

Telltale



November 2001

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

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

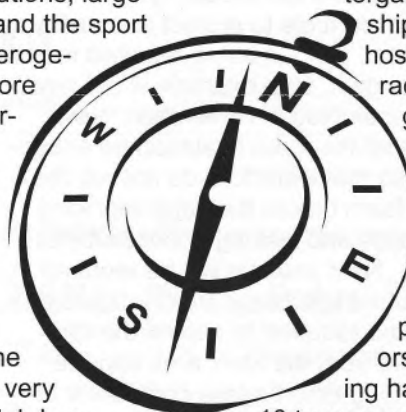
It's hard to believe that this is my last article for the front page of the Telltale. Since the year has flown by, I must have had fun. I had a lot of fun! We've been blessed this year with a full lake and good winds for a surprising number of days. I enjoyed sailing at the club and have had the pleasure to meet many more people than I would have otherwise and seen them make many contributions, large and small, to AYC and the sport of sailing. Our heterogeneous mixture of more than 400 unique personalities and talents makes it a fun place to be and is our most valuable asset.

Next year AYC will be 50 years old. The founders should be very proud of what the club has become. We have a superb facility where people of all ages and skill levels enjoy sailing. In 2001 approximately 4,970 boats sailed in 585 races at AYC. The club also produces high caliber sailors. This year AYC sailors competed in the Rose and Orange Bowl regattas, Key West Race Week (3rd place), Miami Olympic Class regatta, Laser and Sunfish Mid-winters and Masters regattas, J/80 Worlds, J/24, Laser and Sunfish NAs, Ensign Regionals, Sunfish and Laser Worlds, J/80

Nationals, CORK, the Worrell 1000, J/24 District 18 championships (winner), C-22 Nationals (winner), J/24 Texas Circuit (winner), J/24 European Championship (3rd) and the US National Women's Championship (1st and 2nd place). In addition to series races and our regular regattas, AYC also hosted two junior regattas, separate regattas for the J/24 and J/80 Texas circuits, Thistle districts and the SC-21 Intergalactic Championships. The club hosted US Sailing club race officer and dinghy instructor courses and two adult learn to sail clinics.

Our Junior program continues to produce strong sailors. High school sailing has brought at least 10 teenagers into the sport. It is a tribute to the program that this year several AYC juniors who were new to the sport have become successful, accomplished sailors, providing talent that should continue to grow. They will become good sailors and good citizens in the future. UT sailing enjoyed a successful year spending time in the top national rankings and producing the US National Singlehanded Champion and adding another All-American to its roster.

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Road Warriors

by Phil Spletter



AYC sailors have traveled extensively this year and November was no exception. Wurstfest attracted five laser sailors Eric Faust (4th), Fred Schroth (5th), Doug Kern, Bill Mitchell and Ray Schull. The Sunfish fleet was won by Paul Forrester, an Olympic medalist and former UT All-American sailor. Also sailing in the fleet were Vic Manning, Jerry Parlee, Pat Manning, Bill Gearloff, Larry Hill and Vicki Stones. The Halter team won the Thistle class. The next week Scott Walsh and crew took Tiburon to the Wurstfest keel event.

At the Ruff Rider Regatta from Corpus Christi to South Padre Island and back, AYC was represented by Jim Rehage, Phil Buck, John Howard, Steve Piche and Vicki Stone's brother John Kuc, a frequent sailor at AYC.

It has been fun keeping track of AYC sailors that travel. I probably missed some names and places over the course of the year and apologize to anyone that I left out. However it is truly astounding to me to see what the members of this club accomplish beyond the club level. Keep up the good work everyone but please be sure to come back to the club to race here and help to make all of us better sailors.

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As we go forward, new regulations from TNRCC and LCRA are requiring all marinas, including AYC, to tighten environmental controls to protect the quality of the water in the lake. AYC is being required to make significant changes. One example is the new dock 4 which was assembled in November. New regulations require that the foam floatation be encapsulated with plastic so that waterfowl do not eat the algae that is on the foam blocks thus disintegrating the foam in the process and leaving foam particles floating in the water. Next year we will be required to obtain a Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit. We will be required to control the rainwater runoff that goes from the work area into the lake. Ray Schull, a long-time tireless contributor to AYC and a surface water consulting engineer with experience in this exact area, has graciously agreed to head an ad-hoc committee to recommend the best solution for the club to implement. Complying with these regulations will cost money, but by keeping our lake the cleanest in the state it will be well spent.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of the club, including the board of directors, standing committees and other numerous volunteers as well as the staff who have made my job this year very enjoyable. The club is on a very firm foundation to build upon and enjoy the next 50 years and beyond.

Phil

The Austin Yacht Club
Board of Directors
invite you to the
2001 Annual Awards Ceremony

Saturday, December 8, 2001,
7:00pm to 11:00pm

Dinner, Dancing to the
Big Palookas and
the Annual AYC Awards Ceremony

Vintage Villas
209 Eck Lane

RSVP by November 24th
to AYC office 266-1336

\$25.00 per person
Dress: AYC Formal

heard of it. The northerly wind direction is also a little unusual for Lake Travis. On the weather chase boat we had Wade Bingaman and Roy Crouse. The leeward chase was manned by Paul Jensen and Tom Cox. On the main RC we had



The fleet cake with collage of photos of every boat.

Omar Zia, Jim Johnstone, Jon Fitch, Key Ayers, Andy Rogers, and Jon Fitch. Never mind the weird winds, we got the races off on time and made the right adjustments for the second race!

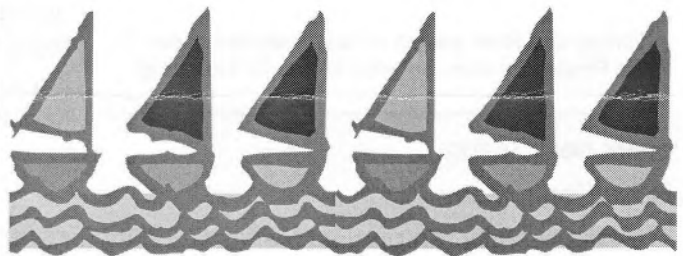


Jeff Raun and friend try their luck.

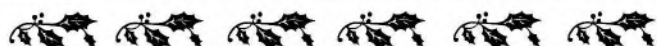


John and Ann Marie Grzinich along with Andy Rogers (left) and Nadia (right), Viva and Ryan Rogers are in the background.

Don't forget there are still a few more activities left this year. The KHF Wild Turkey Regatta is Sunday November 17th. And, the AYC Annual Banquet is Saturday evening December 8th. See you at the club!



Notice of
Annual Keel Handicap
Fleet Meeting
Saturday, December 15th,
AYC Clubhouse
2:00pm—5:00pm.
See Agenda posted at AYC



**CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED
TO THE ANNUAL
AYC CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY**

Saturday, December 15th,

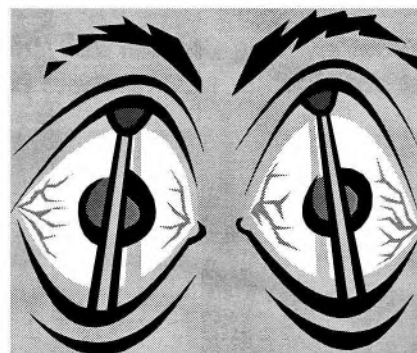
10:30-1:00pm

AYC Clubhouse

*Crafts & Activities
Music
Food and Drink
Visit by Santa*

**AYC Annual Membership Meeting:
Thursday, December 6, 7pm**

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THE
FIRST RACE IN 2002!**



**THE RED EYE REGATTA
TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2002
STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS.**

**PHRF Rating Committee Report
4Q-2001**

by John Mandell

New rating certificates:

Below is a list of new certificates that have been given ratings effective immediately.

Name	Boat Type	Boat Name	Sail No	PHRF	Status
Tom Boren	Herreshoff 18	Aquila	214	315	Provisional
Harold Downey	K-19	Gezko	6	180	Provisional
Rick Pettit	J22	Thumper	615	174	Assigned
Steve Pervier	Catalina 25 T	Ladybug	5464	222	Assigned
Robert Perry	Ranger Fun 23	Knot Serious	38	180	Assigned

A complete list of all boats and ratings is available for review in the Club office. A summary list of boat types and their ratings will be posted on the Official Race Notice Board (downstairs). Details are also available on the AYC web site at <http://www.austinyachtclub.org>.

Anyone may request that the PHRF Handicap Committee review a boat's rating during a calendar quarter. The deadline for petitions to the Handicap Committee for the First Quarter 2002 must be received in the AYC office no later than January 25, 2002. If any requests are received, an open review will be scheduled. At a later date, a closed Handicap Committee review will be held to finalize changes, if any. Changes, if any, will be effective the beginning of the following quarter.

Catalina 22 Fleet Parties to Celebrate A Great Year!

by Jon Fitch

On Saturday evening October 20th, the Catalina 22 Fleet got together for a party to celebrate a



Nadia beats the house! (with skipper Andy Rogers)

great year of racing. We had cake with a collage of photos of every boat in the fleet. Mary Ann made a lovely buffet dinner of Honey Baked Ham, brisket, salad, Rosemary flavored pasta salad, and Ghiradelli brownies. After dinner the party got even more exciting when we opened up two tables of Blackjack. Prizes for the top money winners at the Blackjack were gift baskets, each with its own theme (Italian, Margarita, Death by Chocolate). Each of the baskets had something for him and for her (lotion, bath salts, etc.) - that is, enough treats for a romantic evening with her to earn him a "kitchen pass" to go sailing! The lucky winners were Chris Thomas, George Robison, and Nancy Joe (Mary Ann's sister). The kids basket was won by Alex (one of the baby sitters). Sorry Tyler Jones - you won a lot of money too but the longer Alex played the luckier she got!

At the party we had Steve and Mary Starr (good to see both of you!), George and Joann Robison, Jim and Kathy Johnstone, Wade and Cathy Bingaman, Neil and Dana and Tyler Jones, Andy and Viva and Ryan Rogers and crew Nadia, Chris Thomas, Jenny Loehlin, John and Ann Marie Grzinich, Bob and Karen Jones,

Ted and Barb Owens, Roy and Sue Ann Crouse, Ken and Gayle Ayers, Jeff Raun and girlfriend, Flor De La Cruz, and various members of Mary Ann's family.

This Winter Series we have had nice cool weather, good wind, and spinnaker racing at its best! On the third weekend of the series (October 28th) the red rooster made another appearance on the transom of Dry Heave. So Wade, do you get any extra propulsion when that red feathered crew member flaps its wings? Some of the folks we have had out racing are Andy and Viva Rogers with crew Nadia on Trivial Pursuit, Roy Crouse was seen crewing for arch-rival Wade Bingaman on Dry Heave, Wade also had Michael Bussey on board, Pete Harper was out on Hummingbird with crew David Rehberg and Harold Downey, John Grzinich was out on Be-bop, Jon Fitch was out on Moonlight Sonata with crew Mary Ann Joe and Doug Laws, and Neil Jones was racing on Carolina Dreaming with son Tyler and John Bartlett and James Pennington. My apologies if I missed anyone.



Barb Owens with Jenny Loehlin, Viva and Ryan Rogers.

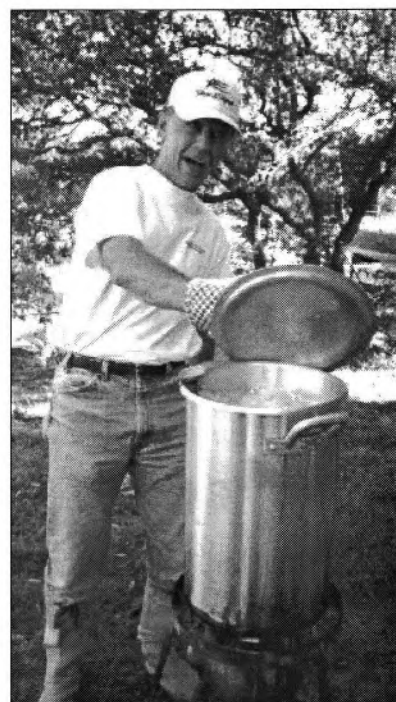
Last weekend (November 4th) we had RC duty. Wouldn't you know it, the wind gods of Lake Travis were as fickle as ever. The wind started out at around 340 but shifted to a direction of more than 60 degrees. Yes, if you do a little math you'll notice the winds shifted around over a range of more than 80 degrees! Wind shifts on Lake Travis? Never

In spite of the big storm that rolled through the night before and the resulting morning overcast, a hardy group came out for our first Pirate Cruise/Turkey Fry. With the unsettled weather we ended up setting up in cabin 3 but by afternoon the skies cleared but it was too late to restart the planned on the water Poker Run. So everybody just enjoyed the hijacking the planned rum prizes (where did they go?), Cajun fried turkeys (how fast can a turkey be torn apart with everyone's bare hands?...pretty damn quick it seems!) and the other great food from the Cajun kitchen of Sambet's. Leon Lance handled the frying well for a first timer after getting some pointers from Greg Buck



Turkey and Rum seems to have satisfied some of the Pirates for now, but who knows for how long!

(our master fryer from our previous turkey fry) as he had to return to Yacht Harbor for awhile to help straighten up the marina after the big wind storm. While all the fun things planned didn't happen (most still a secret, I will never tell!), everyone who made it out enjoyed the laid back tone that filled in. From the talk going around the tables, look for a reprise of this



Leon showing off his newly acquired cooking skills.

event next Spring.

Race Committee

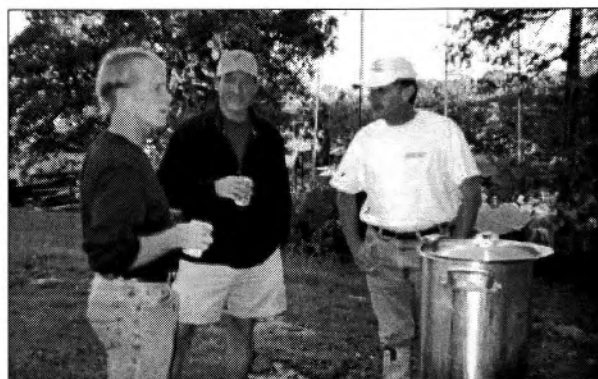
We successfully ran our last Series RC duty for 2001 last month. Leon got a another good group together and from what I heard everything went well. Leon asked that I send out a big Thank You to everyone who helped out. We are off the hook until next Spring, just in time to start planning our 2002 Circuit Stop!

New J/24 Coming To Town

Yes, Amanda Mason has joined the yacht club and is making plans to bring down her J/24 later this year and start racing it on Lake Travis. Dave Broadway invited her to join his Winter Series crew so she is already getting a lay of the land, err...water. Previously she raced on the Great Lakes so while she is a legit "lake sailor", she admitted that Lake Travis conditions are showing her what real lake sailing is like (did I heard the word shifty!). If you see an unfamiliar face around the fleet coolers after the races, please feel free to introduce yourself to Amanda and make her feel welcome!

2002 Plans

Things are already gearing up for 2002. Dave Gamble has accepted the challenge and is stepping into the Fleet Captain's chair next year. Plus Dave Broadway has agreed to spend some time filling the current gap on running our Fleet's AYC website pages, which I have to admit never got much attention from me this year. It looks like we will be hosting our 2002 circuit stop in March but since the AYC RC calendar is not finalized yet, no specific date is on the books. But that won't stop the initial planning from getting



How long do you think it will take for these guys to figure out they are not standing around the fleet keg?



Where is the Turkey?! Robbie is ready to start carving!

under way and I bet Dave will be setting up a January Fleet happy hour somewhere like last year's successful event to kick things off both on general fleet business as well as the circuit stop planning. Also I wanted to mention that the J/24 Fleet is continuing the strong tradition of having its members involved on the AYC Board of Directors. While Greg "the dock builder" Buck will be stepping down as Fleet Commander, 2 new J/24 Fleet members will be joining next year's board; Kurt Carson will be AYC Race Commander and Robbie Nelson will be AYC Treasurer. With Phil Spletter remaining on the board one more year as Membership Chairman, our new Commander will be getting plenty of J/24 "help"! Be sure to support all of these folks next year (so we don't have to do it!). One final item for 2002, make your plans now for Red Eye!...we finished 2001 somewhat on a

whimper, participation wise, let's reverse the trend and kick-off 2002 by fielding a big fleet and taking all the silver in our Class at this inaugural 2002 event!

Regards,

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You can lead a Parrot to the Turkey but it takes a Pirate to steal a bite, right Angie?!

South Coast 21 News

by Doug Powell

First, an apology to all the South Coast Fleet for not placing articles in the Telltales before now. Although the lack of kudos has not diminished your spirits or slowed participation. The fleet is more active now than in years. We are averaging more than 10 boats on the line each series, with as many as 17 boats participating. That's more than 50% of the South Coasts on Lake Travis. Not only have we been active in the series races but in virtually every Regatta the fleet has been represented. Charles Pope won D Fleet in the Red Eye, Steve Gay won C Fleet in the Frostbite with Kevin Renolds placing second and Charles placing fourth. In the Spring Regatta South Coast sailers Bob Freman, Carl Morris, and Bob Musselman placed first, second, and third in B Fleet with Dave Speed placing fourth in D Fleet. In the double handed Kevin Reynolds placed sixth with Charles Pope in seventh. Jim Brown a new member to the fleet placed third in Turn Back. Dave Speed took first in the Night Race #2 (Non -Spin). Peter Jolin won gold in the Govenor's cup narrowly beating Kevin Reynolds. And at the Club Single Handed, South Coast skippers Ray Shull, Kevin Reynolds and Carl Morris took the top three honors. Great participation, great sailors, a great one design fleet! And with the addition of several new fleet members the future looks even better. Last but not least I want to thank the South Coast fleet for making my job as fleet captain an easy one. I know other fleets have trouble from time to time finding race committee. The typical answer when I have asked for help is "What time do I show up?"

AYC Junior's Page

by JohnFoster

The AYC Junior racing team ended out the sailing season with a bang. Brian Lackey, Hogan Aydam, Tyler Jones, Peter Rochard, Ben Rochard, Matt Arnold, Amber Tull, Jake Wheat, Lela McKenna, John Foster, Jennifer Morris, and the Westwood/Cedar Park High School's Sailing Teams represented AYC well at the West Marine Regatta, held November 3rd, at the Austin Yacht Club.

On the Laser Radial/420 line there was Matt Arnold's 420 crewed by Westwood's Amber Tull, Jake Wheat in his Laser, Ben Rochard in his Laser, Lela McKenna's 420 crewed by me (John Foster). The races which were scheduled to begin at 12:00 noon were postponed a couple of hours due to the lack of wind both on the lake and on the horizon. Yet the Texas breeze showed up and the races were underway. Out of the two windward-leewards that were raced AYC placed in both categories. Matt Arnold got a 5th place trophy the 420's against the best in the state, with Lela finishing in 6th. Ben Rochard trophied at 3rd place, with Jake nipping at his heels. The competition was fierce in all categories as this was the last and final regatta of the season which attracted the majority of the circuit sailors from all over the state.

Opti competition was just as fierce and AYC proved once again that they were up to the challenge. Brian Lackey won the Opti green category with two bullets. Tyler Jones got second in the green fleet with some great race results too. Hogan Aydam had two great races placing twice in the top half. Peter Rochard scored great in the regatta too against some of toughest junior competition in the state.

Special thanks goes out to the J-24 fleet for some great decisions in some bad conditions and the junior parents who not only helped out with the race committee, but offered some great support on the Bartlett Sails pontoon boat.

The season will begin in March at the Port Arthur Yacht Club, but look for the junior fleet practicing amongst themselves or in the series races. Until then, see you in March!

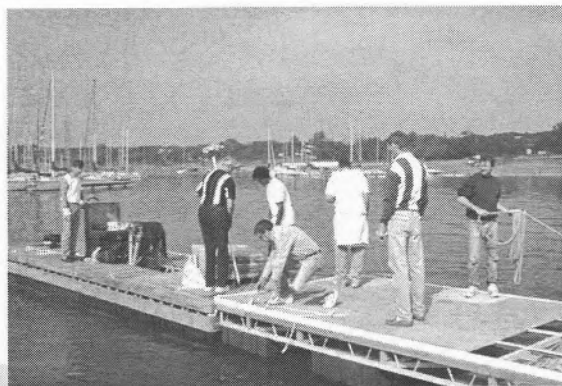
Junior News

by Steve Gay

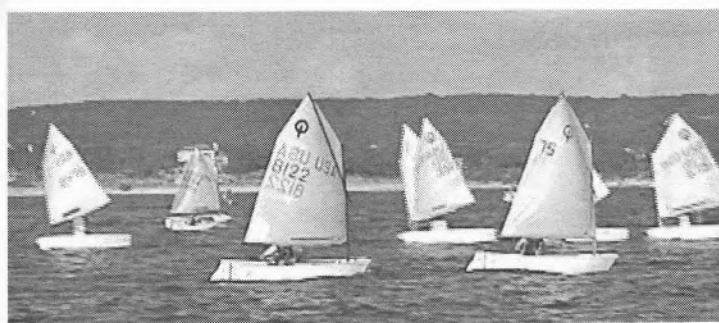
In summary, Westwood HS with Amber Tull, John Foster and Jennifer Morris sailing finished 16th of 22 teams. Cedar Park finished close behind at 18th with Henry Henze, Habbo Engleke, Zack Johnson, Chris Parker and Christina Villarreal sailing. 10 races were sailed in light winds. All sailors and sponsors were treated to dinner at a private home near the French Quarter. Teams came from as far away as Hawaii, Vermont, and Florida. Berkeley Prep from Tampa, FL won the Regatta followed by a second FL team, a team from VT and the highest finishing Texas team La Porte HS in 4th. Hawaii was 5th. The team from La Porte had all recently competed at AYC in the West Marine Regatta. Guest and parents viewed the spectacle from the luxury of a forty foot plus trawler and occasionally (when races were postponed for light wind) went below to sit in leather recliners and watch Alabama play football. Meeting and competing with sailors from all across our great country was an experience our young sailors will not soon forget.

Addendum for Great Oaks: The Spectator boat was an Albin 45. Also the kids changed crew and boats after every race and the boat used as the swap boat was a Farr 36 names "Cutlass". Temporary home for about 20 sailors, "Cutlass" was renamed by the competitors "the Refugee Boat".

Dock Building Pictures



Centerboard Photos



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