

Telltale



September 2000

Monthly Newsletter

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Tuesday - Friday
8:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Saturday & Sunday
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Closed Mondays

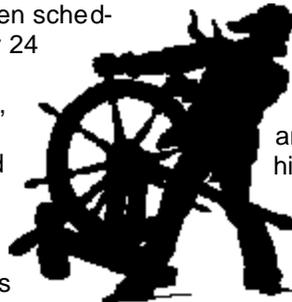
Closed Club Holidays

New Year's Day	1 January
Easter Sunday	23 April
Independence Day	4 July
Thanksgiving Day	23 November
Shopping Day	24 November
Christmas Day	25 December

From the Commodore

The drought of 1999/2000 has now claimed two AYC casualties. A fall junior clinic that had been scheduled to start September 24 has been cancelled because the training dock, where the boats are stored, is grounded and somewhat hazardous to walk on. As had been announced in previous Telltales, plans were being made for a high profile charity regatta to be held at the AYC in late November. Unfortunately the Lone Star Cup Charity Regatta has now also been canceled because of uncertainties about participation caused by the low lake level. The planning committee, headed by Scott Spurlin, has done a lot of work in preparing for this event. I hope that we can try again next year. The current level of Lake Travis is slightly under 644' and is projected, by the LCRA to continue to drop at a rate of about 2' per month. The north cove ramp is still usable, but should be used with caution as we

are nearing its end.



Early last month our new caretaker, Chris, surprised us by quitting with no notice. I am happy to announce that we have hired Vic Farrow as caretaker and he started work on September 5. Vic has a background in apartment maintenance and is looking forward to working out at the lake. Please take the time to welcome Vic to the AYC.

My year as Commodore is quickly coming to an end and preparations are already being made for the election of the 2001 Board of Directors. If you are interested in serving or want to nominate someone for the Board please contact a member of the nominating committee (Voldi Maki, Lanelle Montgomery or Bruce Foster).

Rob

B & G News — Shoreline Clean-Up

by Michael Stan

Lots of junk, along with a few treasures, is appearing on the shoreline as the lake level drops. The Buildings and Grounds Committee will host a Shoreline Clean-up Work Session on Saturday, September 23, starting at 9:30 AM. Volunteers are needed to make this a successful work session. Please mark your calendars and up keep AYC a clean, safe and beautiful place. **Thanks!**



Racing Scheduled

September	
1 st	KHF Beer Can Race
6 th	Wed. Night Sunfish/Laser Racing
8 th	KHF Beer Can Race
10 th	Indian Summer Series #3
13 th	Wed. Night Sunfish/Laser Racing
15 th	KHF Beer Can Race
16 th	Night Race
17 th	Indian Summer Series #4
20 th	Wed. Night Sunfish/Laser Racing
22 nd	KHF Beer Can Race
24 th	Indian Summer Series #5
27 th	Wed. Night Sunfish/Laser Racing
29 th	KHF Beer Can Race
30 th	Club Team Championships
October	
7 th — 8 th	Governor's Cup Regatta
15 th	Winter Series #1
22 nd	Winter Series #2
29 th	Winter Series #3
November	
5 th	Winter Series #4
11 th	West Marine Junior Regatta
12 th	Winter Series #5
18 th	Wild Turkey Regatta

Winter Series RC Duty

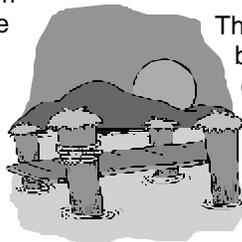
October	
15 th	Race 1 Keel Fleet D
22 nd	Race 2 Centerboard Handicap
29 th	Race 3 J/24
November	
12 th	Race 4 SC/21
19 th	Race 5 Catalina 22

Harbor News

by Doug Laws

Many thanks to Sophia Tapley who has undertaken the task of stenciling slip numbers on all our docks. Your work is certainly appreciated since lack of numbers has been a source of confusion for some time.

Speaking of slips, there are dock lines dangling in the water on many slips. These act as a wick drawing moisture up to the metal pipes, which in turn promotes rusting. The same is true if you have carpet pads in the



water. We ask all slip holders to check and remove old lines, pads, etc. By doing so, you will help reduce dock maintenance and extend the life of our docks. You can also help by running your dock lines thru a rubber or plastic hose or connect to a chain, rather than tie directly to the pipe. Thanks for your help.

The lake level is still going down and it is becoming very difficult to reach the docks. Be careful climbing up and down over the rocks to your dock. We have already had a few leg and foot injuries going to and from docks.



Welcome Aboard

By Voldi Maki

New Senior Members:

- Jason Whitley has been sailing since 1996. He has attended JWorld on J-24's and a second time on J-80's. He is currently crewing on a J-24 in the AYC Series races.
- Amy Olmstead is upgrading her associate membership to senior member status.

New Associate Members:

- Dan Glenn Reinke owns a Pearson 26 located in a marina on Lake Travis. He wants to learn to sail better and eventually be able to race.
- Chris Hillabrant has been sailing since 1976 on a Sunfish. He has also sailed a Flying Scott and a Rhodes 19. He is currently crewing on a J-24 in the AYC Series races.

Membership Count

Senior	396
Associate	23
Junior	4
Leave of Absence	5
Honorary	7
Life	21
UT Sailing Team	13
Total	469

Cancelled

Fall Junior Sailing Clinic

by Brigitte Rochard

Unfortunately, due to the low lake level and the Sail Training Dock going aground, the Sail Training Committee has cancelled the Fall Junior Sailing Clinic originally scheduled for September & October.

Nominations for AYC Board of Directors 2001

by Voldi Maki

The Nomination Committee (Chairman Voldi Maki, Lanelle Montgomery, and Bruce Foster) would greatly appreciate your help in the selection of the AYC Board of Directors for 2001. Please post, fax or e-mail your inputs for the slate of offers to the club office. All recommendations must be received by 5:00 PM, Saturday, September 30.



Submitted by: _____ AYC Member #: _____

Nominations for AYC Board of Directors 2001

Vice Commodore: _____

Secretary: _____

Treasurer: _____

Race Commander: _____

Buildings & Grounds Commander: _____

Fleet Commander: _____

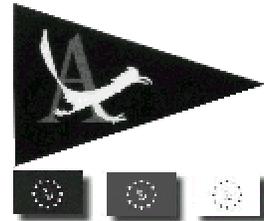
Sail Training Commander: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Thank you for your recommendations submitted to the Nomination Committee.

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Sunfish News

by Frank Woodul

Hot wind, if there is any, low lake level that is still headed down, that shouldn't bother a Sunfish as we can still launch and hop in the water to cool off. Never the less it didn't make for a good regatta at Canyon Lake on Labor Day. Kevin Reynolds, Bruce Foster, Deke DeKeyser, and Bill Gerloff went down and participated as best they could, most of them leaving before awards as Sunday was even worse than Saturday. Only two races were run on Saturday after 6 PM and maybe none on Sunday, most left early. Things could get better by Wurstfwest, which is Nov. 4 and 5. Lets hope so! Don't forget Governor's Cup, which is Oct. 7 and 8 at our club.

Our Wednesday night racing will end Sept. 27, but we

can continue to get together during October on Wednesdays if a few would like to show up and do some sailing. Just let me know and I will put something together.

Hopefully Vic and Pat will have a good report for us from the Regionals in Kansas next month.

Our Pot Luck Dinner is planned for Sept. 20 after the racing. Come out and join the party.



AYC Night Race

by Phil Spletter



Night Race Notice of Regatta September 16, 2000 For information, call 266-1336

You are cordially invited to participate in the 2000 Night Race hosted by the Austin Yacht Club on beautiful Lake Travis in Austin, Texas.

- Date:** Saturday, September 16, 2000.
- Event:** A one-evening, one-race regatta open to monohull keel boats, cruising multihull boats, and trimarans. All boats will sail a course defined at the Skippers' meeting. The start/finish line will be between the two No Wake buoys at the mouth of the cove. Approximate 16 mile course comprised of AYC permanent marks. The course, including approximate latitude and longitude of marks will be posted by noon the day of the race. One race will constitute the regatta.
- Format:** The format will be a reverse handicap start, those boats with a PHRF handicap of 300 starting first and the fastest boats starting last. The official starting times for all PHRF numbers will be posted during the Skippers' meeting. The PHRF of Lake Travis Handicap Rating System will be used. Any boat without a rating can receive one at registration. All boats sailing non-spinnaker will sail with a rating 12 seconds/mile slower than its assigned PHRF rating.
- Entry Fee:** \$20.00/boat, less \$5.00 US Sailing Membership Discount
- Scoring & Trophies:** First boat across the finish line will be declared the winner; subsequent places being awarded to subsequent boats. Trophies will be awarded to spinnaker and non spinnaker fleets based on the total number of boats entered in the regatta.
- Rules & Equipment:** This regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US SAILING), the rules of each class concerned (except as any of these are altered by the regatta sailing instructions), by the regatta sailing instructions, and by the Coast Guard and State Safety Regulations. Sailing instructions will be available during registration. All boats will be required to have properly working lights. Registration will not be accepted for boats without identical numbers on their mainsails and spinnakers.
- Facilities:** There are limited campsites available on the AYC grounds. Showers and restrooms are available to all regatta participants and guests. Some cabins and screened shelters are available for rent. Please contact the AYC office at 266-1336 for cabin rentals. Pets and fireworks are strictly prohibited on AYC grounds.
- Schedule of Events:** Saturday, September 25th
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| 5:00 to 6:00 PM | Registration (\$20.00/boat, less \$5.00 US Sailing Membership Discount)
Complimentary beer served. |
| 6:15 p.m. | Skippers' Meeting |
| 7:00 p.m. | Starting interval begins |
| After the race: | Complimentary breakfast tacos, orange juice, coffee served.
Trophy Presentation |

USODA National

by Matt Arnold & Jacob Wheat

Our trip to the Nationals in Pensacola really started with a trip to Ft Worth. The FWBC brought a great Opti coach named Darragh from Ireland to coach for the summer. We stayed at FWBC and participated in a racing camp the week before Houston Race Week. Darragh is a great guy and one of the best coaches we ever had. He coached us at Race Week and went with us to the Nationals. Going to the Optimist Nationals, for the first and last time, was a great experience for both of us. We learned a lot, and had a lot of fun. Neither of us shall ever forget the time we had. The trip down was mostly tedious, except for staying in new Orleans and stopping on the beach in Mississippi to rent jet-skis. We arrived at our rental beach house tired and sore from the bumpy wetland roads. When the rest of our crew showed up, Robert Vann, David Thornton, Martha Lewis, Pam Harrison, our coach Darragh Peelo, Nathalie Vann, Cole Thornton, Ross Lewis, Stephanie Ashcraft, and Jack Yokum, they were forced to break into the kitchen pantry to get the coffee machine! All of the kids were impressed by the adults' burglary skills. Staying with this particular group of people was very pleasant and we are very grateful for their hospitality.

The real fun though was in the sailing. The competition was great. There were 220 boats total with 190 in the big fleet and 95 on each start. The sight of all those Opti's lined up was incredible. There were three races each day and one lay day. The tiny club was packed with the best sailors from all over the U.S. The fleet was divided into four classes randomly picked with a colored streamer on your sprit head. Race Committee flew your flag and, one other, 5 minutes before the horn, you never knew who you were sailing against. It was very challenging dealing with long courses, shifting conditions, currents, and storms. We were in our boats 7 to 9 hours each day of racing. As for our final scores, the exact numbers will be in the Opti News sometime. But the Texans did finish in the top half of the fleet; my best finish was a 12th. US World team sailor Leigh Kempton from Tom's River, New Jersey won first place.

Jake and I are both glad that we had the opportunity to attend this event while we could, this being our last year in Optimists. We will definitely remember it for the rest of our lives and we really appreciate all the support from AYC and FWBC. We especially thank Bill Wheat for taking the time to drive us, and 2 boats to Florida, and making sure we had fun all the way, thanks Bill.

Regatta News

by Phil Spletter

Despite the low lake level, there are numerous opportunities to enjoy sailboat racing at AYC. As we head for the cooler temperatures of fall (and hopefully some rain), here are several ways to the clear, clean waters of beautiful Lake Travis.

Governor's Cup

Preparations are in full swing for the Governor's Cup regatta on October 7 and 8. The regatta will not only be an opportunity to race but will also be a great opportunity to gather and enjoy the club. Separate courses will be provided for monohull centerboard and keelboats, trimarans and beach catamarans. Free food, beer and other liquid refreshments will be available Friday evening and Sunday afternoon. A BBQ dinner and dancing to live music are for Saturday evening. If you can't get your boat in the water, there are always people look-

ing for crew or perhaps you and your crew could borrow a boat that wouldn't otherwise sail. Even if you can't sail, come on out to be part of the shore side fun or help the RC one or both days. There are lots of ways to enjoy the lake no matter the level!

AYC Team Championships

This year, the club team championships will be sailed in Ensigns on September 30 and October 1 (if necessary). Teams of four AYC members will sail. The entry deadline will be September 27 at 5:00 PM. Please talk to your fleet members or put together an independent team and come on out. There are a lot of good sailors at AYC so this is great opportunity for a fun, competitive regatta.

The Single-handed Championship will follow the same format that has been used for the past several years with championships awarded to Sunfish and Laser sailors that compile the best score during the month of September. Throw outs

will be in accordance with the ISAF criteria. Separate awards will be made for male and female sailors. There must be at least three competitors in order for an award to be made.

The Junior Championship will be determined with a regatta later this fall. The details will be made available when they are finalized.

Night Race

The night race will be held on Sept. 16. The race committee is planning to use reverse handicap starts beginning at 7:00 pm, similar to the Friday night format. Because of the low lake level, the course will use permanent marks near AYC and be posted by noon the day of the race. Also, the RC will have chase boats stationed near low water areas to warn boats that are getting too close. Festivities including refreshments before the race as well as breakfast tacos afterward are planned.



Governor's Cup 2000 Regatta

By John Sanders

Notice of Regatta

You are cordially invited to participate in the Governor's Cup 2000 Regatta hosted by the Austin Yacht Club on beautiful Lake Travis in Austin, Texas. This is the 49th event in a long history of Governor's Cup Regattas.

Dates:

Saturday and Sunday, October 7 and 8, 2000.

Event:

A two-day, three-race to six-race regatta open to monohull keel boats, centerboard boats, multihull boats, and trimarans. On both days, all boats will race in the basin of Lake Travis. Temporary marks and/or AYC permanent marks will be used. One race will constitute a regatta.

Classes:

For one-design fleets a minimum of five boats will constitute a class. Classes may be divided into spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes. Keel handicap classes will use the PHRF of Lake Travis handicap rating system. The Portsmouth Yardstick will be used to establish centerboard handicap classes.

PHRF Handicap Certificate:

Measurement is not required, but each boat racing in any PHRF handicap class must have a PHRF Handicap Certificate on file with AYC or must complete one at skipper check-in. A boat without a PHRF Handicap Certificate on file will not be scored.

Scoring:

The Low Point Scoring System described in Appendix A of the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as modified by the sailing instructions, will be used.

Schedule of Events:

Wednesday, October 4

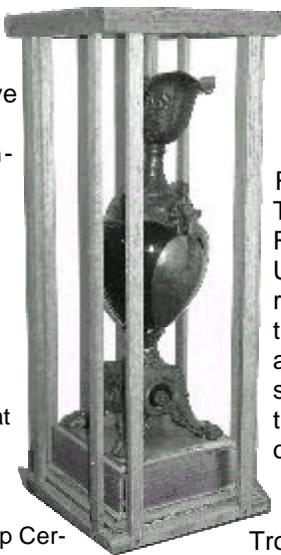
5:00 p.m. Early registration closes.

Friday, October 6

6:00 p.m. Check-in and late registration opens (skippers may pick up race packets with sailing instructions).

6:00 p.m. Social hour, complimentary snacks and beverages.

8:00 p.m. Check-in and late registration closes for the evening.



Saturday, October 7

8:00 a.m. Skipper check-in and late registration opens. Complimentary breakfast served.

9:00 a.m. Skipper check-in and late registration closes.

9:30 a.m. Skippers' meeting (skippers must be checked in before skippers' meeting).

10:30 a.m. Warning signal for first race. LUNCH will not be provided or sold. .

After races: Party; Live Music & Bert's BBQ.

Sunday, October 8

8:00 a.m. Complimentary breakfast served.

10:00 a.m. Warning signal for last race.

After races: Complimentary beer and beverages. Snacks.

Trophy Presentation!!!

Rules and Equipment:

This regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US SAILING), the rules of each class concerned (except as any of these are altered by the regatta sailing instructions), and by the regatta sailing instructions. Sailing Instructions will be available during check-in. Registration will not be accepted for boats without numbers on their mainsails and spinnakers.

Trophies:

Trophies will be awarded to the winning helmsman and crew within each class as follows:

3 — 4 entries	1 trophy
5 — 6 entries	2 trophies
7 — 10 entries	3 trophies
11 — 14 entries	4 trophies
15 + entries	5 trophies

The Governor's Cup Trophy will be awarded to the out-of-town club with the most participants in the regatta

Facilities:

There are limited campsites available on the AYC grounds. Showers and rest rooms are available to all regatta participants and guests. Some cabins and screened shelters are available for rent. Please contact the AYC office at 266-1336 for cabin rentals.

Pets and fireworks are strictly prohibited on AYC grounds.

Fax your registration to: 266-9804
For information, call: 266-1336

Governor's Cup 2000 Registration

Name: _____	Boat Type & Length: _____
Address: _____	Boat Name: _____
City: _____	Sail Number: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____	Handicap Rating: _____
Phone (home): _____	PHRF of Lake Travis _____
(work): _____	Portsmouth Yardstick: _____
(fax): _____	Spinnaker: _____
Yacht Club Affiliation: _____	Non-Spinnaker: _____
US Sailing Membership Number: _____	Number of crew (including skipper): _____

Registration:	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
PHRF Boat Entry:	_____	\$35.00	_____
Portsmouth Boat Entry:	_____	\$30.00	_____
Late Registration (After 5 PM Oct. 4)	_____	+\$5.00	_____
US Sailing Member Discount:	_____	<\$5.00>	_____
			Total Entry Fees: _____
Meals:			
Saturday Night BBQ Dinner	_____	\$8.00	_____
			Total Meal Fees: _____
T-Shirts (100% Cotton):			
Medium (M)	_____	\$9.00	_____
Large (L)	_____	\$9.00	_____
Extra-Large (XL)	_____	\$9.00	_____
Extra-Extra-Large (XXL)	_____	\$9.00	_____
			Total T-Shirt Fees: _____
AYC Charge #: _____	Check #: _____	Total Regatta Fees: _____	

Release and Indemnity Agreement: In consideration for its sponsorship of the event, I hereby release Austin Yacht Club, its officers, agents, and members (the "Club") from any and all claims for 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. I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and by all the other rules that govern this event.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Mail to: Austin Yacht Club, 5906 Beacon Drive, Austin, TX 78734-1428 or FAX to: Austin Yacht Club (512) 266-9804

History of Governor's Cup

as told to Tim Erwin by Francis McIntyre

The concept for the Governor's Cup Regatta was formed during a drive back from a regatta at the Fort Worth Boat Club. AYC was struggling to get started and we wanted to do something to attract attention and members. Francis McIntyre had just returned from a vacation in Jamaica and crewed in a race at the Royal Jamaican Yacht Club. The "Royal" was used if the Queen was an honorary member. This gave McIntyre the idea of having the Governor of Texas made an honorary member and calling the regatta The Governor's Cup.



Mary McIntyre and Sue McBee found the cup in a junk shop on Red River. It had a broken shaft, a hole in the bowl and the feet of the goddess were missing. It was restored to its present condition by a silver repair shop on East 6th Street. The cup was given to the out-of-city club with the most participants. The then Governor, Price Daniel, had his state treasurer Jessie James make the first presentation. Lt. Governor Ben Barnes and Mayor Lee Cooke have also presented the trophy. The only governors to actually make the presentations were Preston Smith and Mark White.

Lone Star Charity Cup Regatta

by Scott Spurlin

Many of you have probably heard the news-now here's the rest of the story. The Lone Star Charity Cup was cancelled for this year. Many of you know that we had built in contingency plans in place if the water level remained low. The concept was to have the event hell or low water, but this assumed a high attendance to the land based money raising events; dinner/dance, silent auction. When we looked at the downsized attendance numbers and the possibility of an event that may only break even or worse, lose money, it was decided to cancel. Its better not to have an event then have a bad event. A secondary factor was the amount of money to rent infrastructure needed for an event like this. The cost of tent (dinner/dance/silent auction), crane (boat launching/retrieval), porta potties, etc. etc. really takes money away from the cause that we are supposed to be benefiting. A few donors were interested in picking up these costs but it needs to be looked at in terms of benefit-cost. The charity that we were working with prides itself on passing through 87% of the money received and anything that takes away from achieving that percentage is detrimental. An equally important goal was to have a first class racing event. The races were the attraction and we had a committee that was focused on marketing the event and recruiting out of town sailors. The regatta committee had as a goal to make this one of the must do regatta's in Texas for the sailors that travel. Hard to get 'em to come if its difficult to launch their boats. Many traveling sailors will only crane launch and many trailers these days are not designed for deep water launching, therefore this is another cost that has to be considered when having a top tier regatta. All in all it may make more sense to collaborate with a marina/restaurant such as Emerald Point/Carlos n'Charlies if an event like this is to be held on Lake Travis. I believe in the formula as I have seen it work at a couple of other regatta's in Texas and would hope that someday we could get an event like this going at AYC. It is a challenge and I want to thank the 20 plus volunteers that spent time on organizing the event, attending the meetings and trying to make it happen. If we could've only signed up Mother Nature to make a contribution with about 35' of water! So now what do we do? For this year we can attempt to have a one day regatta like the Wild Turkey which is what this started out from in the first place. I'm not that committed to it to be honest and think we should take a look at Governors Cup attendance. If the number of volunteers to cook food, run RC, etc. etc. exceeds the number of people participating we ought to cancel for this year. How 'bout a rain dance instead



A Fleet News

By Scott Spurlin

Our last scheduled RC duty of the year is September 10. John Mandell and some of his crew pro-actively approached me and stepped up to the task. Thanks John, I appreciate this as it had slipped my mind, or more accurately the summer slipped by me. Can't believe we are in the final few months of 2000! Why do summers get shorter, the older we get?

A-fleet tidbits: By the time that you read this Steve Vaughan, Jim and Tracie Henson will be back from the Houston NOOD. They are taking their Hobie 33 RedDer down for Hobie 33 event. Bring back the silver! A couple of other A-fleeters will be taking their J80's to Houston. David Balfour and his Kicks crew are going as is Jeff Jones and his crew. Wait a minute! Jeff Jones doesn't have a J80! Well-Jeff, deal



New A Fleet skipper given Dad a few pointers!

maker that he is, talked some poor soul ('Course Jeff substituted lucky for poor) into some sort of deal that included stock options, land, first born, and a Viper 830 for a J80. I've only seen pictures, but it looks to be a beautiful boat — bright yellow awlgrip and the name is Sting. Jeff moved up from a snake to a bee! The J80 class is getting tougher and tougher as the fleet grows around Texas and the NOOD is the last stop of this years J80 circuit. Could easily be in excess of 15 boats. Best of luck to both Jeff and Dave along with their crews.

Participation has fallen off, many A fleet boats that normally race year around are now out of the water. Its time to quit talking about it and organize a club wide rain dance complete with costumes to get this lake filled back up! Hmmm maybe instead of trying to race we should have a dance? Anyway a couple of events that are coming up (along with the normally scheduled series races) are the night race on September 16 and the team championships on September 30. Governor's Cup in October. Help me out on the team championships — I committed early this year that A-Fleet would field a team. The event is a one day regatta with each fleet represented by a team on Ensigns. A-Fleet needs to field a team. Who's up for winning the championship for A Fleet? Let me know! See you next month!

Catalina 22 Fleet News

by Jon Finch

The Indian Summer Series is now well underway. After the first two races, Roy Crouse (helming Wade Bingham's boat – see photo) holds a commanding lead with all bullets. Roy, we're glad you came out. How about trading in your Pearson 22 for a real boat . . . like a Catalina 22? Other racers out on the course included Jim Johnstone on Pandamonium, John Grzinich on Bebop, and David Grogono. As for me, I got out on the water too late to catch either of the starts, but I did motor around and take a few pictures for this article. While I was out there, I had fun motoring up behind the racers and threatening to steal their wind. For some reason (bare poles!) no one took me seriously.

As I was snapping pictures of the Catalina 22's, a guy hiked out on a centerboard boat started shouting at me to take his picture too. I thought this was kind of unusual so I took a closer look and realized it was Dave Rehberg with Pete Harper.



Dave and Pete were out on Bill Wheat's JY-15. I had heard Pete grew up sailing Lasers, but it turns out Dave had only been on a centerboard boat a couple of times. Never mind, Pete and Dave had a very respectable finish, coming in second to John Bartlett.

Why, you ask, would anyone forsake a Catalina 22? As C22 National Champions, Pete and Dave were tuning up for the Champion of Champions regatta which will be held on Vanguard 15's at Houston Yacht Club October 18-20th. Check out the photo of Pete and Dave hiked out.

In other fleet news, I would like to thank Lynn Lilly for

helping out on scoring committee for the Indian Summer Series. In case you didn't know, Paul Brandner is also a Catalina 22 fleet member. You have probably seen Paul around the club quite a bit, he has been very active as one of our RC PRO's. Paul, I hope you are able to find time away from your race committee duties and family obligations to take your C22 out to the line to race!



Does anyone remember Steve Starr's boat II Obscure? I caught up with Steve a few days ago and he said he said that, with the low water, he is going to make another attempt to salvage the boat, probably on September 30th. Steve, one way or another I hope you are successful . . . we would really love to have you back in the fleet!

Well, we wrapped up the Saturday Summer Evening Series last month. In spite of some last minute competition from Pete, Larry Hill and Becky Waddell still had enough bullets to clinch 1st place. Way to go Larry and Becky!

Mark your calendars . . . there is still a lot of racing activity to come this fall including the rest of the Indian Summer Series (Sept. 10, 17, and 24), the Night Race on September 16th (registration from 5:00-6:00 p.m., white shape at 7:00 p.m.), and the NOOD on September 22-24th at the Lakewood Yacht Club in Clear Lake. The racing will be in Galveston Bay. Traditionally the NOOD is also the Texas State Spinnaker Championship. For more info on the NOOD, please contact Ted Owens. And, don't forget Governor's Cup on October 7th and 8th.

That's all the fleet news for now . . . see you on the water.

Ensign Fleet News

by Lou Kimball

Fleet 30 hosted a very successful Regional Regatta during the first week in June. Cynthia Creamer, our fabulous fleet captain organized and ran the first ever regatta in the history of the fleet to turn a profit! And - everyone had a good time. Thanks to everyone's hard work and good wind we impressed the out-of-town crews - maybe even doing too good a job, since Vince Morvillo and Dick Baxter of Houston took first and second respectively with our own George Dahmen coming in third.

Party, Party, Party - time and date TBA to celebrate Tom Groll's 2nd Place at Nationals! As George Dahmen, the fleet poet puts it: The Medley of Vegetables vowed to take first at the Canandaigua Lakes Off came the tiller It sure was a thriller But they got second, for cripes sake.

The nationals were held on Lake Canandaigua in upstate New York this year, which gave the local boys a better shot at finishing well. If anything conditions were more fluky than Lake Travis, with races being cancelled due to 3-5 knots with 180 degree shifts to blowing

stink with one boat in a death roll and swamped. Tom and crew George Dahmen, Phil Spletter, and Lou Kimball sailed a consistent series with a third, fifth, fourth, first, and eighth with one throw out to take second in the fifty boat fleet - edging out the third place boat by a quarter point. Teamwork and consistency paid off since this was the third nationals by the same crew, all sailed in borrowed boats. Texas did well with three boats in the top ten - Vince Morvillo of Houston took 6th. and Dean Snider of Houston took 8th. So if you see Tom around the club make him buy you a beer and tell you all about it!



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