

# Telltale



May 2007

Monthly Newsletter

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## Newsletter

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## AYC Business Hours

Tuesday-Saturday: noon—5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 11:00 a.m. —12:30 p.m.

Closed Mondays  
Closed Club Holidays:

New Year's Day	1 January
Easter Sunday	16 April
Independence Day	4 July
Thanksgiving Day	23 November
Shopping Day	24 November
Christmas Day	25 December

# TURNBACK CANYON REGATTA

May 26th and 27th, 2007

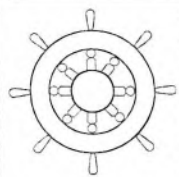
## Plan to Attend TURNBACK!

- 2 Day Race, from AYC vicinity to Lago Vista on Saturday, return on Sunday
- Race is open to all sailboats, One Design and Handicap classes
- Cruising class navigational cruise and Poker Run
- Overnight anchorage, dinner and party at Lago Vista
- Saturday evening music and dancing
- Texas Holdem' Poker Tournament
- Awards, food & party Sunday at AYC

Registration for the events is now open.

Contact Steve Vaughan for more information at: [vaughansm@gmail.com](mailto:vaughansm@gmail.com)

## AYC Vice By Bob Goldsmith



### Were you there for Founders' Day?

What can we say. It was a great, great day at AYC. AYC speaks of its Founding Fathers as the group that established AYC in its current location, and gave it its name, in the late 1960s. The Founding Members, personified by **Pat Kimbrough**, belonged to AYC in its earliest days in the 1950s, when the club was known by a different name. **Robbie Nelson** and her food Amazons put on another great spread, and Founding Fathers **Clift Price**, **Hap Arnold**, **Tom Romberg**, **Francis McIntyre** and **Sandy Bauman** told us inspirational stories of AYC's past and its glorious traditions such as the Blue Duck, avoiding indictment and, I'm afraid we can't ignore it, beer. **Hap Arnold**, no doubt aware of our current diligent beer control policies which have made gods of those few with keys to the cooler, mentioned such past beer related mistakes as filling the Coke machine up with beer cans (J-24 sailors: "beer can" is another term for what you call "speed cylinders"). The Founders also warned us about giving keys to the cooler to all Past Commodores (cooler will be open when you get there every morning). But it wasn't just about beer. **Tom Romberg's** negotiations to buy the land AYC is now on from a stuttering **Walter Carrington** are a part of the lore of AYC as is **Paul Keller** deciding he wanted a sailboat marina across the lake from his own marina because the power boats were filling the cove up with... you guessed it... beer cans. We got a catch in our throats when we remembered AYC greats like **Frank McBee** and **Hap McCollum** who are no longer with us. Gosh, but it was fine. I think we have the start of a tradition here.

The racing on Founders' Day was also very good. As the wind picked up and the chop became a swell, our decision on Chase 2 to use minimal scope on the leeward mark added greatly to the fun when the mark achieved its long sought freedom and set sail toward the U-Flote-Em. A merry chase ensued between the mark and the fleet which was pursuing it under spinnaker. Of course, the properly sailed boats at the front of the fleet were able to overcome this minor difficulty with ease and to those backmarking soreheads who protested the Race Committee, I can only say, "Why didn't you just get out of your boats and walk around the mark on the breakwater where it had come to rest?" Some people just hang up on these technicalities. Look all over the Website and elsewhere in this mighty journal for news of the Turnback Canyon Regatta which is coming up fast. Remember, as my favorite philosopher, Larry the Cable Guy, has so aptly put it, "if you ain't won a trophy in Turnback, you ain't no Lake Travis Sailor, Bubba." Be there.



## 2007 Racing Schedule

May 4	Keel Fleet Beer Can Series Race
May 5	South Coast 21 Intergalactics Regatta
May 6	AYC Turnback Warm-up Series #2 (1:30 FWS)
May 11	Keel Fleet Beer Can Series Race
May 13	AYC Turnback Warm-up Series #3 (1:30 FWS) EOS Buffet & Trophy Presentation
May 18	Keel Fleet Beer Can Series Race
May 18	J24 Texas State Championships Registration
May 19, 20 J24 Texas	State Championships (Part of the USJCA District 14 J24 Circuit Series)
May 25	Keel Fleet Beer Can Series Race
May 26, 27	Turnback Canyon Regatta
May 31- June 3	Laser Masters North American Championship Regatta
June 1	Keel Fleet Beer Can Series Race
June 8	Keel Fleet Beer Can Series Race
June 9, 10	J80 Circuit Stop
June 10	One Design Series #1
June 15	Keel Fleet Beer Can Series Race
June 17	One Design Series #2
June 22	Keel Fleet Beer Can Series Race
June 24	One Design Series #3
June 29	Keel Fleet Beer Can Series Race
June 30-July 1	AYC Centerboard Regatta
July 7	AYC Dog Days Series #1 (4:30 FWS)
July 14	AYC Dog Days Series #2 (4:30 FWS)
July 21	AYC Dog Days Series #3 (4:30 FWS)
July 28	AYC Dog Days Series #4 (4:30 FWS)

## AYC Upcoming Non-Racing Events

May 7, 8	Adult Learn to Sail Centerboard Clinic #1 (6-8 p.m.)
May 14, 15	Adult Learn to Sail Centerboard Clinic #1 (6-8 p.m.)
May 17	New Member Candidate Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
May 21, 22	Adult Learn to Sail Centerboard Clinic #1 (6-8 p.m.)
May 24	AYC Board meeting
June 2	PB&J - Week #1
June 4, 7	Adult Learn to Sail Centerboard Clinic #2 (6:30-8:30 p.m.)
June 4-8	Junior Sailing Camp Session #1
June 9	PB&J - Week #2
June 11, 14	Adult Learn to Sail Centerboard Clinic #2 (6:30-8:30 p.m.)
June 11-15	Junior Sailing Camp Session #2
June 16	PB&J - Week #3
June 16	Adult Learn to Windsurf Clinic
June 16, 17	Parent and Me Camp Session #1
June 18, 21	Adult Learn to Sail Centerboard Clinic #2 (6:30-8:30 p.m.)
June 21	New Member Candidate Meeting
June 18-22	Junior Sailing Camp Session #3
June 23	PB&J - Week #4
June 23	Summer Caribbean Party in Pirate's Cove
June 25-29	Junior Sailing Camp Session #4
June 28	AYC Board meeting
July 7	PB&J
July 8	Match Racing Clinic (9 - 5 p.m.)
July 9 - 13	Junior Sailing Camp Session #5
July 9 - 13	Race Camp
July 14	PB&J
July 14 - 15	Parent and Me Camp Session #2
July 16 - 20	Junior Sailing Camp Session #6
July 19	New Member Candidate Meeting
July 21	PB&J
July 22	Adult Learn To Sail Keelboats Clinic (9-5 p.m.)
July 23 - 27	Junior Sailing Camp Session #7
July 26	AYC Board Meeting
July 28	PB&J

## From The Commodore By Eric Nelson



As I discussed last month, we wanted at least a 669 lake level before bringing the remaining docks back into the inner harbor. Well, Mother Nature obliged us and we now have all the docks back in our normal configuration...hats off to **Vic Manning**, who, along with the caretaker staff, coordinated the divers and member volunteers to move in all the remaining docks in less than a day!

It was great timing as a full harbor made a great backdrop for our inaugural Founder's Day activities held the last weekend of last month. The Founders put on quite a song and dance show, literally! They also told many stories surrounding the founding of the club that even long time members never knew of before (my favorite was about the history of the beer box and finding out it has always been a source of debate!). As you will see and read further in this issue, **Robbie Nelson's** Social Committee also created a great supporting 'cast' of decorations (including US Sailing's Men's Championship trophy, the Mallory Cup), brunch and drinks in the Clubhouse for this very special event.

Speaking of the Clubhouse, a project that has been discussed for more than a year now made a significant

stride forward when the Board voted to fund the remodeling of the Women's restroom in the Clubhouse. You can check out the preliminary proposal on the AYC website by using the appropriate News section link. A second facility improvement project that had been on hold for awhile was also funded at last month's Board Meeting; the large shade awning for the Junior Sail Training building (the old shelter 3). Both of these projects are scheduled to be completed just in time for our busy summer season.

Looking ahead of course the main event at the club for May is the Turnback Canyon Regatta. Registration has already opened on the AYC website, along with lots of planning details. I really encourage you to check it all out as our regatta chair, **Steve Vaughan**, has several great new wrinkles in store for the participants. These include a Navigational Poker Cruise for non-racers and a Texas Holdem' Poker Tournament to go along with Saturday evening's traditional BBQ dinner, live music and dancing. There will be a Turnback information table at the end of series dinner and trophy presentation on May 13<sup>th</sup> where you can register in person. You can also call the AYC office to register.

In closing I wanted the membership to know that Laura Barry, our Director/Events Coordinator has been accepted by the Suffolk University Law School and will be leaving us early August.

## 2007 AYC Centerboard Regatta

Saturday, June 30th & Sunday, July 1st

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

Open to Non-Members

## Race Commander News

By Ravi Subramanian



Same as last month...more water and more racing and now with all the docks back in the cove! (Once again, yippee!!) The six-day **Spring Series** wrapped-up on Tax Day with a wimper (no wind, racing attempted and then abandoned), but with a total participation of nearly eighty boats and an average of fifty-five. A little more than half of these were one-design, about a third were Keel Handicap, and the remainder were Portsmouth (multihulls and centerboards). The **KHF Non-Spin** fleet had the strongest showing in PHRF (14 boats!) and the **Catalina 22** fleet had the best turnout for the one-designs (12 boats!), although followed closely by the **South Coast 21** fleet. Kudos to all!

After a one-week break for the Spring LD Race (more below), the **Turnback Warmup Series** kicked off following the Founder's Day celebrations. Thanks to recent members **Dawn Drewry**, **Steve Madere**, and **Larry Parks** who filled out the AYC Board member RC team of **Ian Fink**, **Linda McDavitt**, **Bob** and

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## Membership News By Paul Ballett



### A. Approval of Probationary Members

**Alan Stanard, Matthew Romberg and Remus Broussard** have all been approved as probationary Sr. members.

They have vastly different levels of experience but we feel each will make good active members.

**Jack & Muffet Livaudais** have been approved as probationary Associate members. **Jack** is a lifelong sailor and racer. They have been members of many yacht clubs over the years and now wish to join AYC. We recommend their membership. However, due to a stroke **Jack** will not be expected to meet the sailing requirements, he and his wife look forward to being active in other ways.

### B. Members' Status Changes – All approved

**Harold Downey** requests a status change from non-resident to Senior Member having moved back to Austin.

**Cotton Inks** met his requirements as a probationary Sr. member and requests full senior membership.

**Garry Liddy** met all his requirements as a probationary member and requests Sr. membership.

**Elliot Bray** completed his probationary requirements and requests Sr. membership. **Elliot Bray** also requests a Leave of Absence beginning May 1<sup>st</sup> as he continues his cruise thru the United States. His boat is currently on Lake Michigan.

**Darran Rolls** appears to have not met is requirements as a probationary member. We have not been able to contact him. He is up to date with his billing. We ask for his membership to be terminated.

**Alan Lovett** has resigned as a Senior member.

**Michael Wellman** has resigned as a Senior member. (Subject to payment)

**Cameron Howard** and **Jack Ivie** have resigned as student Members.

**John McBride**, a deceased member, has been inadvertently left on the member rolls past an agreed period to allow his brother to remove his boat. We request he be removed from the membership and his past due bill corrected.

## Social Committee Report

By Robbie Nelson

I would like to extend a big THANK YOU to **Sharon Agee** who donated a new electric roaster to the club and three gallons of cocktail sauce for the End of Spring Series Shrimp Boil event!

**End of Spring Series Shrimp Boil Party – April 15, 2007:** If you were not there, you missed a fantastic party... delicious shrimp, andouille sausage, red beans and rice, taters and corn on the cob was enjoyed by over 100 folks, all the while Dr. Zog's Zydeco Band played lively Louisiana music. Special mardi gras decorations and beads made for a festive atmosphere. Plus, **Norma Lien** supplied a surprise birthday cake for **Danny's** birthday. Some pictures are on the AYC website...

This event could not have been pulled off without the help of many club members, next time you see these folks, please say THANK YOU!: **Barb Prashner, Missy Gallant, Emily Gallant, Hazel Cahill, Amy Olmstead, Sharon & Rob Agee, Robbie Nelson, Bruce McDonald, Susie Corcoran, Jeanne Goldsmith** and two crew members, **Tom Lappin, Brad**  
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### C. Membership Totals

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

MEMBERSHIP TOTALS	March EOM	ADD	SUB	April EOM
Senior	336	4	4	336
*Honorary	7			7
*Life Member	21			21
Associate	17	1	1	17
Young Adult	10			10
Junior Student Member	21		2	19
UTIST Member	20			20
*Leave of Absence	0	1		1
Non-Resident	10		1	9
Ol' Salt 10 Year	11			11
Ol' Salt 30 Year	19			19
<b>Total Non-Paying Members</b>	<b>47</b>			<b>48</b>
<b>Total Paying Members</b>	<b>425</b>			<b>423</b>
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>472</b>			<b>470</b>

## Sail Training News By Linda McDavitt

WOW!! Time is flying and warmer weather and great sailing is on us!

April 28<sup>th</sup> we held an Adult Sail Training class on Team Racing for intermediate and advanced racers. **Mark Hulings** and **Chase Dearing** from the UT Sailing team were on hand to instruct us along with ex UT Sailor/current AYC Race Commander **Ravi Subramanian**. A great explanation of team racing was given and then due to "waiting on the wind", we had some lively discussion about right of way rules, starts, and tactics. The best was that no matter what the guys talked about, I learned something new! We saw a hint of wind, ran down to the docks, rigged the FJs and turned around to a lake of glass...we should have had some water skis and a motor boat! We abandoned the class at 1:30 and are looking to set up an evening of team racing during the summer. If there is interest, we will have it once a week. Soooooo, if you would like more information on this, either email me ( [bandboat@yahoo.com](mailto:bandboat@yahoo.com) ) or give me a call at 512-731-6614.

Adult Learn to Sail Centerboard classes begin with a 6 day session on:

#1. May 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> 6pm - 8pm

#2. June 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30 pm - 8:30pm

Ever wanted to try your hand at Windsurfing?? Check this opportunity out. If you are interested, please register on the AYC website under Adult Sail Training. Adult Learn to Sail Windsurfers will be held on June 16<sup>th</sup> with sessions from:

Session 1: 1pm to 2:30pm

Session 2: 2:30pm to 4 pm

Session 3: 4pm to 5:30pm

Session 4: 5:30pm to 7pm

A second Learn to Sail Keelboat class will be offered on July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9am to 5pm.

A Match Racing clinic will be offered on July 8<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 5pm

Junior camp is beginning to fill, please register your child, grandchild, niece, nephew, whomever that you would like to introduce to sailing ASAP.

If there is a sail training idea that you have and we have not hit upon it yet, please let me know and we will see if we can make it happen.

Your Sail Training Commander, Linda McDavitt

## Social Report... (Continued from Page 4)

**Kocen, Dave & Robin Broadway, and Carolyn Wilsford.**



*Pat Manning and Missy Gallant preparing breakfast casseroles for Founder's Day (Photo left).*

### **April 29, 2007 – Founders**

**Day:** The clubhouse was transformed into a beautiful room filled with fresh flowers, antique silver – including the Mallory Cup (!) – and delicious food and drink for our Founders Day celebration. Flag

raising and the national anthem started the ceremony, then the Founding Fathers provided a very entertaining show, complete with piano accompaniment! So many people helped with this event, I hope I didn't miss anyone! **Ceremony:** Bob Goldsmith, Cliff Price, Hap Arnold, Sandy Bauman, Tom Romberg, Francis McIntire, Bonnie Chambers, Norma Lien **Cooking:** Missy Gallant, Martie Shirey-Fox, Pat Manning, Susie Corcoran, Bruce McDonald, Art Bussey, Robbie Nelson **Set Up/Clean Up:** Amy Olmstead, Sharon Agee, Rob Agee, Art Bussey, Carolyn Wilsford, Paulette Payne, Robbie Nelson, Stacy Tucker, Linda Donovan, Kevin Reynolds, and Tony Plattsmeier.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events!

**May 13, 2007 – End of Turnback Warm-Up Series and Turnback Promo Event:** After the races, stick around for a buffet meal cooked by PHRF fleet, trophy presentation, and don't forget to register for Turnback Canyon Regatta (registration table will be available).

**June 23, 2007 – Summer Caribbean Party in Pirates' Cove:** This is our big summer blow out party – we'll be cruising the Caribbean with island inspired food and beverages. Pirate/Tropical costumes are encouraged, with some special pirate fun in store for all you mateys and wenches! We'll also have a top name dance band, **Kelly McGuire**, playing his island/country music including his radio hit, "Blame it on Buffett". Here's his URL if you want to order CD's to start getting into that island spirit! <http://redfishisland.com/home.htm>

Look for more detailed info around the clubhouse and on the website. Remember: "To err is human... To arr is pirate!"



### Spring Series in the Books

As it turned out, a strong north wind on Saturday 14, blew itself out by the time Sunday and the final race of the Spring Series was scheduled, leaving AYC sailors left with beautiful weather, but no wind to speak of (what is the only sport that is cancelled because the weather is too nice?!). That left the final standings of the series unchanged. **Danny Lien** picked up first place with some fine sailing (three bullets in seven races, and no worse than a third otherwise), but was helped by having two dropped scores in seven races, putting him a couple of points ahead of **Frans Dahmen** (who had picked up two bullets). Two other skippers won races during the series, **Bill Hawk** and **Tom Groll**, and **Hap Arnold** and the **Rombergs** picked up a collection of seconds.

### Turnback Warm-up

Maybe nobody knew to come out for this mini-series because of its lacking a seasonal name. In any case, the opening of the Turnback warm-up series turned out to be a match race between **Bill Hawk** and **Hap Arnold**. The first race was a back and forth affair with **Bill** managing to pull away for a close victory at the end, and in the second race, **Hawk** took the early lead and never looked back (except to keep covering!). So, **Eagle** continues its run of second place finishes. **Ken Jolly** came out to start the second race, having recently returned his **Electra** to the lake after some rudder repairs and a re-paint of the hull.

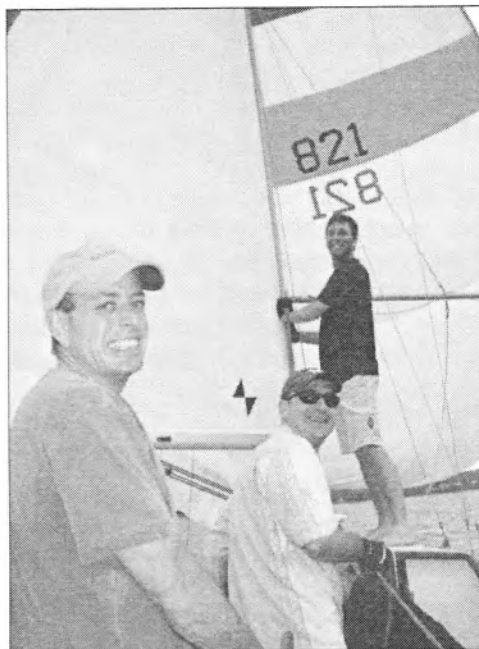
There were other Ensign sailors out on the water that day, just not sailing aboard Ensigns. Both **Danny Lien** and **Randolph Bertin** ended up crewing on boats in A-fleet (seeing each other on opposing boats going downwind, they each shouting, "if I had known you were out here we could have sailed together!"). **Sarah Baker** was also out on the water getting a little time on her sunfish in preparation for some Wednesday night racing.

Founders day itself, of course, was quite a treat, and the Ensign fleet boasts three sailors among the founders who came out! It was a great boat to sail then, and it is a great boat to sail now.

### Dues

At our fleet meeting at the beginning of the year, the Ensign fleet assessed dues to each skipper (\$25), with the option of kicking in an additional amount for non-family crew (\$25). These dues go to support the costs

associated with our post race fleet parties (of which we have already had a great one in the spring series). We are planning several more, so if you are an active fleet member and haven't yet paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible and don't make our fleet Treasurer **Norma Lien** hunt you down as that will be unpleasant for everyone concerned. Send your check to: Norma Lien, 5701 Rittenhouse Shore Dr., Austin, TX 78734, or hand her a check after a race or contact her via email to see about paying via paypal. Git 'er done!!



### Odds and Ends

Beer can races have started again and run every Friday right through the summer! So leave work a little early and get in some more time on the water.

*Hedonist heads downwind during a Beer Can race (Photo Left).*

### EVERYONE IS INVITED!

## McDonald/Corcoran Wedding

**MAY 24, 2007**

South Coast co-captains Bruce McDonald and Susie Corcoran invite you to be part of our wedding celebration on Thursday, May 24, 2007.

The festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. on the water. We will be married by club member John Burke on Ray Shull's J29. If you'd like to join us for the ceremony, it's BYOB – bring your own boat and raft up at Travis Landing, just south of the AYC point.

From 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., we'll host a potluck reception in the lower level of the clubhouse. Please bring an appetizer or a bottle of wine in lieu of a gift. We'll provide beer and soft drinks.

We need to know who's coming so we'll have enough liquid refreshment. Please RSVP to [ghowiellc@aol.com](mailto:ghowiellc@aol.com) or call Susie 512-785-2484.



## SC-21 Fleet News By Susie Corcoran



### Welcome New Fleet Members...

Tom Meyer, Doug Kern, and Vickie & Ben Stones. With the addition of Doug Kern to our South Coast fleet we now boast a C15 national champion, an Olympic silver medalist, a Pan American

gold medalist and a Mallory Cup champion. The South Coast fleet definitely is the place to be for a high level of competition on all levels!

**Thank you G&T Hosts and Hostesses:** The Gin and Tonic post-race socials continue to outdo themselves. Many thanks to **Ian Fink, Bob Musselman, Pat Feagin, Doug Powell, Pat Manning, Claudia Bartlett** and **Vickie Stones** for outstanding spreads over the last month.

**Turnback Warm-up #1 Race Results:** Founders Day was also the start of the Turnback Warm-up series. With the lake full, the docks back in the cove, temperatures in the mid seventies and winds in the low teens one could not have asked for a more beautiful day. Eight boats turned out for the South Coast races. The first race held no surprises with **Claudia and John Bartlett** snagging a bullet, followed by the old veteran **Kevin Reynolds** whom we had not seen out in a while, taking second. The **McDonald/Corcoran** team rounded out the top with a third. The second race saw **McDonald/Corcoran** hitting the wind shifts on the right side of the course and rounding the top mark first. They were able to hold on to the lead for the remaining four legs although **Kevin** managed to finish just seconds behind them. The **Bartletts** hung on to a respectable third.

Back at the club, **Pat Manning** had prepared a feast for the crowd who assembled under the cottonwoods. For those of us who had made it to the morning's brunch, it was an almost too full day of feasting and sailing. Life is Good!

**South Coast Nationals (Intergalactics) Race Results:** The one-day regatta to determine the South Coast 21 National championship was held on May 5. Twelve intrepid teams battled the brutal 20-30 knot winds. By the end of the five races, only seven boats remained, five having withdrawn because of rigging failure or crew fatigue. In the gold fleet, **Michael Tita** took first followed by **Claudia and John Bartlett** in second and **Kevin Reynolds** in third. The silver fleet had the **McDonald/Corcoran** team in first with a perfect score of five firsts. **Carl Morris** came in second with **Andy Hempel** in third. We congratulate our new class

champion, **Michael Tita**, who in less than one year has risen to the top of the fleet. Nice going!



Getting ready to raise the chute after rounding the mark during the Intergalactics (Photo Above).

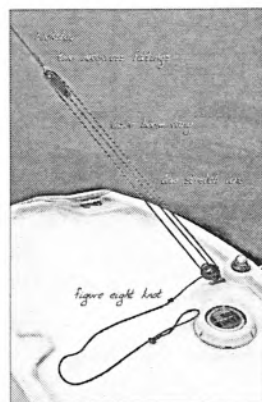


The first South Coast sailors to dock their boats during the Intergalactics watch the action from ashore (Photo Left courtesy of Yolanda Cortés Mares).

**Turnback Warm-Up Race #2 Race Results:** With majority of the fleet taking a lay day after being battered by high winds in the Nationals the day before, the **McDonald/Corcoran** team proved the old Woody Allen saying that "90% of life is just showing up" and earned two bullets for their perseverance.

### Technical Tip of The Month - South Coast Adjustable Back Stay:

The standard configuration for the South Coast 21 includes a back stay that is adjustable via turnbuckle. The rules for racing a South Coast 21



allow adjusting the back stay prior to and between races, but not during the race. Increasing back stay tension flattens out the mainsail to help keep the boat on its feet in heavy air and decreases sag in the fore-stay and hence the jib allowing a finer entry and better pointing ability. The jack stays keep the mast from over bending and the consensus is that they should be kept rather loose to allow bend with minimal back

stay tension. Learn more by visiting <http://austinyachtclub.net/fleets/SC21/>.

## C-22 Fleet News By John Grzinich



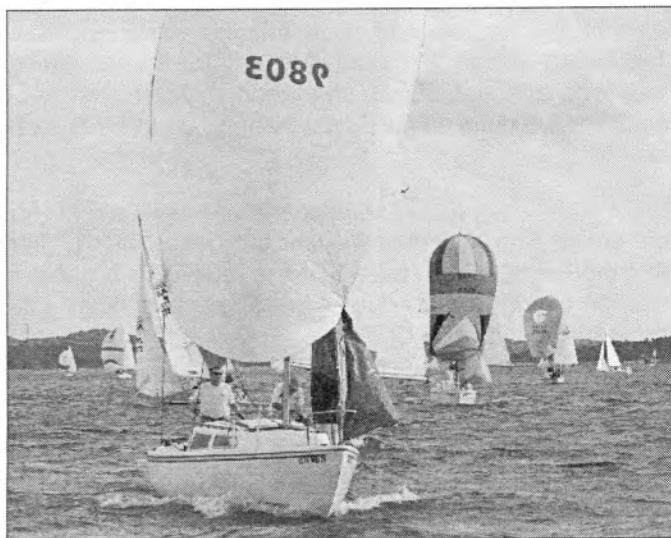
The C22 Fleet wrapped up great Spring Series. This was a Genoa only series for C22's. Participation increased each weekend. We started with 7 C22's on race day 2, increasing to 9 boats in race days 3 and 4, and the last 2 race days 11 C22's started in race days 5 and 6 of the spring series. Overall we had 13 different boats participate in the spring series (the 13<sup>th</sup> did not show up in scoring since they came for the last day when the start was abandoned). The excellent wind we had all spring gave out in day 6. RC abandoned our start for lack of wind, and eventually abandoned the entire day's racing for all fleets. This obviously meant the series was over with the standings "as is". **Wade Bingaman** sailing **Dry Heave** beautifully won the series. **John Grzinich** sailing **Be-Bop-a-Lula** held down 2<sup>nd</sup> place, **Roy Crouse** racing **Lone Star** finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and **Steve Shepardson** sailing **Chile Verde** got 4<sup>th</sup> place. These were the positions that picked up series trophies. Just to give you an idea of the level of competitiveness in C22 racing during this series; 2 different boats had 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes, 4 different boats had 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes, 4 different boats had 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes, and 5 different boats had 4<sup>th</sup> place finishes. The table below shows how the results looked for 7 spring series races with 2 throw outs...

Sail Number	Boat	Skipper	Total Points
752	Dry Heave	W.Bingaman	5
15563	Bebop-A-Lula	J.Grzinich	8
11035	Lone Star	R.Crouse	14
9802	Chili Verde	S.Shepardson	21
9920	Paradox	P.Broberg	26
170	Grooner	J.Owens	28
12920	Dumbo	G.Robison	29
11126	Fat Cat	M.Haralson	30
13622	Strings Attached	J.Brinkmann	32
5792	Bebop	D.Shockley	47
10256	Waltz'n Kati-B	W.Allen	49
11761	Siddartha	R.Jones	49

We had one C22, **Siddartha**, helmed by **Bob Jones**, sail in the "Long Distance" race on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Bob finished a respectable 4<sup>th</sup> in the non-spinnaker fleet of considerably larger boats.

The first races for Founder's Day and the pre-Turnback series got off to a good start with 7 boats participating. Unfortunately for **Johannes Brinkmann**, who scored a commanding win in very light conditions for the 1<sup>st</sup> race, the race had to be thrown out due to the leeward mark coming loose and drifting into the breakwater dock at U-Float'em which prevented the rest of the fleet from correctly rounding during the last leg of race one. The post race meeting with RC was productive resulting in some recommendations for future Race Committees for setting out the marks. The 2 issues that are adding risk to the marks drifting are the lake level increase, and significant power boat wakes. Also, the location on the west shore where the leeward mark is placed in a SE breeze, north of AYC, but south of U-Float'em slopes down towards U-Float'em. Once the mark starts drifting north the scope decreases while mushroom anchor slides downhill. The suggestions included; make sure to use enough scope (but not so much that it would snag the keels of rounding boats), use 2 mushroom anchors, and make sure a chase boat is constantly checking for drifting marks. The 2<sup>nd</sup> race went with out a hitch in increased wind, and was won by **Dane Ohe** with **Johannes Brinkmann** close behind in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

John Grzinich – C22 Fleet Captain



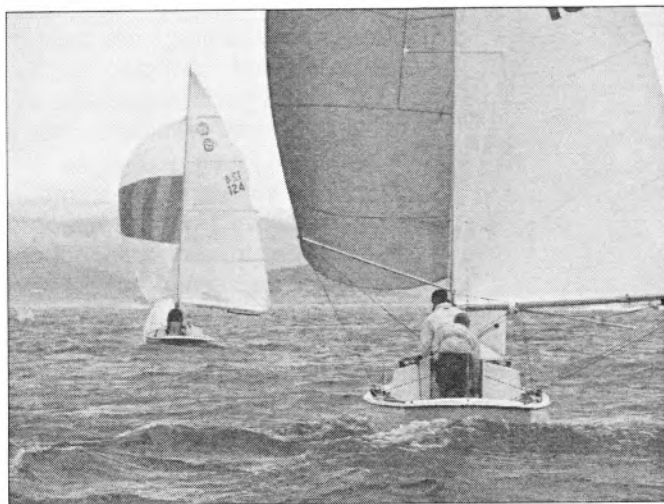
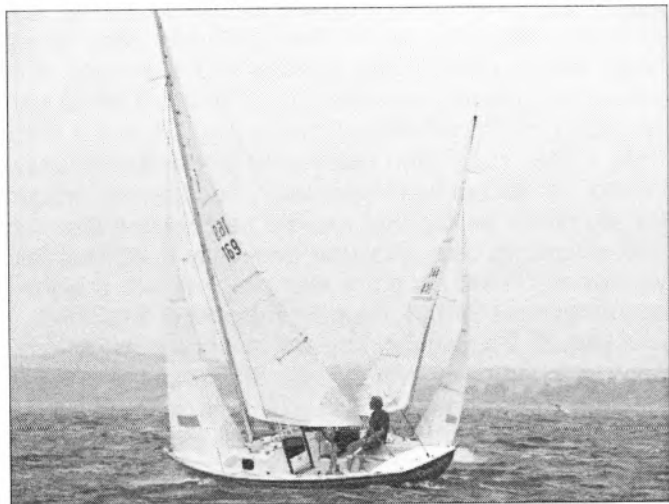
C22 Spinnaker Racing Action. Dan Ohe sailing *Kanaloa*.

**Don't forget to register for Turnback!**



## More South Coast Intergalactics Photos...

(All SC Intergalactic photos in this Telltale are courtesy of Bob Leonard and Yolanda Cortés Mares.)

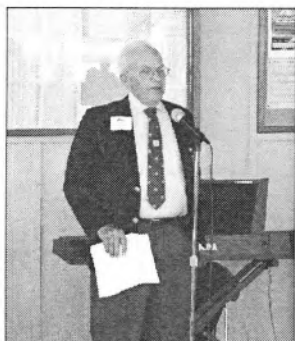


## AYC Sailors to Participate in the 2007 Great Texas Catamaran Race

Five AYC sailors (**Steve Piche, Jim Rehage, Tom Meyer, Rick Nelson, and Aaron McCully**) will participate in the fifth annual Great Texas Catamaran Race, a 300 mile long beach catamaran race sailed in four separate legs, starting on South Padre Island on Thursday, June 13th and ending at Galveston Island on Father's Day, June 16th. The race, organized by Great Texas Fleet of Austin, Texas, will include stops at Mustang Island State Park, Matagorda Beach, and Surfside. In five years, the Great Texas Catamaran race has developed into the premier long distance, open ocean, beach catamaran race in the US. Top racing teams from throughout the country will be attending the race including a number of former and current national champions. The race is sailed on high speed, light weight, 18 to 20 foot spinnaker equipped beach catamarans. Extensive coverage of the race will be available on-line at <http://groups.google.com/group/great-texas/> including daily results, estimated times of arrival, photographs, and inside stories.

## Founder's Day By Yolanda Cortés Mares

What a wonderful event this was! Here are some of the excerpts...



### Homer S. "Hap" Arnold:

"When you attended a regatta then you were always a bit confused as to whether you were at a funeral or a regatta. The shelter was a tent from one of the local funeral parlors with their name on the awning. Now near by would be a beer truck dispensing beer, Pearl, Lone Star or Michelob. We would

let them put their name of the t-shirt for the event and get a discount on the beer. This seemed like a good idea and worked until we found a permanent home "here" and we needed beer on more than just a special occasion. ...Next, I believe the beer was put in a refrigerator in the closet at the end of the bar with a charge book accessible but not secure. Not such a good idea. At the volunteer fire department on Long Island that I belonged to, we kept the beer in a "coke machine". I forgot children were not permitted in the call room. I thought it was a good idea and we gave it a try. Not a good idea. The kids found out about it, as did the state, and we were shut down. Paul Keller, a huge benefactor of the club, suggested "the Beer Barrons". We had T-shirts with our names on them and keys to the coolers. This gave us the authority to open the beer coolers and help yourself to a beer or help others to the beer. How practical was that! Giving the keys to a bunch of beer drinkers to secure the beer. Not such a good idea. Well, certainly the past commodores are a trustworthy group and could be given keys to the beer locker for their use and helping others in need. Problem was most of the past commodores had been members of the Beer Barron group. Not such a good idea. So now we are back to the trusted few on the Board with keys to the cooler. We still have not solved satisfactorily the issue of "beer". (Photo courtesy of John Grzinich)



### P. Clift Price:

Wrote the following song which was sung to the tune of *Smiles*: "There are boats that look real sloppy, there are sails that can't be trimmed, there are boats that cost a lot of money, and you can hardly ever win. There are boats that give you a neurosis, there are boats that sail too slow, but the boat that

makes us sailors happy, is the boat that we all know." And, another song ... "Everything is up to date at the Austin Yacht Club, we've gone about as far as we can go, We have boats that are centerboards and boats that are big, and all of them come with a fiberglass rig. Everything's like a dream at the Austin Yacht Club, It's better than a magic lantern show, we can race with Young, Kern and Bartlett and all of the best, you can feel the wind blowing from North, South, East and West, Yes, we have gone about as far as we can go! Soooo, let's get on with the show!" (Photo courtesy of John Grzinich)



**Tom J. Romberg:** "...on the weekend after Labor Day in 1967 I came out to Hershel Murray's Beacon Lodge Marina to get my Interlake because he had lost his lease and was going to move around the bend under the high line in Hudson Bend. To my shock and embarrassment my boat wasn't there! Nothing was there, but a beautiful

empty cove! It was that view and my long history of sailing on Lake Travis that sealed this choice for me. This was where the Austin Sailing Club needed to be! Many meeting hours later, I finally had a meeting with the property owner, Walter Carrington, at his office with an option contract I wanted him to sign. It was a long, hard, tense, negotiation with Walter smoking constantly, calling his accountant repeatedly, and pacing around his big office, saying that I was a hardheaded German and difficult to deal with (me then only a 26 year old youngster). I left his office that evening with a signed option contract for the property at a cost of \$103,000. I was elated! So elated in fact and in a hurry to get home and share the news with my wife and others, that I was stopped for driving 45 mph in a 30 mile zone on Barton Springs Road." (Photo courtesy of Yolanda Cortés Mares)



### Francis E. "Sandy" McIntyre:

"First, I believe that I am the oldest continued member of the AYC. At 86, I am fortunate to still be able to sail anything except a windsurfer...Thank you all for giving me an honorable life membership. I believe I got the honor in lieu of being the only commodore that was investigated for violation of the hiring of illegal workers to

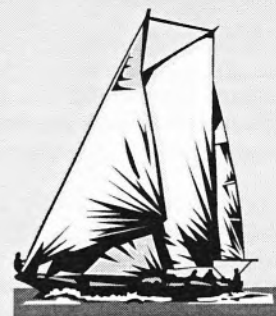
build the steps from the club to the water and also for club violation of the state liquor laws. No charges were ever filed against me or The Austin Yacht Club. Those were the good old days. Thanks for the memories."

(Please see more photos on page 16)



Arrrgh! Attention all you pirates, wenches, and scally-wags! ...

Please plan to attend AYC's



# Summer Caribbean Party

... in Pirate's Cove (a.k.a. Beacon Cove)

Saturday, June 23, 2007



We'll be feasting on island grub and grog, while dancing the night away to the island/country sounds of the Kelly McGuire Band!

Pirate and Tropical Attire is encouraged!



More details to follow in the Telltale and on the AYC Website

"To err is human, To arr is pirate!"



## Race Commander... Continued from Page 3

**Jeanne Goldsmith, and myself.** This short, three-race series should be done by the time you read this, but hopefully we've made good use of the larger lake.

Good showing on April 21<sup>st</sup> for the **Spring Long Distance Race**, too! A total of thirty-six boats, including eleven non-AYC boats (thanks, in part, to the Texas Centerboard Circuit), participated in this single afternoon race up the lake and back. Everyone successfully managed the downwind start (no recalls!) despite the strong, southeasterly breeze. Thanks to **PRO Steve Eller, Denny Mills, Dave Bernstein, Bruce Uphaus, and Tom Lappin** for being out on the water, to **Jim Rehage** for scoring, and to **VC Bob Goldsmith** for organizing the fun and casual post-race social. The format was a refined version of last year's event – make it simple, make it fun. Let me know how you liked it. Remember, those who participated are just a bit more ready for Turnback than the rest of us. Speaking of which...

The **Turnback Canyon Regatta (weekend of May 26<sup>th</sup>)** is fast approaching! Regatta chair **Steve Vaughan** has a full schedule of racing, cruising, and socializing planned. There's even a Poker Run! (Steve has assured me that there will be no high-speed powerboat class. I'm not sure how we'd handicap them, anyway.) PRC is organizing race committee (yes, we're still looking for a few to help!), but, of equal importance, get your boat out there and race to Lago Vista!

Fleet-organized events are filling the calendar, too. As I write this on May 6<sup>th</sup>, the **South Coast 21 Intergalactics** just wrapped up and circuit stops are approaching for the **J/24s (weekend of May 19<sup>th</sup>)** and the **J/80s (weekend of June 9<sup>th</sup>)**. Even more impressive is that our local fleet won the bid to host the **Laser Masters NAs (weekend of June 2<sup>nd</sup>)**. This is a high-profile event – we're talking North American Championships! Watch for regatta chair **Renee Ruais** to be looking for help.

Finally, officially a fleet event but similar to a club event – the **One-Design Series** starting on **June 10th**. This three-race series was added to fill the gap between Turnback Canyon and the Centerboard Regatta. Details are pending, but check the bulletin boards and website for details.



## We want your boss!

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is currently looking for sponsors for the **Second Annual Leukemia Cup Regatta** scheduled to take place at the Austin Yacht Club on October 20-21, 2007.

If you or anyone you know (like your boss!) is interested in sponsoring this event, please contact Paul Ballett at 512-795-2524 or paul\_ballett@ml.com or Kristin Shanahan at 512-491-6610 or kristin.shanahan@lls.org.

To download the sponsorship packet, please visit [http://www.leukemia-lymphoma.org/graphics/central\\_texas/SponsorshipPackage08.pdf](http://www.leukemia-lymphoma.org/graphics/central_texas/SponsorshipPackage08.pdf)

## Keel Fleet News By Steve Vaughan

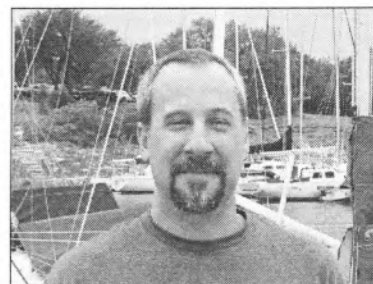
### Welcome to new AYC / Keel Fleet members



Please welcome three new fleet members. The first new family members we welcome are **Rob (left)** and **Leticia Stivers**, who joined in January. **Rob** races

Hunter 28.5 **SLOW PLAY** and has been sailing in the Non Spinnaker Fleet since Red Eye. Before coming to sailing, **Rob** was a bicyclist and has logged many thousands of bike miles. When his knees gave out, he decided he still needed the self-sufficiency and economy of movement and ability to cross long distances at a comprehensive pace so gravitating to sailboat racing seemed a natural. And after being hit by cars five times during his biking years, he figured it'd be safer on the water ---- but ---- that was before he heard about some of the "Blue Duck" awards around AYC. . .

The second new family members we welcome are **Remus (right)** and **Dana Broussard** who joined in April. **Remus** has been interested in sailing since he first set foot on a friend's wooden boat



in the Pacific Northwest a little over ten years ago. Even though it's taken a while to reach the opportunity to become involved, he's having a blast with it. **Remus** feels everyone he's met at the club has been most generous, and apologizes in advance for the occasionally over-eager novice! Over eager? Is that actually possible? He is the proud new owner of AYC's infamous San Juan 28 (a.k.a. Blue Duck). We aren't sure what this may mean for **Rob**? And the Blue Duck future awards?



The third new member we welcome is **Alan Stanard (left)**. Alan also joined in April, bringing with him a Catalina 25 that is currently stuck in **Fred Schroth's** work queue waiting to be made water tight once again. **Alan** has been sailing with the **RED**

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## Keel Fleet...Continued from Page 12

team and brings great racing experience.. **Alan** started his sailing experience on sunfish, and then raced on Coronado 15s with the University of Texas Sailing Club. Since that time it's been all cruising until this spring at AYC. The club and fleet benefit greatly with the addition of these new members.

### Spring Long Distance

The Spring Long Distance race was held on April 21 with 34 boats which was a 20% increase over 2006 for this 2<sup>nd</sup> running of this new format race. The race format is a long serpentine distance course, single day of racing and simple easy to implement event. This format is a great match for keel fleet interests. The success is building for the event and the party following the event this year was great with **Bob Goldsmith** MC'ing the festivities. Moon Pies were awarded for the best capsize (fortunately won by a center board boat) and animal crackers for the best broach. The free RUM was also a welcome addition which certainly heightened the fun factor for several attending. The course was long, varying from 15 to 21 miles depending on class, the winds were strong with average boat speeds of nearly 9Knots in the multi class and keel classes in the 6 to 7 knot range. All the race results are online (<http://austinyachtclub.net/>) and the Keel Fleet victors were **Bob Leonard** in a J80 (Keel A), **Dave Hammett** in a J22 (Keel B) and **Wally Bogus** in a Beneteau 33.7 (Non Spin).

### Beer Can Series

The beer can series kicked off early this year on April 20. As usual the attendance is great and **Jim** and **Lanelle** have been handing out the wine and flipping the burgers. The winds have been strong for the first three races and the winning course seems to have settled into the EKB order, with on course times under 60 minutes every race. New this year and very popular is reduced burger prices (\$2) for kids under 12 and a slight increase to \$3.75 for adults. If you have not used this series as a rationale to leave work early on Friday you are missing one of its best features.

### Turnback Warmup Series

The Founders Day party and Warm-up series kick off took place on April 29. If you missed the Founders Day event it was a big mistake. Founders Day was a blow out success not only because of the great idea, organization and execution but even more so due to 5 of our founding members giving the audience a clear picture

that the formation of the club was about sailing and having fun. Look elsewhere in the Telltale for a complete rundown of the event.



*Rick Smith in new **Flying Tiger** 10M*

The Warm-up series first race enjoyed good wind and saw the maiden race for the newly launched **Flying Tiger** 10M. Returning member **Rick Smith** brought this new boat to AYC from California with help from long time friend and AYC member **Russell Painton**. This rocket ship is the fastest rated mono hulled keel boat at the club and is clearly a new target to wake up the formerly fast keel boats in the club. To reduce visibility of how fast the boat is **Rick** simply raced a few extra miles or rounded the marks the wrong way to blend into the fleet in the first race day and let **Jim Tillinghast** and **Lanelle Montgomery** win both races. **Rick** quit sand-bagging for the second race day and picked up a win. **Mike Chambers** continued to dominate the B fleet for both the first and second race days and should consider the invitation to join A fleet with his Olson 25 and give **Rick** some competition. **Steve Ehlers** reasserted his leadership in the Non Spinnaker fleet on the first race day, but new member **Rob Stivers** (H28.5) picked up a win on the second race day. Final series results will be on the web site.

### Turnback Canyon

By the time you read this Turnback Canyon Regatta will be upon us. Turnback this year has a few new wrinkles to entice more sailors onto the course. The early registration fees for the event have been lowered to \$30 for US Sailing Keel boats and \$25 for Centerboard or Cats. An expanded format Navigational Cruising Class/Poker Run has been added that will challenge cruiser's navigation skills and poker luck. Also, in addition to a great dinner and music party, a Texas Holdem' Poker tournament will be held at Lago Vista Saturday night. A new AYC poker champ will for sure be named since the current reigning champ, **Elliot Bray**, will be out of town. The expectation is that we will have over 100 boats on course this year. Don't miss it!



## Turnback Canyon History

By Steve Vaughan



Dating back to the early 1950s, Turnback Canyon Regatta (TBC) is full of contrasts in its history. Originally called the Bluebonnet Cruise, six to ten boats participated in the two-day event. The boats sailing in the first event were mostly homemade and ranged from Snipes to T24's and a T28 where T proudly stood for TEXAS. The boats were wood and the sails were cotton but the sailing strategies were the same then as today. Starting from the vicinity of AYC (which was then known as The Austin Sailing Club), the participants raced to an overnight point, near the current Turnback Canyon cove on Saturday, anchored overnight and returned to AYC on Sunday. Overnight destination anchorages over the years have included Cow Creek, Braircliff, Lago Vista Resort, and the current Lago Vista Bar-K Ranch Park. BUT ---- no matter the start or the destination, the regatta was always focused on the beauty of sailing, and FUN.

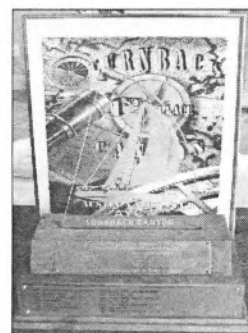
From the small start of six to ten boats in the fifties, during the 1970's and 80's TBC Regatta became the largest event sponsored by AYC. With participation levels up to 300 boats and as many as 100 multi-hull boats, TBC Regatta spawned another long standing tradition of great parties, which included drinks, sea stories, BBQ meals, bands, dancing, and lots of FUN.

TBC Regatta has been sailed in ideal weather and sometimes ---- not so ideal weather. Conditions have varied from hot and no wind to cool and way too much wind, sometimes with or without rain, hail, or flashes of light. TBC Regatta started with a lake level so low (around 620msl) that sand bars and old debris (lurking just beneath the surface) snagged a few boats here and there. But, TBC regatta has also experienced very full lake conditions up to 699msl in 1957. In recent years, the lake has varied from 645msl to 685msl, for 2007 slightly above normal conditions of 672 msl are expected. BUT no matter the wind, weather, or lake level the regatta was always FUN.

In 1984 a special perpetual trophy was commissioned by the AYC Board of Directors in memory of **Bill Levens, Sr.** a long time AYC sailor who always supported and never missed a Turnback Canyon Regatta. The Leven's Trophy is awarded to the best corrected time keel boat for the race to Turnback. This trophy has been won by notables such as **Hap Arnold, Ray Shull**, and the **Henson/Vaughan** team. Quite a variety of boats have won this trophy over the years Ensigns, Catalina 22's, J29's, and Hobie 33's are just a few. BUT – no matter which boats took home the awards the regatta was always FUN.

So whether sailors have to pour buckets of water over their heads to stay cool ---- or eat more cookies for more weight on the rail ---- don't miss the chance to top everyone else's "sailing war story" whether racing or cruising TurnBack is the regatta that's focused on FUN.

Please come out and join the FUN.



## Coastal Rookie By Wade Bingham

OK, you can start out by laughing and making fun of how naive I was in deciding to have a coastal sailing adventure. Now I know. But I thought you'd get a chuckle out of hearing about it.

I had been planning this for over a year. I bought a Catalina 25 – the biggest boat I could haul with my F 150 - and had been getting it ready with the needed depth gauge and radio. My plan was to start at Corpus Christi and sail down to South Padre and back using the intercoastal waterway (ICW). It was to be a two week trek. Two of my fellow AYC members, **Art Bussey** and **Ken Whiteside**, agreed to each take a week of the journey. Both correctly deduced that a week with me on a small boat was the limit of their endurance.

**Art** and I decided to start our sail at Pt. Aransas. No problem – free launch and \$20 to spend the night at the city docks. The next morning we stocked our groceries, pumped the head, bought fuel, and headed out across Corpus Christi Bay for the causeway and dinner at Snoopy's. The bay is over ten miles across, too far to see the other side. First problem – the compass didn't work. Fortunately, the causeway bridge is visible after your are about half way across. The most exciting thing was seeing dolphins. They were just as curious about us

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## UT Sailing Team By Michelle Kasney

### The University of Texas Sailing Team

For those of you who don't know, the University of Texas Sailing Team is a university sponsored club sport; we are made up of about 25 members and are entirely student run. This semester has been especially exciting for the team. We started out the year with a trip to beautiful Los Angeles to compete in the Rose Bowl Regatta hosted by the University of Southern California. We finished mid-fleet; a very respectable showing considering that most of the teams we were competing against were varsity. We were also able to kick off the SEISA semester by hosting the first qualifier of the year.

After competing in SEISA regattas almost every weekend, we mixed it up again when our women's team traveled to the University of South Florida to compete in an intersectional. The conditions were tough since we're used to calm Lake Travis wind and waters rather than the 15-20kts with 2-4 foot waves we encountered. Despite the conditions, we finished 6<sup>th</sup> out of 8 teams.

Later that same month we hosted our annual Alumni Regatta at the club. It's always a good time to get all the old members together, hear their stories and learn from their sailing experience.

To round out an awesome semester, we qualified for two national competitions. The first was women's, where we came in first (thirty points ahead of the second place team). The second was team racing where a nail biting sail off between our team and Tulane won us second place in the regatta and a second berth to Nationals. Women's nationals will be held at Old Dominion University and team racing will be held at the US Naval Academy, both during ICSA Nationals week, May 23 - June 1.

In addition to competing in regattas almost every weekend, our team practices out at AYC every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon and occasionally other days of the week if we need a little extra practice for a particularly important regatta. We would like to encourage all of you to come see us practice on occasion or even come out with us to improve your skills and/or ours.

Finally, I would like to thank all the AYC members for your support of our sailing program and encourage you to visit [www.texassailing.org](http://www.texassailing.org) to meet our officers, see our upcoming schedule or watch a video on the best way to roll tack an FJ.

Michelle Kasney, University of Texas Sailing Team PR/ Alumni Chair ([pr@texassailing.org](mailto:pr@texassailing.org))

## Coastal Rookie... *(Continued from Page 14)*

as we were about them. Over the entire trip we saw groups of dolphins up close about fifteen times, and each time it was a delight.

After the fried shrimp, we eased down the ICW and spent the night for free at the Padre Island Yacht Club. The next morning we headed south in a light fog. Did I mention the compass didn't work? Well that's a problem in fog. You can't believe how quickly you can lose your bearing. The ICW's markers were usually about a fifth of a mile apart, and we would lose sight of the one behind us before we could see the next one. With no compass, we quickly learned to sail by the depth gauge. 14 feet, - OK.....6 feet - start turning one way or the other because out of the ditch, the Laguna Madre is about a foot deep. The fog eventually lifted, and we spent the night anchored in Baffin Bay. Wine, pasta, cell phone coverage and no mosquitoes. Life was good.

Spring weather greeted us the next morning. Wind out of the south at 25mph. Since our heading was due south, we motored the entire 50 miles to Port Mansfield. It took twelve hours, but with food and drinks at El Jeffe Bar, we quickly forgot the ordeal. After a day's rest we headed south again. Our intention had been to risk it and sail the final leg south out in the Gulf, but the cut at Pt. Mansfield was silted over and too shallow to access the Gulf. So back to the ICW with winds now out of the north at 30mph. Wow. Double reefed main, no genoa, seven knots. We made it to Pt. Isabel in a hurry. We were lucky. In rafting up the next day with some other boats, we learned the channel we had entered at speed the day before was silted to less than two feet deep. Since my boat draws three, we scratched our heads but decided to leave immediately for South Padre as it was high tide. After a grounding and two tries, **Ken** and I somehow found a way out, and made it to the island. Our new marina had electricity, showers and Dirty Al's restaurant nearby. For three days we recuperated and enjoyed island living. But, I can't eat another shrimp basket for a year.

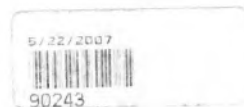
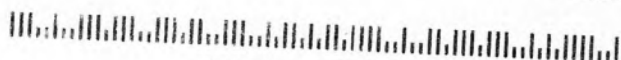
Our return trip north was blessed with 25mph east winds. So it was day long, high speed reaches. The most exciting event was a full boat search by the Customs guys. They quickly concluded we were boring and had nothing to hide. It was only later, after they left in their 900hp boat, that I remembered the Cuban Cigars in my bag. Back at Pt. A we celebrated with an exquisite dinner at Isabell's. A great end to a great adventure.

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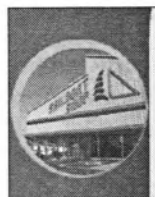


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## Ensign Fleet News By Randolph Bertin



### Spring Series in the Books

As it turned out, a strong north wind on Saturday 14, blew itself out by the time Sunday and the final race of the Spring Series was scheduled, leaving AYC sailors left with beautiful weather, but

no wind to speak of (what is the only sport that is cancelled because the weather is too nice?!). That left the final standings of the series unchanged. **Danny Lien** picked up first place with some fine sailing (three bullets in seven races, and no worse than a third otherwise), but was helped by having two dropped scores in seven races, putting him a couple of points ahead of **Frans Dahmen** (who had picked up two bullets). Two other skippers won races during the series, **Bill Hawk** and **Tom Groll**, and **Hap Arnold** and the **Rombergs** picked up a collection of seconds.

### Turnback Warm-up

Maybe nobody knew to come out for this mini-series because of its lacking a seasonal name. In any case, the opening of the Turnback warm-up series turned out to be a match race between **Bill Hawk** and **Hap Arnold**. The first race was a back and forth affair with **Bill** managing to pull away for a close victory at the end, and in the second race, **Hawk** took the early lead and never looked back (except to keep covering!). So, **Eagle** continues its run of second place finishes. **Ken Jolly** came out to start the second race, having recently returned his **Electra** to the lake after some rudder repairs and a re-paint of the hull.

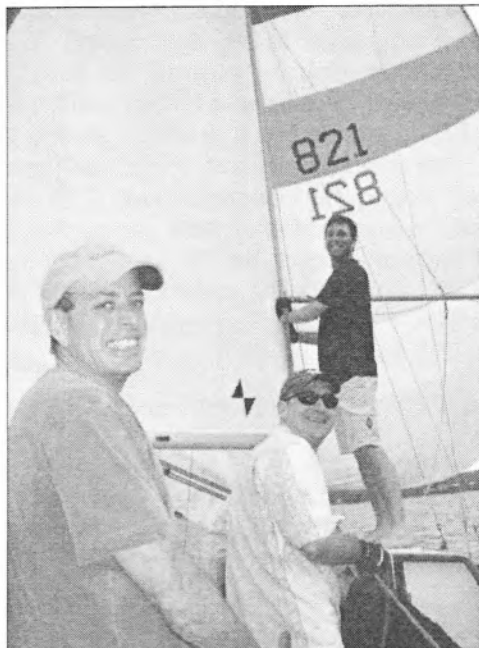
There were other Ensign sailors out on the water that day, just not sailing aboard Ensigns. Both **Danny Lien** and **Randolph Bertin** ended up crewing on boats in A-fleet (seeing each other on opposing boats going downwind, they each shouting, "if I had known you were out here we could have sailed together!"). **Sarah Baker** was also out on the water getting a little time on her sunfish in preparation for some Wednesday night racing.

Founders day itself, of course, was quite a treat, and the Ensign fleet boasts three sailors among the founders who came out! It was a great boat to sail then, and it is a great boat to sail now.

### Dues

At our fleet meeting at the beginning of the year, the Ensign fleet assessed dues to each skipper (\$25), with the option of kicking in an additional amount for non-family crew (\$25). These dues go to support the costs

associated with our post race fleet parties (of which we have already had a great one in the spring series). We are planning several more, so if you are an active fleet member and haven't yet paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible and don't make our fleet Treasurer **Norma Lien** hunt you down as that will be unpleasant for everyone concerned. Send your check to: Norma Lien, 5701 Rittenhouse Shore Dr., Austin, TX 78734, or hand her a check after a race or contact her via email to see about paying via paypal. Git 'er done!!



### Odds and Ends

Beer can races have started again and run every Friday right through the summer! So leave work a little early and get in some more time on the water.

*Hedonist heads downwind during a Beer Can race (Photo Left).*

### EVERYONE IS INVITED!

## McDonald/Corcoran Wedding

**MAY 24, 2007**

South Coast co-captains Bruce McDonald and Susie Corcoran invite you to be part of our wedding celebration on Thursday, May 24, 2007.

The festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. on the water. We will be married by club member John Burke on Ray Shull's J29. If you'd like to join us for the ceremony, it's BYOB – bring your own boat and raft up at Travis Landing, just south of the AYC point.

From 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., we'll host a potluck reception in the lower level of the clubhouse. Please bring an appetizer or a bottle of wine in lieu of a gift. We'll provide beer and soft drinks.

We need to know who's coming so we'll have enough liquid refreshment. Please RSVP to [ghowiellc@aol.com](mailto:ghowiellc@aol.com) or call Susie 512-785-2484.