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Monthly Newsletter

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Tuesday: noon—5:00 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday: 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Closed Mondays

Closed Club Holidays:

New Year's Day
Easter Sunday
Independence Day
Thanksgiving Day
Shopping Day
Christmas Day

1 January
16 April
14 July
23 November
24 November
25 December

From The Commodore By Eric Nelson



Except for the ice machine room (which should be back in operation by August 11 series racing) and maybe a little work in the RC room, the Club is back

to its normal summer pace after the floods. It is nice to see the grounds getting busy again with the beer can, PB&J, series racing, summer picnics and social sailing going on now! Even if you aren't racing, be part of the fun by joining in on the Ice Cream Social (including complementary beer) the Club is hosting post-races on the 11th.

Our new office staff is also pretty much in the saddle now so feel free to stop in or call the office during the expanded office hours to get your club business done or just to say Hi. I think you will be very pleasantly surprised at the prompt service! However, we are still dealing with staff changes as Matt Elliott, our assistant caretaker, has submitted his resignation, effective Aug 18th, for medical reasons. While we will really miss Matt's pleasant attitude and comprehensive experience with the Club facilities, we are very fortunate that we have already been able to hire a new person to work with our head caretaker, Tom Cunningham. Kim Eerlich is his name and he has informally helped both Tom and Matt at the Club in the past so he is already somewhat familiar with the facility, plus he

brings a lot of practical knowledge to our staff team...if you see a new face driving the tractor, be sure to wave and say Hi.

If you didn't know, the clubhouse women's bathroom remodel plans are being reworked to allow a contractor to do the work within the approved budget. Be sure to read more on this important decision in this Telltale.

Believe it or not, just as it seems we have things really rolling for 2007, it is getting time to start thinking about planning for 2008! First on that list is nominations for the 2008 Board; the nominating committee of Paul Ballett, Danny Lien and Doug Laws are already meeting so get any nominations you may have to them now. I plan on setting the Annual Membership Meeting date to be the earliest possible date allowed by our Bylaws, which is November 1st. So look for the Nominating Committee's formal recommendations as part of the Membership Proxy Vote package in late September. This timing will give the new and old board an extra month relative to the past to work together on the other 2 big 2008 planning items: AYC's budget and race calendar proposals. If you want to influence aspects of these proposals, I recommend you connect up with the appropriate board members sooner rather than later.

AYC Vice By Bob Goldsmith



Unfortunate Nautical Acronym File #237: CINCUS. An acronym is a word made out of the initials of a group of words. In WW 2, local boy Chester Nimitz was Commander-in-Chief, Pa-

cific or CINCPAC (pronounced SINK PACK). Just prior to the war, the head of the Navy was Commander-in-Chief, United States or CINCUS (pronounced SINK US). After the Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor, this acronym was found to be unfortunate.

Now that we have that important matter out of the way, cast your memory back there, Luv, and tell me, where have all the keel boats gone, long time passin'? I know that many of you have been leavin', on a jet plane, but to everything, turn, turn, turn, there is a season, and right now you don't need a weatherman to tell which way the wind is blowin' because lately it has been strong and cool out of the SE starting about 5 P.M. - right in the middle of the Dog Days Series starting sequence. Yes, I would not feel so all alone, but I get by with a little race with my friends. So I hope to soon say it's getting better, a few more keel boats at a time (can't get much worse). THE LAKE IS FULL, THIS IS THE BEST WIND AND TEMPERATURE WE HAVE EVER HAD FOR A SUMMER SERIES, AND I NEED TO SEE ALL MY ROWDY FRIENDS ON SATURDAY NIGHT!!!!!!!!! ARE YOU READY FOR SOME RAC-ING??????????

Big bright spots are the Casnovsy's Columbia 26 Banshee which has been spreading a little Irish green in B fleet and John Maddalozzo's Capri 25 which has been getting downright threatening in the same fleet. John, do you know that no one, and I mean no one, has ever been able to get a Capri 25 competitive at AYC before? But get rid of those ringers off of Endorphin... let them sail their own boat!

Claude Welles will be telling you elsewhere in this issue about the 2007 Leukemia Cup, so read carefully.... this regatta is going to be something we really build on in years to come.

If you race sail boats, you're my friend... see you out there!

Look around the Club and on the AYC website for more information about the

August 25 End of Dog Days Series



2007 Racing Schedule

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August 1	Sunfish/Laser Wed. Night Series (6:00 p.m.)
August 3	KHF Beer Can Race (7:00 p.m.)
August 4	AYC Dog Days Series #5 (2) (4:30 FWS)
August 8	Sunfish/Laser Wed. Night Series (6:00 p.m.)
August 10	KHF Beer Can Race (7:00 p.m.)
August 11	AYC Dog Days Series #6 (3) (4:30 FWS)
August 15	Sunfish/Laser Wed. Night Series (6:00 p.m.)
August 17	KHF Beer Can Race (7:00 p.m.)
August 18	AYC Dog Days Series #7 (4) (4:30 FWS)
August 22	Sunfish/Laser Wed. Night Series (6:00 p.m.)
August 24	KHF Beer Can Race (7:00 p.m.)
August 25	AYC Dog Days Series #8 (5) (4:30 FWS) EOS
August 29	Sunfish/Laser Wed. Night Series (6:00 p.m.)
August 31	KHF Beer Can Race (7:00 p.m.)
September 5	Sunfish/Laser Wed. Night Series (6:00 p.m.)
September 7	KHF Beer Can Race (7:00 p.m.)
September 9	AYC Fall Series #1 (1:30 FWS)
September 12	Sunfish/Laser Wed. Night Series (6:00 p.m.)
September 14	KHF Beer Can Race (7:00 p.m.)
September 15, 16	Centerboard Regatta
September 16	AYC Fall Series #2 (1:30 FWS)
September 19	Sunfish/Laser Wed. Night Series (6:00 p.m.)
September 21	KHF Beer Can Race (7:00 p.m.)
September 23	AYC Fall Series #3 (1:30 FWS)
September 26	Sunfish/Laser Wed. Night Series (6:00 p.m.)
September 28	KHF Beer Can Race (7:00 p.m.)
September 30	AYC Fall Series #4 (1:30 FWS)
October 7	AYC Fall Series #5 (1:30 FWS)
October 14	AYC Fall Series #6 (1:30 FWS)
October 20-21	Leukemia Cup Regatta

AYC Upcoming Non-Racing Events

July 30—Aug. 3	Junior Sailing Camp Session #8- Cancelled
August 4	PB&J (9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.)
August 6—10	Junior Sailing Camp Session #9- Cancelled
August 11	PB&J (9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.)
August 11	Club-wide Pot Luck and Ice Cream Social
August 14	KHF Handicap Review Committee Meeting
August 16	New Member Candidate Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
August 18	PB&J (9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.)
August 23	AYC Board Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
August 27	UT Navy ROTC Orientation (7:15 a.m.)
September 1	Dock 5 Party (5 p.m.—10 p.m.)
September 15	AYC Fund Fundraiser (7:00 p.m.)
September 20	New Member Candidate Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
September 27	AYC Board Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
September 29	A Step Beyond Learn to Sail (9 a.m.—5 p.m.)



IT'S HOT! HOT! HOT!

Come cool off at the yacht club (thanks to the new air conditioning) and stick around after the Dog Days Series races for:



AYC Club-wide Pot Luck

and



Ice Cream Social!

When:

What:

Saturday, August 11, 2007 After the Dog Days Series Race Bring dinner for yourself or have a pot-luck with your crew or friends. The AYC grills will be going for those that wish to use them.

The club will be providing ice cream sundae fixin's for everyone to enjoy!

AYC will also provide a keg of cold beer for thirsty



PB&J sessions restarted now that the lake is no longer experiencing flood conditions.

PB&J sessions 5 & 6 will occur as originally scheduled starting Saturday July 28th. The PB&J Windsurfing sessions 3 & 4 will be rescheduled for September. The specific dates are still TBD but will be posted on the Events calendar once finalized.

has been rescheduled to

Saturday, September 15, 2007 and Sunday, September 16, 2007

Fleets: Sunfish, Laser, Cats, Windsurfers and Open Centerboard

Open to Non-Members

Race Commander News

By Ravi Subramanian



The lake goes up, the lake goes down. Kudos to the Wednesday Night Lasers & Sunfish for coming out the first day after the lake was open (Tue July 17th). Facilities were limited (no water, no restrooms, no vehicle access to the ramps) and unfor-

tunately so was the wind and no one went out. (Well, everyone except Kevin Reynolds, who headed out just to show that sailing was theoretically possible...it took him thirty minutes to reach the point.) If it's not one thing it's another. The Friday Night Beer Can crowd garnered "first on the water" honors with Beer Can Lite (water and restrooms functional – thanks Tom and Matt - but still no ramp access and no burgers) and a respectable eight or ten boats on the line.

We cancelled series races that Saturday (Dog Days #3) in deference to the lack of ramp access and the well-attended work party. Thanks to all who helped put the club back in order and, in particular, all who helped with the PRC room (Eric Rochard, Robert Black, Jon Chapman, Randolph Bertin, Chris Battaille and family, and Frank Woodul). The original plan was to bring the equipment down from storage and set the room back up, but once the extent of water damage was fully appreciated we switched to "tear out and dry out" mode. Hopefully by the time you read this the room will be back up and fully operational. Thanks also to the RC volunteers who put up with the disarray as we come back up to speed.

Yes, we lost the first three weekends of the Dog Days Series to the flood. Bummer, but what are you going to do against Mother Nature? The first actual date (Dog Days #4, effectively #1) kicked off on July 28th with somewhat light attendance, but things picked up the following weekend. The calendar is open through Labor Day, so we've extended the series through the end of August, adding two weekends to (partially) make up for the three race dates lost. The added dates are August 18th and 25th. Thanks to the C22 and Ensign fleets for stepping up for RC duty and also to Robbie Nelson's social committee for being flexible on the post-racing events. The rescheduled end-of-series social will happen!

Finally, we did find a date to reschedule the Centerboard Regatta - September 15 & 16. Yes, it conflicts with the ACL music festival, but it was the only date that regatta chair Johannes Brinkmann could find that didn't conflict with other regattas on the Texas circuit schedules. Come dust the cobwebs off your centerboard boat, or volunteer to help make it happen!

Membership News By Paul Ballett

A. Approval of Probationary Members

Michael Murray, Bruce McFarland and Derek Miller were approved as Sr. mem-

bers. Scott Schaffer was approved as a Associate Member. Tom & Krista Gardiner and Wayne Carelock were given reinstatement as Senior members. Harrison Nash and Julian Nash were approved as Junior Student Members.

Members' Status Changes

Chip & Melody Bryant have resigned as senior members. Steve Madere and Jimmy Cain have met their probationary requirements and are granted full membership.

C. Membership Totals

2007 Membership Committee: Paul Ballett, Claudia Bartlett, and David Kenyon.

MEMBERSHIP TOTALS	June EOM	ADD	SUB	July EOM
Senior	339	5	1	343
*Honorary	7			7
*Life Member	21			21
Associate	19	1		20
Young Adult	13			13
Junior Student Member	19	2		21
UTIST Member	20			20
*Leave of Absence	1			1
Non-Resident	9			9
Ol' Salt 10 Year	11			11
Ol' Salt 30 Year	19			19
Total Non-Paying Members	48			48
Total Paying Members	430			437
Total Members	478			485

Long Range Planning Report

By Gail Bernstein

It is with a great sigh of relief that I can report that the AYC Board of Directors has formally approved the 2007 Strategic Plan dated July 20, 2007 as AYC's formal Strategic Plan. The Board further committed to support the Plan's Core Values, Goals and Objectives in their future Board discussions and actions, including funding decisions, whenever reasonably possible. The final (Continued on Page 14)

AYC Fund By Gail Bernstein

Austin Yacht Club The AYC FUND has had an active summer. Our donations are up to \$11,000.00 towards our endowment goal of \$100,000.00. Thanks to all

who have given.

The AYC FUND sponsored a "Learn to Sail" clinic for science and math teachers from around central Texas. The intent of the clinic was to explain some of the physics and math principles that apply to boat rigging and sailing with the hope that the teachers will work some sailing examples into their lesson plans. It could be a win-win program with the teachers gaining some exciting examples to enhance their lesson plans and the students getting excited about sailing. Linda McDavitt put together this intro to sailing with the help of many volunteer instructors. Thanks to all who spend the day teaching our teachers.

Next on our calendar is a fund raiser scheduled for 15 September. It will be a cocktail party with silent auction held in the AYC clubhouse. We are in the process of soliciting donations for the party and silent auction. If you would like to help with solicitations, please contact either Linda McDavitt or Barry Bowden. No matter whether you can help up front or not, please mark you calendar and plan to attend.

Donations are deductible as charitable contributions as provided by the Internal Revenue Code. Your check should be payable to "AYC FUND" and mailed to: AYC FUND, c/o Austin Yacht Club, 5906 Beacon Drive, Austin, TX 78734-1428.

Silent Auction & Wine Tasting

AYC FUND Fall Fundraiser, September 15th

Kick off the fall at a special evening and enjoy a night of wine tasting, siauction and "Founder's Skit", back by popular demand.

Proceeds support the AYC FUND, a new nonprofit supporting Texas sailors of all ages.

Can't attend? Make a taxdeductible donation today at www.aycfund.org.

RSVP today!

Date: Sat. Sept 15th

Time: 7pm

Place: AYC Clubhouse

Cost: \$10/person



Sail Training News By Linda McDavitt

From your Sail Training Commander ...

July has been an interesting month working with the flooding waters, cancellation of Junior Sailing Camps, trying to outquess Mother Nature, having an Educational Seminar with the lake closed, etc

Jr. Sailing Camp was closed Wednesday June 27th with the rise of the water. Parents that needed to leave their children there that day, did so and then we shut down for the rest of the week. Campers were given a chance to return to a later camp. As the water continued to come up, the 5th session was cancelled. Finally, the remainder of the Jr. Sailing Camps were cancelled after processing the information that we had as far as the lake returning to normal. It was an educated guess in order to allow parents a chance to reschedule their child with other activities due to our uncertainty. Kelly Hawk has been an invaluable help in putting together the list of campers for the refund process (a bit hard after the data base crash). Camp Instructors Michael Jastroch, Neil Smith, and George Rakkar came out and did the end of year inventory. The above instructors, along with Nataliegh Vann and Nick Belury did an outstanding job of teaching and making sailing great

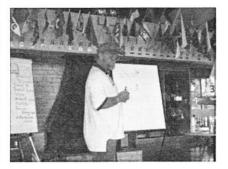
PB&J Session #5 & 6 has resumed at their regular session time. The Windsurfing classes will be rescheduled for sometime in September.



A very interesting class that was held was an Education Seminar done in conjunction with Skillpoint Alliance with a grant from the AYC Fund. It was a huge success due to great volunteers working with

an improvised program due to the lake conditions. The

grant was made possible with a restricted grant given to the AYC Fund for this seminar and the remaining money going to scholarcamp ships for the future. Great





instruction Eric Faust. Danny Lien, Subrama-Ravi nian. Carolyn Wilsford, Claude Welles. John Grzinich. Records, Johannes Brinkmann, Vickie Stone and

Rick Smith. Also thanks to John Kuc for loaning his remote control boats. After classroom discussions on

how sailing could be transferred to the classroom with vector analysis, Bernulli Principle, lift, push, pull, etc. we did Windsurfing on the simulator, worked sailing with control remote



boats, rigged up an Ensign off the end of a dock and



did Spinnaker flying and did some deep in the cove FJ sail-The class ing. was great and I hope some of these teachers out at the club in the future (possibly with a class).

Junior and younger sailors "Sail /practice/be coached on Sunday afternoons" resumed on Sunday July 29th from 3 to 6. Please bring the kids out if they would like to come out and practice. Check with Kelly Hawk for times that you can help with this in supervision or coaching.

We had a fun Parent and Me class on July 21st amidst the cleanup of the club. The group had a great time with all kinds of wind. From none to an exciting storm that blew in and brought big waves with it.

Learn to Sail Keelboat clinic was held on Sunday July 22nd. It is interesting to note that the first clinic held in February had 30 gusting to 40 knot winds and this one had 0 to 4 knots of wind. I have to work on picking better sailing conditions for classes. Many thanks to Ravi Subramanian, Carolyn Wilsford, Bill and Erin Hawk, Bill Records, John Grzinich and Randolph Bertin for their great sharing of expertise with the class.

Ensign Fleet News By Randolph Bertin



Dog Days 1

If it seemed like it had been months since the last Ensign fleet race, it was. Almost three months, in fact, had elapsed between the second week of the Turnback warm-up (May 6) when a

whopping three Ensigns turned out to race and the delayed start of the Dog Days series on Saturday, July 28. Tom Groll dropped his boat in the water just before the start and was joined by James Wilsford. Danny Lien and company brought Chaparral to the starting line, while James Bené rounded up some crew to sail Hedonist. Bill Hawk and Bill Curra sailed Prickly Pair to round out the boats that were competing. Randolph Bertin and Tom Nelson went around the course, with their youthful crew of Andrew and Audrey Bertin, and Emma and Honore Nelson, to put the official number of starters at 5, but they arrived about 7 minutes late and finished well behind that. Jonathan Baker and his wife Tamara were also out on the water with some friends, but didn't make it through the starting line, preferring to cruise about.

The first race saw some very tight racing around the buoys, with all the boats clustered at the windward mark. The **Liens** looked to be pulling away and had the lead with **Bill Hawk** trailing around the leeward mark as they sailed to the right. **Tom Groll** decided to go left, eating a header much of the way. But that shift turned out to be persistent, and he managed to catch **Danny** and **Bill** before the finish to take the first win in the series.

The second race was set as a W2. Unfortunately, around the start the wind began to fall to a state that, even though Beaufort might not agree, could best be described as painfully weak. The race was mercifully shortened to end at the first leeward mark. James Bené took the early lead and looked like he might be able sail to victory, but he could not hold off Tom Groll, who for the second time on the day came from behind on the last leg to win.

The highlight of the day was the picnic gathering after the races. Amy Bené put together a nice little cookout for the Ensign fleet with some tasty burgers and trimmings, potato salad, and a delicious rum-mango cake. It was certainly a nice way to end the evening, except for the burger chefs who had to continually battle the smoke that was drifting the wrong way in the faint breeze!

Dog Days 2

Though things had been looking dicey in the mid afternoon, the second race day for the dog days started off with at least a reasonable breeze, good enough for a W2 anyway. Frans Dahmen came out to race with Bill Hawk, Tom was joined by Kelly Groll, Beka drove Chaparral while Danny and Norma handled the crew work, Randolph and Iggy DeCardenas continued to break in some youthful crew as Iggy's children Bronte and Careen were added to Randolph's twins, and Amy Bené joined James and company on Hedonist. Like the previous week, the racing was fairly tight, with a number of lead changes between Bill Hawk and Tom Groll around the course. This week, with Tom and Bill going to the right, it was Danny's turn to head left after the last leeward mark rounding, and he managed to catch Bill just before the finish, with Tom claiming his third straight victory. Meanwhile, James' crew mutinied and forced him off the course (I thought the pirate stuff was only for the Rum Runner?!), and Audrey and Andrew Bertin insisted that their racing was over for the day after the first race. Randolph and Iggy managed to convince them to at least start and go around the windward mark to make a fourth boat on the line for the second race of the day.

By now the breeze was really filling in, and it was a spectacularly beautiful summer evening (how many of those do we get in early August?) with winds holding steady around 10 to 15 knots. It was a good thing too, for there was quite a bit of slop and chop in the water from the excessive number of large power boats churning things up. Everyone went left until Randolph was no longer able to hang on next to Bill, and he tacked away to the right. Even so, it was a tight group of four rounding at the windward mark, with Bill and Frans rounding first, followed closely by Tom and Kelly, then Beka Lien immediately in front of Randolph. Tom managed to lure Prickly Pair up high and eventually jibe back inside and take the lead. It was a lead he never relinquished as he went up the right side after rounding the leeward mark and it paid off enormously. Frans and Bill decided to cover the Liens and camped on top of them all the way through the finish.

The series isn't over, since it has been extended a few weeks into late August. However, with half of the races in the books, and **Tom Groll** picking up a first in each of them, he is looking pretty comfortable in first place.

Race Committee Duty

The Ensign fleet is scheduled for RC duty on August 25th. Write it down and get out to the AYC to do your duty in helping put on a good race for the other fleets.

SC-21 Fleet News By Susie Corcoran



Lake closed? No sailing? Let's get together anyway... As we all know, the lake closure nixed the race schedule for the first half of July. Fortunately, the lake being closed did not stop the afterrace celebration, and the Gin &



Tonic parties continued without interruption. With the added feature of going to a covered dish format and allowing certain honorary members to attend, our parties swelled to over

thirty participants at one point. `Thanks to hosts **Ray Shull** and **Aaron Vollmer** – and to everyone who brought food to share. Here's a photo for the scrapbook.

"South Coast City" There wasn't much work to do after the flooding. By about 10:30 at the AYC Work Party Ray Shull reported that there were a lot of people out there with nothing to do. So, everyone started moving boats. Ray tried to keep moving "South Coast City" by himself, but he only moved about half of them, saying that "...others kept backing up to a trailer, hooking it up, and taking off. Fortunately, all the boats were moved without incident." Many thanks to all the people that were helping to move South Coasts, and a very BIG thanks to: Ray Shull, Linda Donovan, Kevin Reynolds, and Mike Kilpatrick.

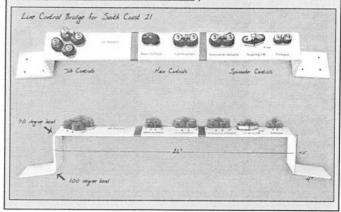
July Race Results When we finally did get the Dog Days Series going, we were only able to get three boats on the line (I guess people had found other activities for the summer). Not a great turnout. Still, the gin & tonics were flowing - provided by Tommy Meyer who did a great job. One of our former rock stars, John Burke, came out of retirement with his crew of Dave Speed, who had come out of hiding. The dynamic duo managed to pull off two bullets. Bob Musselman and the McDonalds traded second place honors for the two races.

The second race of the series had great winds in the 10-12 knot range. Ray Shull was back in the contest and he handily showed who was boss by taking both firsts. The second place finishes were shared by John Burke and Bob Musselman.

Gin & Tonic Hosts Needed (You know who you are)
Okay, folks – a lot of us have done our duty, and then

South Coast 21 Technical Tip: Line Control Bridge

Although the South Coast 21 is a keel boat, it generally sails with a skipper and one crew, and we do everything we can to keep weight off the bow. As a result, South Coast owners have found it convenient to bring all crew control lines to a spot just behind the mast on the cabin top. There are two ways generally to accomplish this, the first being to use a three-inch wide by 1-2" thick strip of wood or plastic which is 27" long and is bolted to the cabin top just in front of the companion way. The cam cleats are then attached directly to the wood or plastic. The second way is to fabricate an aluminum bridge that is bolted to the cabin top. It is this method that is described. (For complete instructions, go to http://austinyachtclub.net/fleets/SC21/.)



some. We still need hosts for the following dates: August 18 and 25; September 16 and 30; and October 7 and 14. Please email me at ghowiellc@aol.com and let me know which day you choose. OTHERWISE ... random assignments will be made. In fact, a random assignment will have been made the week prior to the August 18 race. Watch your email! Thanks to July and August G&T hosts Ray Shull, Aaron Vollmer, Tom Meyer, Bob Gallant and Renee Ruais. Carl Morris will host the September 9 social.

If you live out of town and/or you are not an active member of the fleet but receive emails, please let me know so that I don't assign a G&T social to you. Thanks.

Race Committee: Thank You and Welcome! To show our thanks, the South Coast 21 fleet cordially invites the Race Committee for a given race to join us for Gin & Tonics after your RC duties are over. We appreciate your efforts.

Hope to see you Saturday!

C-22 Fleet News By John Grzinich



The C22 story for July is a short one, just like most fleets. We were waiting for the lake to recede, the club grounds to dry out, the dry sail lot to actually be dry, the docks to get closer to land, and then we scrambled to get our boats back in their proper parking spaces. On Saturday July

21st, "clean up" day for club was declared, and the C22 Fleet responded. Wade Bingaman, Roy Crouse, Ted Owens, Chris Bataille, Mark Haralson, and David Schockley all came out to participate. After helping with the grounds clean up, they moved all the land based C22's back to the dry sail area. A big "Thank You" from the fleet for moving all those boats, it was greatly appreciated.

Photo right: Bebop-a-Lula and Mojo ready to get moved back to the dry sail area and then go sailing.

Photo below: Cover photo from latest issue of Main-Brace magazine.





The Catalina 22 has a National Sailing Association that publishes the "MainBrace" magazine every other month. The magazine covers cruising, racing, and technical articles on C22's. It also contains news from

all the fleets across the country. Every issue's cover has one of the best photo's submitted of a C22. It is selected by the magazine's editor. The cover of the latest July issue is of **Dane Ohe** racing *Kanaloa* with crew **David Rehberg** leading the 2005 Fall Series. The great photo was taken by **Vic Manning**. Check it out.

Dog days series is finally starting up, we are getting our boat ready, and looking forward to getting back out for some spinnaker racing. See you on the lake.

John Grzinich - C22 Fleet Captain.

Leukemia Cup Regatta By Claude Welles



OK, everybody, it's time again to start thinking about our biggest regatta of the year. Leukemia Cup is scheduled to happen the weekend of October 20, and 21. We had a fantastic inaugural event last year, and helped our local chapter of the

Leukemia/Lymphoma Society raise a significant amount of money for a most worthwhile cause. And not only that, but as those of you who were there might remember, everybody had a really good time! What could be better, good sailing, good food, a lot of fun, and helping to find a cure for leukemia and lymphoma to boot? All in one weekend! Wow!

This year we have the added bonus of a full lake, and all the events associated with the regatta will be held at AYC; no place else to go for anything. Since we have had an enforced layoff from sailing this summer, what would be better than to plan to sail into the fall when the weather is nicer anyway? There will be two race courses, two experienced and talented principal race officers, and two fantastic race committees. There will be two bands playing Saturday night, but just one dinner. Should be a good one though!

Now is also the time to start thinking about fundraising, because that's what we are all about here. There will be more available on the specifics soon if you haven't already started to hear about it. Talk to all those people at work who got you to buy some of their kids' school candy or wrapping paper, they owe you \$20 don't they? What better way to help a most worthwhile cause, and get your twenty bucks back? Ask them for a donation, sign them up, it's tax deductible. Start a team fundraiser for your boat, and let's see if we can improve on last year's awesome total. Remember, this is the real deal national charity sailing event, and you can help find the cure and save lives while you have a great time sailing and partying. Mark your calendars!

Keel Fleet News By Steve Vaughan

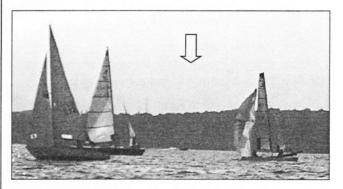
RACING RESUMES at AYC! After weeks of flooding interruption, sailing and racing are back on our calendars.

Friday Night Beer Can The Friday Night Beer Can "FNBC" series got back into limited action on July 21st with a few hardy sailors bearing up to difficult dock access, no burgers and no toilets. But by July 28th FNBC was up to full function with about a dozen boats and burgers then by August 3rd was in full swing with about 30 boats enjoying great wind, burgers sailing stories on the absolutely beautiful and brimming full Lake Travis.



The nearly month long closure of the lake has left us longing for sailing and racing excitement. But, James Hendrickson and crew aboard

WARRIOR set a new high in excitement at the August 3rd Beer Can race during a chute drop at B Mark. It seems a passing catamaran mast speared the eased spinnaker halyard and attempted to run off with halyard and spinnaker, but the tenacious WARRIOR would not let go of the halyard and chased down the cat to recapture their chute. Check out the beautiful picture of sailboats in the sunset above and then the zoomed in image of the same shot below showing WARRIOR connected at the mast head and chasing the cat that stole his spinnaker. James recaptured the chute with minimal damage other than a jammed halvard. The fun and excitement resumes for FNBC.



Friday Night Beer Can sailing provides a fun environment to enjoy the beauty of sailing and partying with friends, however it has come to our attention that that not all sailors are following the very simple guidelines of the event. The guideline transgressions are boats not

appropriately delaying starting times. As a friendly reminder any boat that finishes any 2007 Beer Can race either first (1st) or second (2nd) should delay their normal starting time by 30 seconds at subsequent events each and every time they achieve such finish position. This is a real simple guideline and is independent of how many boats are sailing, whether the boat in contention really crosses the finish line, who was at the helm, whether a prize bottle of wine is accepted or whether the racing is suspended due to floods or the sun is in your eyes or...... This simple guideline is provided to spread the thrill of victory throughout the sailing fleet, please do not diminish this objective by cheating on your start time and depriving others of their time in the sun (or moon as the case maybe).

Dog Days The postponed Dog Days Saturday evening series got back on track on July 28th albeit in light winds. The wind and participation by August 4 was great with over 10 knots of breeze and over 30 boats racing. The series will continue on Saturdays though August 25th providing a five race series.

Leukemia Cup Start your planning and preparations now for the upcoming Leukemia Cup on October 20 and 21. This year will be the second running of the event at AYC and not only provides some great sailing and racing but also is a big fund raiser for the local Leukemia/Lymphoma Society. The event in 2006 with a rampless drought stricken Lake Travis generated over \$130,000 of contributions. As AYC members, we should be proud of this accomplishment and look forward to topping it this year. The Keel Fleet is the largest fleet in the club and we should get every boat on the line for this event.

Fleet Championship The 2007 Leukemia Cup will also see the return of the Keel Fleet Championship awards. The Keel Fleet Championship, in past years was awarded to the year long accumulate results of boats within the Spinnaker and Non Spinnaker fleets. These rededicated fine silver awards were created in 1914 and 1918 and proudly cared for by initial recipients until they were discovered by traveling Keel Fleeters shopping antique shops on the West coast. These awards were re-commissioned as Keel Fleet Championship awards in 1989/1990. New this year, the award of these silver cups will be to the overall PHRF Keel

Fleet class winners in Spinnaker Class and Non Spinnaker classes of the Leukemia Cup regatta..

Plan to get your boat bottoms cleaned, sails refurbished and crews trained and demonstrate your sailing/racing skills to take home one of these Keel Fleet Championship trophies.

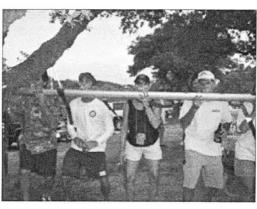


J-24 Fleet News By Tom Lappin

Well, despite the month delay, it seems like things at the club are back into full swing. We resumed our racing with a bang and followed it up with our annual Fajitas and Margaritas party.

As usual the racing was tight. With some what light winds, the RC started us with a W1. David Broadway and Ryan Harden duked it out through out the 1st two legs, with David pulling away after the leeward rounding. After that, the wind lightened up a bit more. RC started us, but shortly thereafter, the lake glassed out. Ryan managed to find some wind on the far left side and made it around the mark. RC shortened at the leeward mark and sent us all in.

Afterwards, the party was just as great as it always is. We had our usual crowd, food, and beverages. We even had an appearance by the roto-



shooter (see picture). As a follow up to the Fajitas and Margaritas party, the fleet will be hosting a small pot luck on the 11th. This will be in conjunction with the club wide ice cream social. Please make it out if you can.



The Motley Crew (Photo left)

I would like to take a moment to welcome Michael Haecker to the J24 fleet. Mi-

chael recently joined the club. He recently purchased *Audacity* out of Fort Worth and brought her down to Austin last Sunday. For those of you that have been around a while, you might remember *Audacity* from the circuit back in the late 90s. She's an older boat, but definitely has been well kept up. When you get a chance, please stop by and say hello to **Mike**.



Save the Date...

Wild Turkey Regatta

December 1, 2007

12:00 p.m.

Save the Date...

Annual Banquet

December 8, 2007

6:00 p.m.





Nominations
Needed for
AYC 2008
Board

Ask not what your Club can do for you, but what you can do for your Club...

Your Club needs you.

Please contact Paul Ballett, Danny Lien, or Doug Laws, with your nominations as soon as possible.

Editor's Note: Several articles in this issue request money and discuss physical improvements going on at AYC. Your Club is a wonderful place to be because of the many many volunteers working together to make everything happen. If you haven't donated your time lately, please donate whatever amount you can to ensure the future of our beloved sport and your Club.

Building and Grounds Update

By David Lewis

July saw Buildings and Grounds become Lakes and Waterways as the lake crept up past the 701 msl level and inundated the lower level of the clubhouse and the bathhouses and restrooms below the office. However, Tom and Matt, with the help of lots of volunteers, did a great job of getting everything movable moved to higher ground. As a result, there was very little actual damage from the flood, although there has been a lot of clean-up work. This clean-up work, together with several other projects, has made for a busy past couple of months in the Buildings and Grounds world.

Clean-up Work Party

We had a very successful work party on Saturday, July 21, with a great volunteer turnout. Over 50 people showed up despite the early morning rain showers. This energetic throng made quick and efficient work of a plethora of different jobs related to cleaning up after the flood. Clean-up activities included sweeping the payed areas that were flooded (special thanks to Tom Groll for getting a street sweeper truck to do the bulk of this job), moving all the picnic tables back down to the patio, moving all the trash cans (freshly painted, thanks to Tom and Matt!) back down from the barn, moving the ice machine and Coke machine back downstairs, cleaning the bathhouse restrooms, hand sweeping the band/dance area, moving the grill and hamburger cabinet back downstairs, cleaning the notice boards, and other general pick-up/clean-up efforts. Other work party activities included cleaning out and weeding the flower beds by the south entrance ramp and by the bell and helping with the assembly of the sail training awning structure (see below).

Frank Woodul coordinated lunch for the work party, featuring a giant pot of his amazing beans plus chips and enough Subway sandwiches to feed the hordes of Khan. After everyone recharged, a sizable crew of volunteers and vehicles set to work moving boats back to the dry sail area from the temporary storage locations that they had been moved to as the lake came up. What started as an effort to move enough boats to make the others accessible gained momentum and kept on going until almost every boat was back in its proper dry sail home (thanks to Vic's updated list and Bob Gallant and assistants' fine traffic control).

"Remodeling" the RC room and ice machine room

While the boats were rolling back to the dry sail area, another work party crew with a more destructionist bent set about tearing out the interior walls of the Race

Committee room and the ice machine/keg box room. Tearing out walls wasn't on the original work party agenda, but after removing a small panel on the back wall of the RC room to see how wet the interior of the walls were (and finding them to be soaked to a height of about six feet), we decided that removing the interior paneling (which also was wet and rippling) was going to be a necessary step in drying things out properly. In the RC room, this also required removing all of the equipment storage shelves and bins. When we removed the plywood paneling in the ice machine room, we found another layer of flood-saturated sheathing material between the exterior cedar siding and the 2x4 studs that frame the room. This will require removing and replacing the exterior siding before refinishing the interior of the room. This work has been the source of delay in reconnecting the ice machine, but we hope to have it all put back together and the ice machine going again by the time you read this.

Sail Training Awning

While everyone else was cleaning up and moving boats, Pat Feagin and John Bartlett were hosting their own work party over at the sail training building (the building formerly known as Shelter #3). Pat brought out his welding equipment and he and John fabricated and assembled the support structure for a large shade awning just adjacent to the building. Various members of the general work party provided help with the grunt work necessary to hang their masterpiece in the air. Once completed, this awning will provide a shady spot for junior sailors to get out of the classroom during training sessions.

Clubhouse A/C Project

I can remember family vacations when I was a kid, touring Central Texas and beyond in the family station wagon. "Motel courts" and roadside diners along the route proudly offered a respite from the heat, with window signs proclaiming "Air Conditioned- Come on In," neon testament to the fast-spreading, latter-20thcentury-wisdom that summer in Central Texas is a lot more comfortable with a little cool A/C. You don't see so many of those signs anymore, because air conditioning in Central Texas is pretty much a given nowadays. I'm happy to say, that after a lot of thought and careful consideration AYC has decided to jump on the bandwagon and see if maybe there isn't something to this A/C stuff after all. With funding approved at the June board meeting, a new high efficiency heating and air conditioning system was installed in the Clubhouse in the latter part of July. If you haven't checked it out yet, stick around after the next Dog Days race and come on in-it's cool inside! (But, close the door behind you-remember what your mother said about letting all the cold air out!)



Notice of Race September 15 & 16, 2007

RULES

The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Austin Yacht Club (AYC) is both the host and

organizing authority for this event.

ELIGIBILITY

The regatta is open to all monohull centerboards, beach catamarans and windsurfers. Registered boats will be grouped into

various one-design and Portsmouth handicap classes with a minimum of three (3) boats in a class.

REGISTRATION You may complete the online registration form or register in person in the AYC Clubhouse in accordance with the Schedule

below.

ENTRY FEES

The registration fee is \$35.00 per entry. There is not an early registration discount or a late registration charge for this re gatta. The US Sailing membership discount is \$5.00 per entry. Registrants have the option of paying entry fees' by credit card, check or cash. (AYC members may also pay via their AYC member account). All fees paid by check or cash must be

mailed to AYC or paid in-person at skipper check-in to be a recognized entrant.

SCHEDULE

September 14, Friday 1800-2100 Onsite registration and skipper check-in

Complimentary snacks

September 15, Saturday 830-1000 Complimentary continental breakfast

Onsite registration and skipper check-in

1030

1830

Competitor briefing

1130 First race signal of the day

Dinner at AYC clubhouse

September 16, Sunday

830-1000

Complimentary continental breakfast

No race start signal after 1700 hours

1030 First race signal of the day

No race start signal after 1200 hours

Afterwards to follow, lunch at the clubhouse

SAILING

INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available to official entrants during onsite registration and skipper check-in (see sched-

RACE FORMAT

Courses will be windward/leeward or variations of such as described in the Sailing Instructions.

SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System as specified in Appendix A of the RRS will apply, which modifies RRS A2. If 6

races are completed in a class there will be one (1) throwout.

PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded commensurate to the number of boats assigned to each Class.

GENERAL

If you have any questions or would like further information please contact the AYC office at (512) 266-1336 or via

email at office@austinyachtclub.org. There is not a security guard on site and the Austin Yacht Club will not as-

sume responsibility for property left on the premises.

RESTRICTIONS **FACILITIES**

Pets and Fireworks are STRICTLY PROHIBITED on AYC grounds.

There is a clubhouse and outdoor cooking facilities, restrooms with showers, trailer parking areas and a boat

repair area. Limited cabin rentals are available through the AYC office at (512) 266-1336.

Women's Restroom Remodel Project

By David Lewis

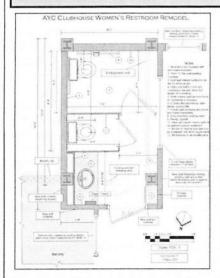


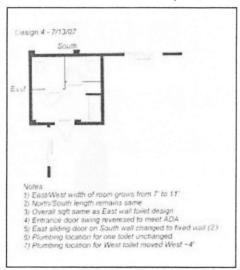
Photo left: "Design 1"

The women's restroom remodel project is still working its way through the planning stages. with a couple of new designs currently under consideration. Funding for this project was approved at the April Board meeting, contingent on Board review of the final design and with agreement that

we would wait until we got all the final cost estimates before beginning work. The proposed design was posted on the AYC website the week following the April meeting (May 3) and was provided in the May Board meeting for review. However, after getting all of bids, we determined that we cannot execute this project for the approved budget using contractors to perform the work. A proposal in June to increase the funding by about 50% to cover the bid amounts did not pass.

Photo right: "Design 2"

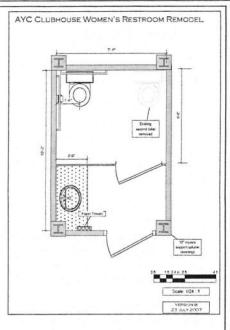
The initial remodel design above (Design fairly complex, involving moving both the west and north walls of the restroom in order to have room



for two toilet stalls with wheelchair accessibility in one of the two stalls. Because of the complexity of this design, there is some concern about attempting to execute it using primarily volunteer labor, which is the only way to build out this design within the approved budget. Therefore, two other designs are now being considered as alternatives. One (Design 2) would require moving the west wall over about four feet, but would not require

Photo right: "Design

moving the north wall like Design 1 does. This design would keep the two-toilet configuration, but would have the toilets on the south wall instead of the east wall (as in Design 1). The second alternative design (Design 3) is the simplest. It would require no new walls and would keep the current footrestroom



print. In order to provide wheelchair accessibility, it would, however, require going from having two toilets to having just one. So far, Design 3 has the most support—it would cost the least, involve the least disruption, maintain the symmetry of the overall clubhouse floor plan, and would not change any exterior walls.

B&G is seeking final user feedback on preferences, particularly with respect to the idea of going from a two toilet to one toilet configuration. Please contact Buildings and Grounds Commander **David Lewis** (<u>dlewis@signaturescience.com</u>) with your thoughts and recommendations. We plan to begin work by early September, so get your feedback in soon!

Sail Training... (Continued from Page 5)

Coming Clinics: September 29th – A Step Beyond Learn to Sail (9am to 5pm)

October 13th – TBA November 10th –TBA

More clinics will be set up on the website as time goes on, so keep posted to the website and your fleet captains as to the opportunities!

Many thanks to all the volunteers for the sail training seminars, camps, and PB&J events. You are much appreciated and you are what makes the Austin Yacht Club tick!

Also, thanks for the great work done by the staff in coping with the problems at hand and in how they took it in stride and dealt with it in such a positive manner!!!

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version of the Plan can be found on the AYC website in the "Information" drop down box.

Thanks to all of the Board members who attended the retreat focused entirely on the Strategic Plan. Giving up an entire Saturday is truly a sacrifice! The discussion gave everyone an opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions/changes so that the final plan was agreeable to all.

And many, many thanks to the members of the Strategic Planning Committee (Tom Groll, John Bartlett, Tom Romberg, Hap Arnold, Clift Price, John Mandell and Bob Goldsmith) who spent untold hours over the past year and a half debating and reaching consensus on the terms of the Strategic Plan.

Of course, we all realize that a Strategic Plan is a living document which must evolve over time as needs change. The Board has further expressed its commitment to assist the Long Range Planning Committee in assuring the continued evolution of the Strategic Plan. There are currently two subcommittees working on specific items relating to the Plan, the Harbor Improvement Subcommittee and the Buildings and Grounds Improvement Subcommittee. Each will present their recommendations for long term strategies for improving the Club consistent with the Strategic Plan. As always, anyone with suggestions for improvements to the Club should send them to a member of the Long Range Planning Committee.

It has been suggested that the thought processes which went into the final Strategic Plan be discussed focusing on one aspect of the Strategic Plan each month. I have chosen to begin with the first Core Value: "To be a Club that supports active sailboat racing."

The Austin Yacht Club has always placed a high value on promoting supreme quality sailboat racing, which includes providing expert race management, making sail training sessions available for a variety of levels of expertise, and offering ample opportunities for members to race. It is amazing that an inland yacht club of this size can have such an outstanding reputation for producing so many world class racers. It could easily be argued that this is the result of AYC's dogged insistence on promoting and supporting those who wish to improve their racing skills. I think most people would agree that the best way to improve one's own performance in any sport, including sailboat racing, is to improve the skills of all competitors. This is an attitude held by the Austin Yacht Club that we definitely want to foster and continue into the future.

At the same time, we recognize two somewhat countervailing factors which must be considered and addressed. First, we realize it can be very intimidating for an adult new to the sport of sailing to become comfortable racing in a fleet of highly experienced racers. It is very important that these members be supported and have plenty of opportunities to gain competency in both their boat handling and racing strategy skills without becoming frustrated to the point of quitting.

On the other end of the membership spectrum, we are quite fortunate to have so many long term AYC members. These are people who have given much to the Club over the years and are the source of valuable knowledge and expertise, not just in the realm of racing and race management, but also relating to operations of the Club overall. We would like to have them remain active for as long as possible, whether or not they are able to race.

Both of these factors require that the Club focus some of its time and resources on non-racing activities. These non-racing activities should not be seen as detracting from the emphasis on racing, but rather as a way to promote the long term growth and development of the sport. Many of the strategies suggested in the Strategic Plan focus on finding ways to make it possible for more members to be involved in racing and in improving their racing skills. Other strategies focus on promoting camaraderie among members in the hopes of revealing ways for all members to find their niche at the Club.



Remember the way it was before the flood?

Linda McDavitt, Greg Buck and Rod Malone attended the recent DELTA organizational

meeting at the Lakeway Activity Center on July 18th concerning opposing the planned LCRA water intake that will block normal race course access to D mark. DELTA announced it is preparing to organize as a 501(c)4 corporation to lobby to:

- a. Put a permanent cap on the amount of water BCRUA can withdraw.
- b. Stop more water from being sold outside our basin.
- c. Require all Lake Travis water users to replace gallon for gallon all the water they remove or have aggressive reuse programs for all their wastewater.
- For more information, please visit www.draininglaketravis.org or contact Connie Ripley (cripley@austin.rr.com).



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