

Telltale



January 2001

Monthly Newsletter

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AYC Business Hours

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

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

Club Holidays

New Year's Day	1 January
Easter Sunday	15 April
Independence Day	4 July
Thanksgiving Day	22 November
Shopping Day	23 November
Christmas Day	25 December

From the Commodore

Happy New Year to everyone!

I'm looking forward to a year of enjoying our recently filled lake in general and to competitive, fair sailing in particular. The signs are good. There was a good, enthusiastic turnout for Red Eye on a fairly cold day, and on the warmer weekend that we just had there were a good number of folks at the club cleaning, sailing or otherwise enjoying their boats. I hope that these are harbingers for a good turnout for the frostbite series starting on Saturday, January 20, 2001.

As you can see, we plan to continue the successful format that was initiated last year. Kelly Hawk brings considerable publishing experience to the job of editor so please get articles and pictures into her on the deadline (the 5th of each month), so that she can turn it around to get timely communication to the membership. Also, we are fortunate that Ken Jolly has agreed to be our webmaster this year. He has already made some changes that make it faster to load. He too would welcome submissions of news and photographs.

In addition to sailing, we are planning a fun year of social activities ashore.

Bay Peterson will be the social chairman this year. Opening day is set for March 4th. Amy Olmstead will be responsible for the event. The AYC luau is planned for May 12th. Please seek to help these folks so that we can all enjoy our club and our memberships to the fullest. Tim Erwin has volunteered to be the club historian so that we can

keep the past in focus as we look ahead. My thanks to all of the folks who volunteer at all levels, from social leaders to work party contributors. That is part of what makes AYC such a great place to be.

Many of AYC's sailors travel – even in the winter. The other day I saw the UT sailing team loading up 15 people for the Rose Bowl regatta in southern California. Steven Gay and Jacob Wheat went to the Orange bowl regatta in Miami over the holidays. David Balfour is taking a team including John Bartlett and Larry Ratliff to Key west Race Week. I understand that Jeff Jones' dad just got a new Aerodyne 38 and that they will be at Key West as well. Good luck to everyone!

I hope to see you on the water,

Phil



Sunfish Fleet News

by Paul Jensen

The end-of-year fleet meeting and pot luck supper was held the evening of November 29. In addition to great food and a chance to catch up with friends, sailing trophies for the previous season were awarded and a new slate of officers recruited.

Those taking home the fabulous fish were:

First Place: Kevin Reynolds

Second Place: Ted Owens

Third Place: David Hilfer

Fourth Place: Larry Hill

Fifth Place: Jerry Parle

The new crew includes:

Treasurer: Pat Manning

Race Committee Organizer: Frank Woodul

Race Scorekeeper: Kevin Reynolds

Pot Luck Dinner Coordinator: Bruce Foster

Wednesday Night Social Organizer: Vicki Stones

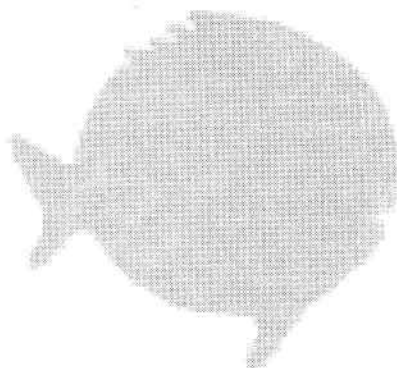
Skipper and Scribe: Paul Jensen

Where we've been and where we're bound:

In going over the materials I received from Frank Woodul, I found the fleet history interesting. Fleet 70 was re-established in 1987 by Tim Erwin with the main focus being fun sailing. At first, Wednesday night sailing was on courses run entirely by the Laser fleet. One of the early rules was Fleet Rule 70, intended to keep the hard bellies at bay by setting a membership requirement that the sum of one's age and girth be at least 70! By 1990 the fleet membership had grown to 45. Some of the early fleet leaders were Pat and Vic Manning, Bruce Foster, Shirley Slaughter, and Jim Deeter.

Since then, it appears that the fleet focus has evolved to racing that is usually competent but not so serious as to limit the fun, with as many as 20 boats on the line at times. Last summer the low lake levels kept participation down a little from previous years. I think we all want to see that rebound and the lake has certainly helped. I'd like your ideas and suggestions on how to build both participation and fun for the fleet next summer.

Paul Jensen



2001 UT Sailing Team Includes:

Robert Bennett, Blake Billman, Tom Carson, Jennifer Cobb, Brandon Cook, Barry Curtin, Michael Curtin, Jessie Dawson, April Escamilla, David Herschop, Bruce Mahoney, Jeannie Nguyen, Spencer Ogden, Kevin Putegnet, Bridget Smith, Lacy Smyth, Quan Tran, Kristine Waddell, Cortney Ward, Douglas Weakly.

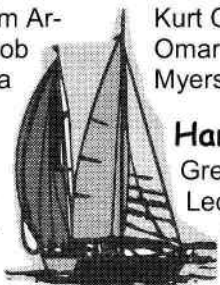
Meet your 2001 Committee Members

Sail Training Comm.

Tim McKenna, Commander
Lanelle Montgomery, Joanne Weberlein, Claude Welles, Tim Arnold, Mary Jane Moore, Rob Neilson, Julie Conrad, Lela McKenna, Bill Hawk & Kyle Sanders

Buildings & Grounds

Mike Parker, Commander
Terry McDermott, Bruce Foster, John Saunders, Robert Sage, Amy Olmstead, Bill Wheat & Dennis Mills



Race Comm.

Paul Brandner, Commander
Gretchen Douglas, Jim Johnstone, Kurt Carson, Mark Templemyer, Omar Zia, Barry Thornton, Bob Myers & John Bargh

Harbor Comm.

Greg Buck, Fleet Commander
Leo Anderson, Doug Laws, Steve Ehlers, Roger Harden, Sherre Kersting & Peter John

Membership Comm.

Rob Wilson, Chairman
Robbie Nelson & John Saunders



Partial Racing Schedule

January

20th Frostbite Series #1, 1pm
27nd Frostbite Series #2, 1pm

February

3th Frostbite Series #3, 1pm
10th Frostbite Series #4, 1pm
17th Frostbite Series #5, 1pm
24-25th J/24 Circuit Regatta

March

3rd PRC Race Seminar
4th Opening Day Ceremonies
Spring Series #1
10th Practice Day (starts)
11th Spring Series #2
18th Spring Series #3
24th & 25th AYC JR Roadrunner
31st UT Alumni Regatta

April

1st Spring Series #4
7th C-15 District Regatta
8th Spring Series #5
14-15th Easter Laser Regatta



Welcome to our new Fleet Captains

Keel Fleet: Scott Walsh

Keel A: Tom Eskridge

Keel B: Mark Bradford

Keel D: Barry Thornton

J/24: Leon Lance

JY15: John Bartlett

Laser: Claude Welles

Thistle: Robert Alter

SC21: Ray Shull

Ensign: Carolyn Wilsford

Sunfish: Paul Jensen

C-22: John Fitch

505: Scott Mackay

C-15: Troy Lawson

Red Eye Regatta Winners

PHRF Fleet, Class A

1st — Ray Shull, Mostly Harmless, J29

2nd — Scott Spurlin, J80

3rd — John Mandell, Wasabi, 11:Metre

PHRF Fleet, Class B

1st — George Dahmen, Ensign

2nd — Barbara Hawn, Sweet Agony, San Juan 7.7

3rd — Bay Peterson, Temptress, Cat 27

PHRF Fleet, Class C

1st — Richard Buck, Endorfin, Cat 30

2nd — Doug Laws, Que Pasa, San Juan 7.7

3rd — Guy Stewart, Home On The Ranger, Ranger 29

PHRF Fleet, Class D

1st — Charles Pope, Knot To Worry, SC 21

2nd — B. Scott, Cal. 25

3rd — Paul Brandner, Lake Lizard, Cat 22

2000 Annual Award Winners

Series Racing Excellence Awards

Tom Groll, Ray Shull, & John Mandell

Championships

Men's Singlehand

Claude Welles - Laser

Men's Team

George Dahmen, Bill Hawk,

Franz Dahmen, Lou Kimball

Jr. Singlehand

Ryan Harden

Jr. Team

Ryan Harden, Chris Reynolds

Perpetual Trophy Awards

Jimmy B. Card Memorial Trophy

Tom Eskridge

The Jessie McIlroy Smith Bowl

Joanne Weberlein

Max White Memorial Trophy

Frank Woodul

Corinthian Woman Sailor Trophy

Cynthia Creamer

The Scott Young Cup

Bruce Mahoney

Liz Bauman Memorial Trophy

Tom Carson

R.W. Hardin Memorial Trophy

Lela McKenna

Oi' Salt of the AYC

Matt Arnold

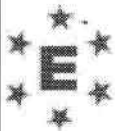
The Blue Duck Award

Duane Dobson

Scott Walsh

Ensign Fleet News

by Carolyn Wilsford



Thanks and fare-thee-well to Cynthia Creamer, the outgoing Ensign fleet commander. Cynthia is relocating to Florida with soon-to-be new husband Dave Boerner. We are sorry to see her, and *Foxfire*, leave the AYC. She has been very active in the club and made us all proud of her when she won the 2000 Corinthian Award. Congratulations, Cynthia, and keep in touch.

Since the last newsletter, *Medley of Vegetables*, the team of George Dahmen, Tom Groll, Phil Spletter, and Lou Kimball won 2nd in Ensign Nationals. They were in 1st place in the regatta when the tiller on their borrowed boat broke. After adjudication, they were awarded 2nd place in the regatta.

George Dahmen got the new year off to a great start with a B Fleet first place in the Red Eye Regatta. Fellow Ensigns, if George can do it, we should all be able to whip up on a few PHRF boats too!! The Ensign fleet welcomes a new competitor. Tim McKenna recently bought an Ensign and will, hopefully, be on the starting line for some upcoming races.

Let's encourage all Ensign owners to come out and race so that we can build a strong and active fleet. More Ensigns on the line mean more fun for everyone! Frostbite series starts Jan. 20. Lets go sailing.

Frostbite Series

Jan 20th, 1pm	Frostbite Series #1
Jan 27th, 1pm	Frostbite Series #2
February 3, 1pm	Frostbite Series #3
February 10, 1pm	Frostbite Series #4
February 17, 1pm	Frostbite Series #5

Mark Your Calendars



Opening Day Festivities

Sunday, March 4th

Volunteers Still Needed for 2001

Name: _____ AYC Member #: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Regattas

- ☐ Regatta Chairman
- ☐ Committee Chairman

Series Races

- ☐ Series Buffet
- ☐ Series Trophies

Social Events

- ☐ Opening Day
- ☐ Annual Banquet

Communications & Publications

- ☐ Directory/Handbook
- ☐ Media Relations
- ☐ Photography
- ☐ Telltale
- ☐ Web Site

General Committees

- ☐ Insurance
- ☐ Perpetual Awards
- ☐ UT Sailing Team Liaison

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Keel Fleet News

by Scott Walsh

Greetings.

As your new Keel Fleet Captain, I have the honor to present the Fleet Captains to the fleets and general membership and tell you about any changes that have come about in the Keel Fleet. First and foremost, the new Fleet Captains include:

A Fleet: Tom Eskridge

B Fleet: Mark Bradford

NON Spinnaker: Barry Thornton

What you say? Where is C Fleet? Couldn't get a captain? No, by popular vote, we have moved the boats that were rated at 169 PHRF and below, to the A fleet. All other boats are in B fleet except those that wish to sail non-spinnaker. Now, before you bust a capillary, let me outline a couple of reasons for this change. Attendance was low in all fleets, and B fleet had suggested that the split between the lead boats was such that it discouraged participants with higher handicaps. So, with the old C fleet being closer in handicap than the other boats in their own fleet, we split them where it made the most sense. In addition, Non-Spinnaker was attaining new members.

This was a long debate, and if you had attended the meeting you would have seen that there was a general consensus to make this change. Only one person abstained. I suggest that we try this new rating plan. We have a meeting planned for June, and we can make changes to the handicap status as needed. I will welcome any better suggestions at that time.

The other thing that we are going to experiment with in the NON Spinnaker Fleet is a reverse handicap start for the Frostbite series (just like the Beer Can Race). After a lot of information gathering, Barry Thornton convinced the Keel Fleet that this would be a lot more fun. We believe in positive changes!

What else is on the horizon? Claude Welles and Barry Bowden have offered to organize some **Learn to Sail Clinics** and are asking everyone to help with boats and participation. Claude is going to a US Sailing seminar to learn better ways to expand our adult sail training programs. We will cover this seminar in the next Telltale.

Also, the Frostbite Series will start on Saturday, January 20th, at 1pm. The skippers' meeting will be at 12:15pm. I am working on pre-registration for anyone who will not be able to attend the scheduled pre-registration from 10am—12pm. We are trying something new after the races this year. The winner of each fleet will recount what made their boat so darned fast! With the help of moderator, John Bartlett, new sailors will can learn from some of the old salts what it takes to win sailboat races. I encourage everyone to attend these discussions. We are looking forward to a lively and informative exchange. Keel Fleet will prove beer and some finger food. I haven't decided yet whose fingers we should use.

RC duty for the Frostbite Series will include:

Barry Thornton on Jan. 20

Mark Bradford on Jan 27

Tom Eskridge on February 3

Ray Shull on February 10

Scott Walsh on February 17

That is all from your soon to be beloved Fleet Captain,

Scott Walsh



In honor of Ron Harden's zealous commitment to junior sailing, the AYC Board of Directors renamed the Junior Male Sailing Award, "The R.W. Hardin Memorial Trophy."

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