Full moon parties were a lot of fun for those who came out on Friday evenings of the full and in one case ¼ moon.

In addition to the Winter Series and Fall Regatta, the Club will be sending out invitations for the Annual Banquet, and the Big New Year's Eve Party. The New Year's Eve Party this year will be more lavish because many people think this is the millennium and even if it is not, why not get an early start.

There will also be another boater safety course on October 18 and 19 at 7 PM. These are very good courses. Those who have attended have received a lot of good information about boating in Texas. The course is well worth the small expense.

As many of you know the LCRA is planning many changes to the management of Lake Travis due to the high level of boating activity on the lake. As a major entity on the lake, The Austin Yacht Club was asked to provide a representative to assist in this planning. Ray Shull was selected and has agreed to participate. The LCRA is also accepting E-Mail comments and suggestions at [lakeplan@lcra.org](mailto:lakeplan@lcra.org) or by mail at:

Lake Plan  
Lower Colorado River Authority  
Post Office Box 220  
Austin, Texas 78767-0220

This may be a good time to let LCRA know how many people are concerned about the use of the lake for sailing.

## Ramblings From The Vice Commodore

By the time you read this, the 1999 AYC sailing season will be winding down. I first wish to thank all of the people that helped to make this year's AYC regattas such a success. Thanks to these people, it was a very good year.

In reflecting back on this year's activities I've come to appreciate anew just how much the success of the Austin Yacht Club depends on the volunteer efforts of the membership. At the same time, I've also come to realize how much we owe to a relative few people who seem always ready to serve. It doesn't matter whether it's for race committee for a regatta, a dock repair party, or to cook burgers after a series race, the same people show up time and time again. Although I very much appreciate their efforts I'm concerned that danger lies in relying on the "all to willing few". Because they are so willing to serve, these people are constantly asked to do more. I know from personal experience that it's easier to ask the willing for help than to try and convince other less willing people to do their part. You can see how this becomes a self perpetuating situation with the same few people doing all of the work. You might ask "So what's wrong with that? If these people want to do all the work let's just let them." The problem is that much of the enjoyment of belonging to the AYC comes from interacting with the other club members and there is no better way to meet and learn about other members than by serving on a volunteer committee with them. So I have two suggestions that are very strongly linked. For the club membership as a whole, please make yourselves available as volunteers to the person who has to form a committee or work group for some club event. You may even consider volunteering without first being asked. To the event organizers please try and include people other than the "all to willing few" when you go about finding volunteers. If both groups do their part we will have a club where everyone can enjoy the benefits of volunteering.

Recently the AYC received an invitation from the LCRA to take part in a committee to develop the Lake Travis Recreation Management Plan. This gives the AYC an opportunity to participate in defining the direction of recreational activities on Lake Travis. Eighteen other groups have also been asked to participate. These include; groups that represent the interests of power boaters, personal water craft users, fishermen, and marina owners, environmental groups, and counties and municipalities on the shores of the lake. Ray Shull has been selected to represent the Austin Yacht Club at a series meetings that will be held by this committee over the next three months.

Rob Wilson



## **AYC Represented at Both Smythe and Bemis Finals**

Lanelle Montgomery

Club members should be proud to know that two of its members, Stephen Gay and Ryan Harden, competed in the final eliminations in two of the Junior U.S. Sailing Ladder Events which were held this year at the Kaneohe Yacht Club, Oahu, Hawaii. This event is open to young sailors who are 18 years or younger (they may not turn 19 during the year of competition.)

Smythe Cup, the junior single-handed championship, is sailed in Laser Full Rigs and Bemis Cup, the junior double handed championship, is sailed in 420's with trapeze and spinnaker. Vanguard supplied twenty brand new Lasers and twenty new 420's for the event. Each skipper was issued a boat at the beginning of the event and kept that same boat for the entire competition.

With two hurricanes tracking toward Hawaii during the week prior to the event, there was a question about whether the races would have to be canceled. But, just days before our scheduled departure, both storms turned to a more westerly direction and passed safely to the south of Oahu, though they did cause some disturbance in the weather for a couple of days. Winds weren't quite as high as we expected, mostly in the 18-22 range with a little more on the second day. Also, the races were held in the fairly protected Kaneohe Bay, resulting in very little chop. All in all, it was much like sailing on Lake Travis with a moderate breeze.

Stephen Gay participated in the Smythe Cup. He had some outstanding races (he won the practice race) and some races which brought his overall score down. The courses set for the Lasers were killer 55-minute, predominately Olympic courses. It was a sedate (exhausted) group of teenagers sitting around the Clubhouse after the races. Stephen worked hard and was tough upwind but had problems off the wind, including several death rolls. His assessment of the regatta was "I would lose boats downwind, grind them off upwind." He finished 9th out of 20, but with five points less, he would have been in 6th place. Not bad at all! He feels confident that with some work on his down-wind sailing, he has a shot at winning next year. Good luck to him.

Ryan Harden skippered the 420 and Stephen Johnson of Corpus Christi Yacht Club crewed in the Bemis event. Being by far the heaviest Bemis team, they were looking forward to heavy winds and had hoped for larger waves. The 420's were given the same killer courses as the Lasers and the Harden/Johnson team worked hard to make their boat go fast. When the regatta was over they were in 14th place. This was disappointing after getting some great starts and being in the top two or three boats to the weather mark in several of the races. But, like Stephen Gay, they also had problems downwind. Unlike Stephen, however, they had too much weight. They also realized that, while the 420's are just beginning to be sailed in the Texas Circuit, they have been sailed very actively in other parts of the United States for many years. Consequently, there are some very experienced racers in the 420 class who know a lot more about racing that type of boat. They have their work cut out for them if they want to make another try next year. Good luck to them!

Attending such events, whatever the final numbers, is a fabulous experience. Not only does it give junior sailors an opportunity to improve their skills by being coached by some of the top names in sailing and by racing against the top junior sailors in the country, but it also gives them an opportunity to meet other young people from across the country who have a similar interest in sailing. All of this and being able to travel to Hawaii; life can't get much better than that!





## Thank You Notes from the Race Commander

The 1999 racing season is, or soon will be, history. The PRC has begun winding down for the transition to the 2000 PRC. I want to thank all of you who participated in racing and/or helped with race committee. I especially want to thank the major contributions of the 1999 Permanent Race Committee without whom our racing schedule would not have been possible:

Larry Ratliff, Governor's Cup PRO  
John Burton (who has resigned from the club and left for Phoenix), Spring Regatta PRO  
Phil Spletter, Turnback Canyon PRO  
Rich Shoemaker, Fall Regatta PRO  
Steve Eller  
Anthony Plattsmier  
Frank Woodul  
Paul Brandner

A special thank you to Paul Brandner, who single-handedly rebuilt the transom on Chase #3 so we could hang the new motor, and Frank Woodul, who had to have a project to be working on at all times. An extra special thanks to Terry McDermott, who turned into PRC's own private handyman — replacing antennas, adding flag pole holders and drink holders to the chase boats, fixing battery wires, putting motors in and out of the water during freezing weather, and just anything else we needed. The man doesn't know the meaning of the word "NO". Maintenance on these boats just became too big of a job for the committee members when, darn, we'all have to work for a living. I'm going to propose that future PRCs have their own personal handyman — it'll make the Race Commander's life much easier.

I also want to thank Larry Hill for running the Fleet Captains' committee. This committee was set up in 1993 to shape current and future racing at AYC. It continues to have a powerful influence on RC planning and provides key decision support.

The boats are in great shape after beginning the year with some major breakdowns. Since July, the AYC Board has appropriated PRC enough money to purchase two Honda 4-stroke 90 hp motors. They have been hung on Chase #2 and Chase #3 and the old Johnsons have been sold or are in the process of being sold. If you haven't been out on one of these boats yet, you are in for a surprise. You can actually hear yourself talk they are soooooo quiet and I can already see an approximate 60% savings in gas. Pat Feagin, one of our most prominent South Coast sailors, has accepted the position of Honda mechanic. A BIG thank you to him.

The 2000 Racing Calendar has been drafted and will be (or probably has been ) discussed at the Fleet Captains' meeting on October 20th. If you haven't provided your input yet, it's not too late. Talk to your fleet captain or call me with any opinions. The big decision this year will be "to change or not to change" the format of the Turnback Canyon Regatta. The powers that be have already decided to take the event off Memorial Day weekend because of the multitude (80 boats) of cigarette

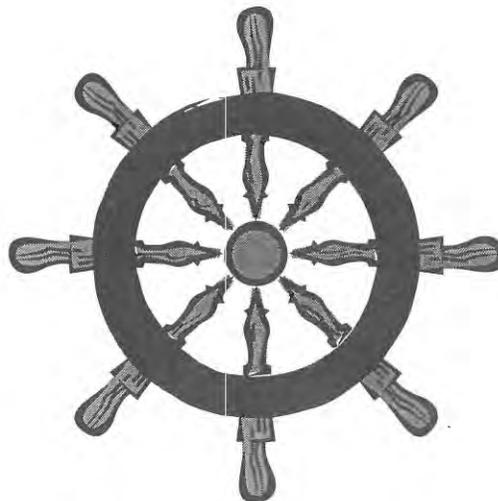
boats out this year. An alternative format would be to race to Therman and back and camp out at AYC. We need your input!!!!

If you missed the Night Race, you missed the "event of the year". I've never heard so much hoopin' and hollerin' in my life. Look for the "second annual" on the 2000 calendar. Thanks to Vic Manning for serving as PRO and Greg Buck, J/24, (first across the line) for lots of that hoopin' and hollerin'. Special trophies went to Bryan Bayerdorffer, Melges 24, for best start (3 seconds off his assigned time), Jeff Jones, Viper 830, for closest to the turning mark, and James and Carolyn Wilsford, Ensign, for running aground — not once, but twice.

I understand AYC had a great showing in the Houston NOOD in September: First Overall in the J/24 fleet to Greg Buck; First Overall in the J/22 fleet to Bonner Cordelle; and First Overall in the Catalina 22 fleet to Ted Owens. Congratulations to all!!!

Last, but not least, I'd like to thank the AYC membership for letting me serve as your 1999 Race Commander. It was quite a year and quite a learning experience. I plan to sleep through the month of December, then return next year on the water. That's where you'll find me — ON THE WATER.

mary



## Welcome to the New AYC Members

We would like to extend a hearty welcome to the new members joining since the last Telltale! Pictures of some of these new members and directory information about each follows:

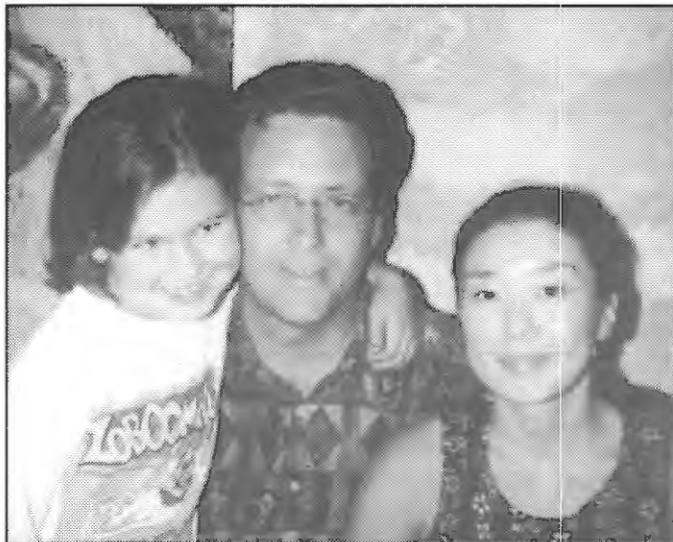
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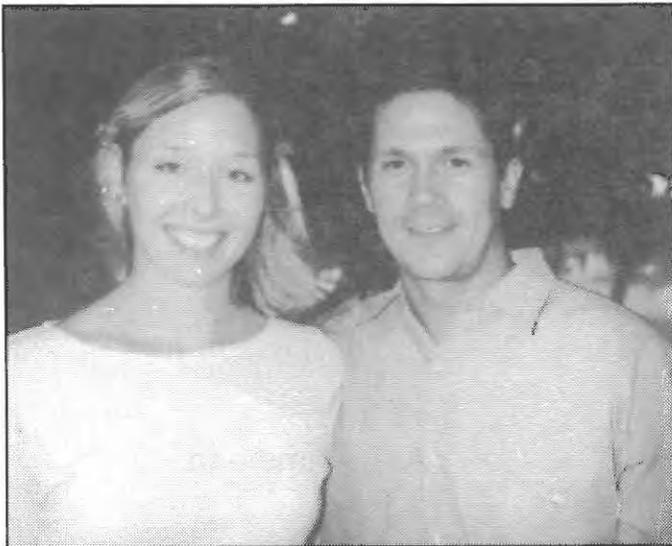
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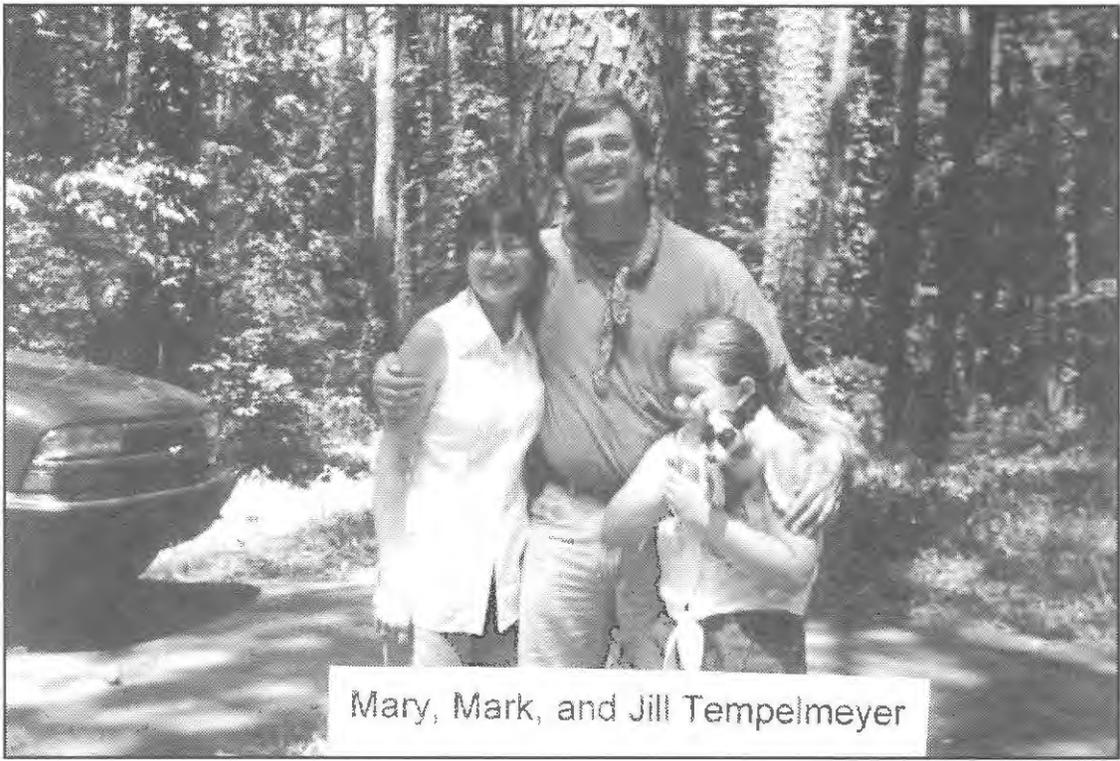
Rona, Barry, and Cory Thornton



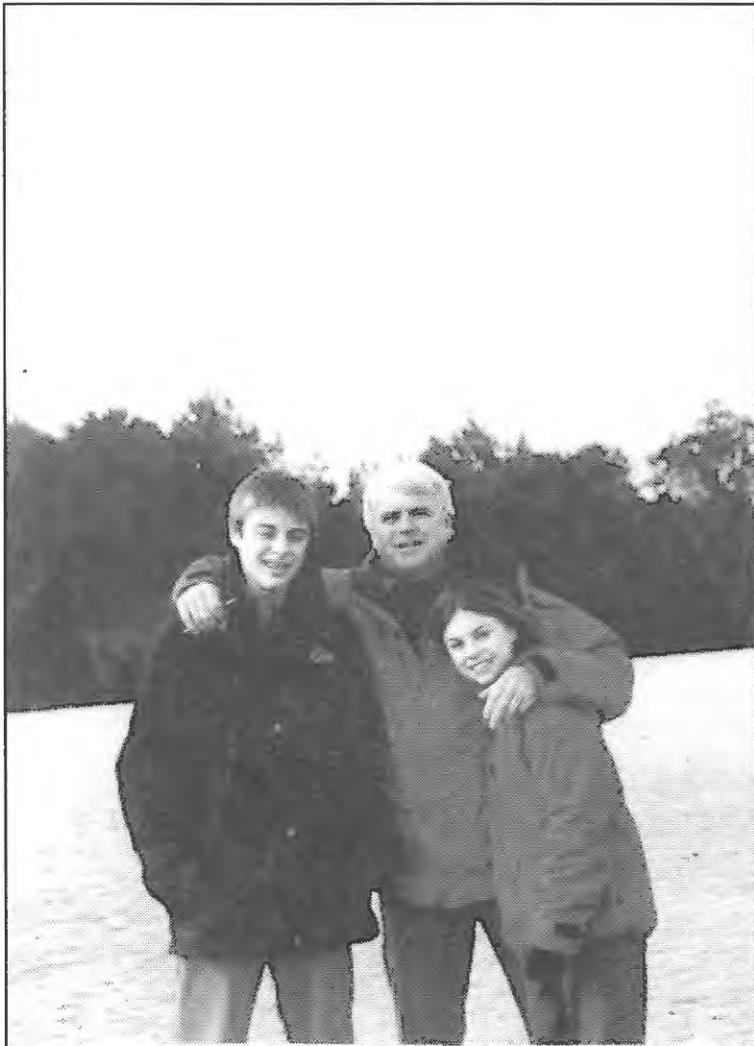
Krista and Tom Gardiner



Michelle Judson



Mary, Mark, and Jill Tempelmeyer



Wayne, Ben, and Katherine Carelock



Janis and Katherine Carelock

## AYC RACING RESULTS

### FALL SERIES

#### Keel A:

1st	John Mandell	11 Metre
2nd	Jeff Jones	Viper 830
3rd	Eric Rochard	Melges 24

#### Keel B:

1st	Claude Welles	Cal 9.2
2nd	Mike Chambers	Olson 25
3rd	Smith & Mayfield	Capri 25

#### Keel C:

1st	Bay Peterson	Catalina 27
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#### Keel D:

1st	Bill Wheat	Catalina 22
2nd	Tom Eskridge	J30
3rd	Patrick Henry	Capri 22
4th	Nancy Trafton	Catalina 25

#### South Coast 21:

1st	Barbara Hawn
2nd	Ray Shull
3rd	Pat Feagin

#### J 24:

1st	Dave Broadway
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#### Centerboard Handicap:

1st	Bruce Foster	Sunfish
2nd	Deke DeKeyser	Sunfish
3rd	Bret Leach	Thistle
4th	Bill Smith	C 15



## AYC RACING RESULTS



### NIGHT RACE

1st	Greg Buck	J 24
2nd	Barry Bowden	J 30
3rd	Roger Harden	J 30
4th	Jeff Jones	Viper 830
5th	B. Bayerdorffer	Melges 24
6th	Leo Anderson	J 24
7th	Scott Walsh	Lindenberg 28
8th	Ray Shull	J 29
9th	Tom Groll	Ensign



## AYC RACING RESULTS

### FALL REGATTA

#### Keel A Spinnaker:

1st Phil Buck Stiletto 23

#### Keel B Spinnaker:

1st Eric Rochard Melges 24

2nd Jeff Jones Viper 830

3rd Dave Balfour J80

#### Keel C Spinnaker:

1st Ryan Harden J 24

2nd Phil Spletter J 24

3rd Smith & Mayfield Capri 25

#### Keel D Spinnaker:

1st Jerry Parlee Gulf Coast 20

2nd Bob Freeman SC 21

3rd George Dahmen Ensign

#### Keel E Non-Spinnaker:

1st Frank Woodul T-Bird

2nd Karl Amrhein Catalina 27

3rd Jim Van Fleet J 27

#### Catalina 22:

1st Johannes Brinkmann

2nd Bill Wheat

#### Sunfish:

1st Dave Hilfer

2nd Deke DeKeyser

3rd Vicki Stones

#### Thistle:

1st Rob Halter

2nd Bruce Zubruchen

#### Portsmouth Class C:

1st Dan Wilson Flying Scot

#### Portsmouth Class D:

1st Doug Graf A Class



## JY Fifteen News

By Jeff Picard

The past few months have been busy for the newest fleet at AYC. JY Fifteen Fleet 94 was formed earlier this year and is up to nine boats, with a few more on their way. On most weekends throughout the summer, the fleet has been meeting on Saturday evenings for informal club racing. While the racing may be informal, it is an opportunity for fleet members to work on skills in a racing environment. The Saturday races are an opportunity for the more experienced JY sailors to offer tips, advice, and assist the less experienced JY sailors. Afterwards, the fleet meets for a potluck supper to brag about past, present, and future victories. In addition to the Saturday races, the fleet has participated in the AYC series races.

The most recent event hosted by the Fleet was the JY15 Mini Regatta, held over Labor Day weekend. This was an opportunity for JY15 sailors and guests to test their skills, meet other sailors, and for many the opportunity to sail a JY15 for the first time. All nine boats participated with an additional nine teams, for a total of eighteen teams. The teams were divided into two fleets. Each fleet sailed a total of four races, switching boats between the second and third races. The winds were cooperative and great racing was had by all. Many first time JY sailors were surprised by the speed and responsiveness of the boats. After the races, a potluck dinner was held and awards were handed out. One of the great things about JY's is the camaraderie that goes along with the racing.

For those of you that are not familiar with the JY15, it is a Rod Johnston (designer of the J24, J35, and other J's) design. The boat is a one design, fifteen feet long, weighs 275 pounds, and has a self-bailing planing hull. It has few controls, is easy to trailer, and is easy to sail. The class has a strict set of rules to keep the boats equal and the racing competitive. Who sails JY15's? Everyone! Due to the ease in which a JY is sailed, there are many husband/wife, parent/child, and friend/friend teams. The boat is generally sailed with two people, but the class does allow three. Most importantly, the boat is fast, fast, and fun, fun, fun!

If you have not had the opportunity to sail a JY15 and would like to give it a try, please contact fleet captain, John Bartlett, or any one of the fleet members. The fleet will be holding another mini regatta in the near future, so come out and join us.

See you on the water!



## SUNFISH FLASH



The last Wednesday night races ended with a potluck lasagna dinner made especially yummy by the side dishes and deserts donated by the fleet members. It seemed like only yesterday that we were just starting the season fired up with enthusiasm. I'd like to take this moment to thank everyone for coming out and making Sunfish Fleet 70 one of the best fleets in the country. Special thanks to Pat Manning for keeping up with scoring, Frank Woodul for race captain, Vic Manning, Sunfish class president, and to everybody who took time to do race committee duty or who brought munchies to eat. We all appreciate you!

We hope to see you out on the water next year and bring your friends.

Vickie Stones, Fleet Captain 1999



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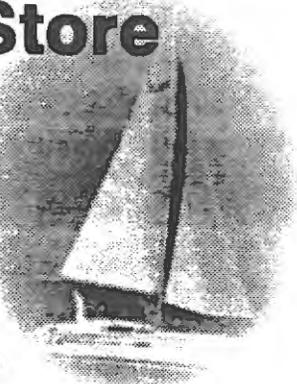
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