

# Telltale

February 2011

Monthly Newsletter

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**Opening Day**



***Motorboat handling course a huge success!***



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## AYC Business Hours

Tuesday– Saturday: 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Closed Mondays

Closed Club Holidays:

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

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Cover photo: Motorboat handling  
course attendees on a cold and rainy  
day (photo by Bruce McDonald).

## AYC 2011 Race Calendar

<b>February 5</b>	Frostbite Series Race #3 (RC SC21)
<b>February 12</b>	Frostbite Series Race #4 (RC Ensign)
<b>February 19</b>	Frostbite Series Race #5 (RC Catalina 22)
<b>February 26,27</b>	J/80 Circuit Stop
<b>February 26,27</b>	McCarthy Cup (UT/AYC Event)
<b>March 5, 6</b>	TSA Youth Circuit Roadrunner Regatta
<b>March 13</b>	2011 Opening Day Regatta
<b>March 19-20</b>	J/24 TX Circuit Regatta
<b>March 27</b>	Spring Series Race Day #1 (FWS 1:30 p.m., RC Multihull)
<b>April 3</b>	Spring Series Race Day #2 (RC PHRF A Fleet)
<b>April 10</b>	Spring Series Race Day #3 (RC PHRF B Fleet)
<b>April 17</b>	Spring Series Race Day #4 (RC Non-Spinnaker Fleet)
<b>April 23, 24</b>	Easter Laser Regatta
<b>April 30</b>	South Coast 21 National Championship
<b>May 7, 8</b>	Mallory Trophy Championship
<b>May 14</b>	Summer Series Race Day #1 (FWS 4:00 p.m., RC J/22)
<b>May 21</b>	Summer Series Race Day #2 (RC J/24)
<b>June 4</b>	Summer Series Race Day #3 (RC SC21)
<b>June 11</b>	Summer Series Race Day #4 (RC Ensign)

## AYC 2011 Non-Racing Events

<b>February 24</b>	AYC Board Meeting (7:30 p.m. - AYC Clubhouse)
<b>March 8-11</b>	J/World
<b>March 24</b>	AYC Board Meeting (7:30 p.m. - AYC Clubhouse)
<b>March 26</b>	Bartlett Spinnaker Clinic
<b>April 16</b>	Scott Young Starting and Tactics Clinic
<b>April 28</b>	AYC Board Meeting (7:30 p.m. - AYC Clubhouse)
<b>May 14</b>	Learn to Sail—Introduction to Keelboats I
<b>May 26</b>	AYC Board Meeting (7:30 p.m. - AYC Clubhouse)
<b>June 4</b>	PB&J Junior Sailing Camp
<b>June 4</b>	Learn to Sail—Centerboard Sailboats Clinic
<b>June 6-10</b>	Week #1—Junior Summer Sailing Camp
<b>June 11</b>	PB&J Junior Sailing Camp
<b>June 13-17</b>	Week #2—Junior Summer Sailing Camp
<b>June 18</b>	PB&J Junior Sailing Camp
<b>June 20-24</b>	Week #3—Junior Summer Sailing Camp
<b>June 23</b>	AYC Board Meeting (7:30 p.m. - AYC Clubhouse)
<b>June 25</b>	PB&J Junior Sailing Camp
<b>December 2</b>	Annual Banquet (The Top of The Oasis)

## ATTENTION!

**YOU MAY NOW SIGN UP ONLINE THROUGH "REGATTA NETWORK"  
FOR SERIES RACES!**



## AYC 2011 Roadrunner Calendar

February 20 Roadrunner Clinic/Practice  
February 27 Work Party at Rylander Pavilion  
February (TBD) Fleet Potluck  
March 5-6 TSA "Roadrunner" Regatta at AYC  
March 24 Summer Information Fair  
May (TBD) "School's Out For Pizza" Party  
August (TBD) Ice Cream Social  
October (TBD) Hot Chocolate Social

For more information about the AYC Roadrunners, please see the Google Group: "AYC Roadrunners" and the website: [www.aycroadrunners.org](http://www.aycroadrunners.org).



**Austin Yacht Club**  
2011

**Sunday, March 13, 2011**

## From The Commodore By Jim Tillinghast



### Spring Is Arriving!

After record cold temperatures the last three weeks, forcing school closures, ice and snow warnings and power outages, we are having a spell of warmer than normal weather. Welcome to Texas! Ten days ago, I was chipping my bilge pump out of a block of ice so I could empty accumulated rain and snow melt from **Godzilla**. This week, it was (almost) shirt sleeve, certainly light gear, weather for a beautiful end of Frostbite Series! And now March is upon us!

What a start to Spring 2011 we have! Leading into March, AYC is host to the J80 Texas Circuit event on February 26 and 27, followed by the 2011 Roadrunner Regatta on March 5 and 6. If you haven't had an opportunity to witness what our AYC Youth Program has managed to achieve in bringing our young sailors into District, State and National level competition, come out and cheer on our young sailors and the future of AYC!

From March 9 to 12, J-World is bringing their race training program to Texas and AYC, a first! If you haven't looked into this great program for you, your spouse and/or your crew, don't pass it up! I did J-World in 1982 in Newport, RI and it hooked me forever into the sport of yacht racing!

### Opening Day 2011

And then we're into Spring and Opening Day 2011! Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 13 and join your fellow AYC members for a day of remembrance, recognition and honor. On this day, we recognize our past and current leadership, honor those who have passed and join together to enjoy the rich history of AYC. Not to mention, of course, a day of racing to officially open the AYC Spring Racing Season!

This will be a great opportunity to bring your family and invite friends to participate in the history and spirit of AYC. From the hour of breakfast and visiting to the honoring of our founders and leadership to the excitement of preparing for a racing event, I am confident you all will have a great and enjoyable morning at your Club. Please join us!

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## Sail Training Report By Bill Records

The Sail Training Program at AYC is off and running with a lot of enthusiasm from those involved. We finally hired a coach for the Roadrunners. Her name is **Kate Noble** and she comes to us from Massachusetts. She ran a successful sailing program at a youth camp in Vermont and brings valuable organizational skills to our program. The regularly scheduled practices will start after the TSA Roadrunner Regatta, of which the details will be announced soon.

The first event of the 2011 season was a hastily organized junior clinic on February 20<sup>th</sup>. We felt that it was important for the kids to have a practice before the regatta because most of the kids haven't sailed their boats since November. **Alan Rochard** ran the clinic with **Kate Noble** assisting, and it was a big success. About thirty kids showed up, in spite of the cold water and winds gusting to 29MPH! Each one received excellent on the water coaching with a wrap up talk afterward. We plan on having our own "coach boat" on the water for the regatta.

With the increase in junior participation, the issue of more accessible boat storage is being considered. Having an area for the juniors to store boats and dollies near the south ramp would be of great help. We are in the process of dealing with this issue.

The first adult clinic will be the **John Bartlett** Spinnaker clinic on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Come and learn how to fly your spinnaker the right [fast] way!

### 2011 SAIL TRAINING SCHEDULE

Feb 26-----	Roadrunner Clinic TBA
March 26-----	Bartlett Spinnaker Clinic
April 16-----	Scott Young Start and Tactics Clinic
May 14-----	Introduction to Keel Boats I
June 4-----	Centerboard Clinic I
July 16-----	Catamaran Clinic
August 6-----	Centerboard Clinic II
Sep 24-----	Keel Clinic II
Oct 22-----	Woman's Camp

## "Combined Start" Barbecue Sauce

By Bruce McDonald

Voted "People's Choice" Best BBQ Sauce in Texas at the BBQ sauce cook-off at the end of the Frostbite Series banquet on February 19, 2011. Works well with beef, pork, chicken, ribs, J/22s and J/24s. Use caution with casseroles, desserts, South Coast 21s, Ensigns and Catalina 22s. Yields 128 servings.

**Prep Time:** 20 Min

**Cook Time:** 1 Hr

**Ready In:** 1 Hr 20 Min

### Ingredients:

- 2 (15 ounce) cans apricot halves, drained
- 3 cups packed brown sugar
- 4 cups cider vinegar
- 1 (29 ounce) can tomato sauce
- 2 cups ketchup
- 1 cup maple syrup
- 1 cup prepared mustard
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1/2 cup honey
- 3 tablespoons salt
- 1/2 cup molasses
- 3 tablespoons chicken bouillon granules
- 2 tablespoons crushed red pepper flakes
- 4 tablespoons garlic powder
- 4 tablespoons onion powder
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon pepper
- Juice of one lemon

### Directions:

In a blender or food processor, puree the apricots until smooth. Pour into a large soup pot kettle or Dutch oven; add the next 17 ingredients. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; pot, simmer, uncovered, for 1 hour or until flavors are blended, stirring occasionally. Stir in liquid smoke if desired. Cool. Store in the refrigerator.

### Attention Junior Sailors!

**Interested in becoming a CIT this summer at AYC?**  
(CIT = Counselor In Training)

Contact Bill Records, AYC Sail Training Commander, at [brecordsfotos@yahoo.com](mailto:brecordsfotos@yahoo.com) with your sailing resume. CIT's are needed for summer camps! Summer camp info will be posted on the AYC website by the end of February, if not sooner. There are 4 sessions, one each week of June.



## Harbor Commander Report By Tom Groll

### Dock replacement update

Late last year the Travis County Fire Marshal's office adopted the Marina Fire Protection Ordinance, which requires all new marinas and modifications to existing marinas to provide a fire suppression system consisting of an approved water supply and stand pipe with a fire department connection (FDC). An approved water supply can be from either a public water supply, i.e. a fire hydrant, or can be pumped from the lake. The ordinance requires that every part of each dock is no further than 150' from an FDC, with this distance being measured as the path of travel along the dock walkway. Since there are no fire hydrants on the AYC grounds, this means we are required to install a pump and standpipe on each and every dock as they are replaced. Because our docks are all more than 150' in length we will also have to provide an additional standpipe w/FDC that is accessible from a fire boat to meet the distance requirement. We are working with ESD #6 and the Travis County Fire Marshal to figure out how we will do this.

We expect to have the LCRA permit for dock replacement issued by the end of February. We already know that the LCRA permit will be conditioned on compliance with all Federal, State and Local rules, regulations and ordinances; therefore, we will be required to provide some means of complying with the Marina Fire Protection ordinance prior to gaining acceptance of the dock replacement. A special condition of the LCRA permit prohibits us from occupying the docks until we have received a successful final inspection and written authorization to occupy and operate the new facilities. Therefore, the LCRA can prevent us from occupying the docks until we have complied with the Marina Fire Protection ordinance.

We currently have a total of 60 wet slips between docks 1 & 3 (33 on dock 1 and 27 on dock 3). When the new docks arrive we will be losing two slips, one from each dock, giving us a total of 58 between those two docks. This is a result of our plan to provide connecting walkways between the docks, which will allow us to build one new access point to docks 1, 2, and 3 instead of a new access for each dock. A similar plan is being made for docks 4, 5, & 6. The regulations pertaining to dock access have been in place a long time, and with the current replacement plan our days of delaying action on the matter are over: the LCRA is taking the opportunity to force the installation of acceptable gangways. We are working on dock configuration alternatives that will accommodate our wet slip needs while addressing the regulatory requirements in a cost effective way. Input on this topic is welcome. Please send ideas, requests for discussions, drawings, and any other useful information to har-

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### More Changes on the Way

All who join us on Opening Day, and everyone visiting AYC on a regular basis, will see some marked facilities improvement as a result of the AYC-wide capital improvement programs approved for 2011. The pool has been completely refurbished, with new quartz plaster, new tile and markings, new and compliant pump, circulation and filtering system. All will be operational by pool opening time in May!

You'll also notice repairs, upgrades and new paint for the club house and office. By early March, repainting and major repairs to all rental cabins will be complete, as well as replacement of all mattresses and futons.

And that's not it! Work on replacing docks #1 and #3 will begin in March. Initial construction of LCRA compliant access to docks #1-#3 will commence during March and April. Rigging docks will be repaired and updated as well. So be with us on March 13 to celebrate our many years of growth and progress and help us launch our next phase and growth at AYC!

[bor\\_commander@austinyachtclub.net](mailto:bor_commander@austinyachtclub.net).

### Dock 6 damaged in winter blast

The arctic blast that swept across Texas on February 1<sup>st</sup> brought high winds and plenty of cold temperatures. The 50+ knot winds whipping in from the north and coming down Pool Canyon put our anchoring system to the test. The good news is the anchors all appear to have held their ground. The bad news is that Dock 6 was the critical link between the main lateral line set up in Pool Canyon and the other five docks to leeward. As the docks all shifted south in the strong north winds, the forces became too great at the lateral line connection point and Dock 6 buckled, causing enough damage to have to replace an entire segment of the dock with a new structure. We have engaged Lakeside Marine Services to make this repair. Hopefully, by the time this article is published the repairs will have been completed.

### Dock move plans

We've been fortunate so far this year with the lake level holding relatively steady. We began the year about 2' below the average January elevation of 669' msl, and

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## Race Commander Report

By Bruce McDonald



As I write this month's Race Commander's report, we are more than half way through the **Frostbite Series**. Participation for this series has been higher than I can remember for many years. We have had 56 boats entered and most of those have been out on the water either as participants or race committee each week.

**Regatta Network:** This year we are using the Regatta Network for registration and scoring. There are links on the AYC home page to directly connect competitors to registration form. For those of you who are U S Sailing members, you need merely to enter your U S Sailing number and it will fill out most of the form for you. In the past, we have had complaints that boat names, skipper names, numbers, PHRF ratings, etc. were entered incorrectly. This should take care of that problem. You only need to register once per series, then drop by the RC room before each race to check off the box next to your sail number.

**Fewer Starts:** During the Frostbite Series, we have also experimented with reducing the number of starts. This was in response to a decrease in participation by several fleets. By combining starts, we have decrease the total number from 9 to 5, decreasing the burden on race committees. I have not seen any significant problems arising from the new system and it definitely has made the SC 21-Ensign-Catalina 22 start more interesting.

**Upcoming Races:** The last weekend of February AYC is hosting the **J/80 Circuit Stop**. It looks as though we are having a good level of participation this year. This is always an exciting and fun event with a high level of competition. **Opening Day Regatta** is scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup>. This will be a long distance race which will follow the brunch and assorted fanfare. Don't forget to pick up some of those hot t-shirts. For those of you who aren't sailing, you can still order shirts through our online store. Just click on the t-shirt link in the Opening Day Regatta link on our web site.

**Education:** This year we are putting a major emphasis on education. We have already had the Race Management Seminar which was held January 15<sup>th</sup>, given by **Brad Davis**. There was a great turnout with a total of 45 students. An on-the-water Motor Boat Handling Seminar, was held in two sessions on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Twenty six students including 6 UT students were trained in high and low speed maneuvers, rescue, an-

choring and mark setting. It has been several decades since we have had such a course and the trainees were encouraged to pass this information along to fellow club members. The course was organized by **Vic Manning** and given by **Steve Gay**. Many thanks to **Remus Broussard**, **Jorge Trevino** and **Dane Ohe** for their help. Upcoming clinics include a Rules Roundtable Discussion which will be given by **Brad Davis** on February 12<sup>th</sup> and a Rules and Protest Management Seminar to be given sometime in March. We hope to make the Rules Roundtable Discussion a regular feature with different topics each month.

The AYC Race Management Handbook has been extensively updated to reflect changes in the rules and club race management. Copies of this document can be viewed and downloaded from the club web site.

We have a new protest form for use at club events. The old form was outdated. The new form is in compliance with U S Sailing and Racing Rules of Sailing.

Your race commander has been working with **Scott Spurlin** to bring J World to the Austin Yacht Club. It will be held the week immediately prior to our Opening Day Regatta. The on-the-water clinic will be held in J/80s and will give AYC members the chance to participate in a high energy advanced yacht racing experience without the expense and inconvenience of traveling to Annapolis. The course will be directly billed through J World to participants, so there will be no expense to the club. There will be two separate courses, one for intermediate racers and the other for advanced racers.

We are off to a great start to what looks like a great year of racing at the club. See you on the water.

### "Hank on Honey" Chipotle Barbecue Sauce

By John and Carolyn Howard

Voted "1st Place Winner" Best BBQ Sauce in Texas at the BBQ sauce cook-off at the end of the Frostbite Series banquet on February 19, 2011. Yields one cup.

#### Ingredients:

½ c.	ketchup
¼ c.	brown sugar
¼ c.	honey
2 T.	chipotle chiles in adobo
2 t.	apple cider vinegar
1½ t.	Worcestershire sauce
½ t.	garlic powder
¼ t.	salt (to taste)
1 pinch	ground pepper (to taste)



# Hey Sailor



I want to sail on your big fast boat

March 13th  
all day long

go ahead and register

will work for t-shirt  
and grog ration

what have you got to lose?

## Membership Directory Update Needed!

The 2011 Membership Directory will be published soon and your help is needed to make sure your name and contact information is correct. Please review your contact information online at the AYC website ([www.austinyachtclub.net](http://www.austinyachtclub.net)) and make any corrections to it before March 31.



## Buildings & Grounds Report

By Fred Ford

Many of you may have noticed the work crews at our club. Your Building and Grounds Committee (**John Saunders, Steve Brown** and **Garett Kates**) has been pretty busy. The clubhouse, the office and buildings 4,5,6, 7 and 8 are all being repainted. In preparation for the paint, rotted wood in the ramp railings, balcony, office dormer, buildings 4 and six, are also being replaced. New doors are being installed in the office and two of the rental cabins.

All the rental cabins have received new mattresses and futons. Protective covers for the mattresses, pillows and futons have also been installed. Worn and frayed bedspreads have been replaced and the futon outer covers are being laundered. We are replacing the windows in cabin 6 in accordance with current code and energy standards....they will actually close...no more duct tape.

I am sure all of you have noticed the pool re-plastering. We have chosen a quartz based plaster for the pool. It is much more durable and carries a lifetime warranty. We have also hired a pool service to assist our caretaker, **Tom Cunningham**, in maintaining the pool in accordance with the warranty requirements. The pool filter has been upgraded to a DE commercial size filter and valves/plumbing have been replaced to take full advantage of the new filtering capacity. The main drain has been split to follow code requirements and tiles marking depth and "No Diving" have been installed. The pool is now in full compliance with health and safety codes.

All metal railing/fencing, metal staircase and clubhouse cap-railing are being prepped for painting with a tougher semi gloss paint to provide better service life and quality of use.

A plumbing contractor has been retained to evaluate our septic system and that work is currently in progress.

Men.... notice the mirror in the clubhouse restroom. A plumbing upgrade for the men's bathhouse is being installed to correct a persistent plumbing problem and this should generate an immediate cost savings.

The galley (many thanks to the Social Committee chair, **Susie McDonald**) utensils have been sorted and upgraded to provide better utility and service. We are looking at a bid to move the beer dispenser and soda cooler out of the galley. Action on that should be completed soon.

**John Saunders** and **Steve Brown** are replacing the

Work Area hoist chain and one of the halyards on the club mast due to excessive wear. The lines in the mast hoists are also scheduled for replacement.

We need your help. I am planning a Work Day for Saturday, 26 February. Please mark your calendars. A detailed email will be sent out. You will need to bring a leaf rake, gloves and brooms. Volunteers will be divided into teams dedicated to raking, sweeping, table washing, brush pile chipping and possibly power washing. The thrust of this effort will be "spring cleaning" for opening day. I plan to have several more work parties as the year progresses and various projects come to fruition. A blast email will be sent out with information about the upcoming workday. I will request an RSVP to the workday. I need to know the size of our work force in order to schedule our work. Please make yourself available.



### Work Day

**Saturday, February 26, 2011**

**9:00 A.M.— 3:00 P.M.**

**Pizza and refreshments will be provided!**

The thrust of our effort will be to clean up the area around the clubhouse, office, pool, picnic tables and cabins. Our work will include leaf raking, sweeping, hedge trimming, table washing and brush clearing using a chipper. We need your help! If you plan to volunteer, it would be a great help to us if you would bring a leaf rake and work gloves. A few extra brooms would also be of help.

To organize our work plan and teams, please RSVP to Fred Ford, Buildings & Grounds Commander, at: [ffordf@gmail.com](mailto:ffordf@gmail.com).





## Ensign Fleet News By Bill Hawk

### Great Meeting, Great Food!

On Saturday evening, January 8, **Tom and Kelley Groll** hosted the annual Ensign meeting and potluck. Great dishes complemented the Groll spaghetti with a venison meat sauce. The Good, the Bad and the Ugly awards were presented. **Lewis Price** won The Good for the most improved competitor sailing **Dos Locos**, **Frans Dahmen** won The Bad for not getting his boat ready in time to sail a single race last year, and **James Wilsford** won The Ugly for . . . well, a variety of reasons.

### New Officers!

**Randolph Bertin** was elected the new Fleet Captain, **Norma Lien** will remain Fleet Treasurer and **Danny Lien** was elected Secretary. Scribe duties will be passed around with a different Ensign sailor writing the Ensign news each month. As Secretary, Danny will be responsible for coordinating the writing schedule. Social events will no longer be the responsibility of a social committee. The Fleet Captain will schedule social events and volunteers will host the events.

### Upcoming Events!

It was decided that our local Fleet 30 would put in a bid to hold the Ensign National Championships at AYU in conjunction with the Regionals scheduled to be held here that year. There was a consensus that we would be able to conduct the events in the proper fashion. There will be further discussion concerning putting in a bid to host the events.

### No Increase In Dues!

Fleet Dues were set at \$25.00 per family with minor children. If you have adult children or non Ensign Fleet members crewing for you and they wish to attend social functions there is an extra \$25.00 charge.

### Our Boats Have Been Around Longer Than Yours!

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ensign National Championship will be held on August 14th to 18th at Canandaigua Yacht Club, hosted by Fleet 23. The festivities will start with a 50th Anniversary dinner at the club on Sunday, August 14, with the National Championship running from Monday, August 15 to Thursday, August 18. Registration is now open on the Class website. We are expecting a lot of boats so please register early. Bow numbers are being assigned in the order of registration receipt, which will also be the order for haul out. There is an early bird special registration fee which is in effect until April 1st for the first 40 boats.

## Harbor Commander...

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with a little help in the form of precipitation and cool weather combined with the LCRA's lowering of Inks Lake and Lake Austin, we've been able to avoid moving Docks 4, 5 and 6 out to their low water position. But the near term forecast suggests that our luck may be running out. With lake levels dropping at approximately 0.1' per day we should expect to be moving Docks 4, 5 & 6 before the end of March. With all the racing activities scheduled during the month of March (Road Runner regatta, Opening Day regatta, J24 Circuit regatta, Spring Series Race 1) it will require a lot of coordination and compromise to get the docks moved and still have RC boats available for the various events. Be on the lookout for work party notices as that time draws nearer.

**Slip assignments and waiting lists:** As of the date of this writing:

- There are thirteen empty dry slips, with no requests for moves or assignment.
- There are seven empty board boat slips, with no requests for moves or assignment.
- All of the wet slips are currently occupied, with the exception of some of the inside slips. Due to the dropping lake level and our efforts to reconfigure our dock arrangements the inside slips that are currently vacant will remain that way. The inside slips that are currently occupied will be re-assigned to another slip as the inside slips are removed from our docking arrangement. There are six wet slip movement requests – oddly enough everybody wants a leeward slip.
- There are three wet slip assignment requests; however, none of the requestors currently own a boat to put in a wet slip so none of those requests have been granted.

**Boat registrations:** AYU House Rule #6 requires that "All members shall obey County, State, and Federal laws that apply to the operation of the Club." The Texas Administrative Code, Title 31, Part 2, Chapter 53, Subchapter E, Rule 53.90 follows:

- (a) Documented vessels are required to display the registration validation sticker on both sides of the bow and maintain current documentation through the United States Coast Guard or display the state-assigned TX numbering series with the decal. Commercial vessels used in coastal shipping and vessels exceeding 115 feet in length are exempt from registration requirements.
- (b) Vessels registered as antique boats are permitted to display the registration validation sticker on the left portion of the windshield. In the absence of a windshield, the registration validation sticker must be

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## J/22 Fleet News By Renee Ruais

# J 22

This will be a short article, since there's not much to say about 2011 so far. It's all good, though! It is hard to believe that we've had so many frigid days, snow, sleet and freezing rain, yet such wonderful racing weather on Saturdays! Accordingly, the fleet is off to an excellent start.

We had RC Duty on Race 1 of the Frostbite series. I'd like to thank **Jimmy Cain,**

**Bob & Deb Mathison, Don Floyd, Billy & Simon Eno, Doichin Tzolov, John Halter and Bruce Uphaus,** and Mother Nature for their help! Feedback from the racers was positive.

Although that Saturday was really nice and we missed the opportunity to race, it's great to have one of our RC assignments out of the way. Fortunately, the weather for the rest of the Frostbite Series has been just as nice. We've enjoyed our fair share of racing, with 6 or 7 boats out for each race day. Racing is competitive, and the final race day of the series will be a real showdown. **Halter or Ruais** for 1<sup>st</sup>, and will it be **Dwight, Mathison, Eno, or Uphaus** (only 3 points separate the 4 teams) for 3<sup>rd</sup>? I can't wait to see how it turns out!

We are also looking forward to welcoming our newest J/22 owner, **Pierre Bossart.** Pierre and his family will be bringing their boat home to AYC soon and we look forward to having them race with us. Pierre has been an active Laser sailor at AYC for several years and is really looking forward to having a boat he can sail with the whole family.

See you on the water!

## Harbor Commander...

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*attached to the certificate of number and made available for inspection when the boat is operated on public water.*

The following vessels (when on Texas public water) are required by law to have current registration. **This includes vessels that are docked or moored:**

- All motorized boats, regardless of length (motorized boats include boats propelled by a trolling motor);
- All sailboats 14 feet in length or longer or any sailboat with an auxiliary engine(s); and
- USCG Documented vessels.

## J/World Classes Coming To AYC

By David Broadway

Last month, the AYC Board approved JWorld Annapolis to host two classes at AYC. The classes are open to anyone but we would like to see AYC members use up the 12 or 16 student slots first. The normal cost of these classes is \$490.00/student in Annapolis. They are charging \$400.00/student at AYC and there is no travel so this would be about 1/3 the cost of flying to Annapolis and arranging for lodging out there.

All interested skippers and crew are invited. Hopefully, we can build up our participation and fleets with classes such as this.

**Class Information:** J World Annapolis is offering two unique opportunities in Austin, Texas to sharpen your skills and improve performance on your boat!

- A two-day course will focus on spinnaker and sail trim, advanced sail controls and boat handling. Open to sailors of all levels of experience. March 8-9, 2011. \$400 per person.
- A two-day course will cover crew organization, and spinnaker handling, as well as tactics, strategy, starting and short course boat against boat racing. March 10-11, 2011. \$400 per person.

The courses will be held at the Austin Yacht Club which is located on 35 acres of lakefront property on the shore of Lake Travis, in the heart of the Texas hill country only 30 minutes from downtown Austin.

Here's the link to sign up:

[http://www.jworldannapolis.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=200&Itemid=673](http://www.jworldannapolis.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=200&Itemid=673)

Call the AYC office at 512-266-1336 if you're interested in staying in the newly re-furnished cabins. The classes are discounted and with travel to the Austin Yacht Club much cheaper than Annapolis this is a great opportunity to take the J/World classes!

**Exempted vessels** — All (non-motorized) canoes, kayaks, punts, rowboats, or rubber rafts (regardless of length) when paddled, poled, or oared; sailboats under 14 feet in length when windblown; USCG documented commercial vessels used in coastal shipping; and USCG documented vessels exceeding 115 feet in length.

Information on renewing or obtaining registration for your boat can be found on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's website at [www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us).





# McCarthy Cup

Hosted by the University of Texas & Austin Yacht Club  
February 26-27, 2011



## NOTICE OF RACE

### Rules

1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012 (RRS), ICSA Procedural Rules (PR's), this NOR and the SI's
2. **Eligibility and Entry**
- 2.1 This is an open regatta. All SEISA sailors and any other sailors are welcome. Please contact Luke Cragin ([lukecragin@gmail.com](mailto:lukecragin@gmail.com)) by Wednesday, February 16, 2011 to confirm your team.

3. **Boats**

Racing will be in FJs.

4. **Schedule of Races**

Saturday	Feb. 26	09:00	Report Time
		09:15	Skippers Meeting
		10:00	First Warning
Sunday	Feb 27	10:00	First Warning

No warning signal will be made after 1:30 Sunday

5. **Sailing Instructions**

The Sailing Instructions will be available Saturday, February 26, 2011.

6. **Racing Area**

Racing will be conducted on Lake Travis from the Austin Yacht Club.

7. **Procedures and Course**

Regatta management, procedures and courses will be in accordance to ICSA PR for college sailors, with the exception of rules PR 11, 12, and 15 for non-ICSA sailors. The Course will be a Digital N.

- 7.1 Non ICSA Teams will not have to follow PR 13.d, but are encouraged to wear pinnies to identify their teams.

8. **Regatta Format**

The planned regatta format is a multiple round robins for 3 on 3 team racing. The regatta format and number of races will be determined by the Race Committee, based on the number of teams and the weather conditions. Further information will be provided on the SI's at the skippers meeting

9. **Housing and Transportation**

Limited housing is available upon request. Please contact the regatta organizer with the number of teammates if requesting housing.

10. **Information**

Luke Cragin, President, The University of Texas Sailing Team, [lukecragin@gmail.com](mailto:lukecragin@gmail.com), 214-284-9918



## Roadrunner Fleet News

### Work party at Rylander Pavilion on Sunday, February 27 from 1PM to 4PM, by Philippe Bettler:

The TSA Roadrunner Regatta is the following weekend and the goal is to get the boats, pavilion and sail training room ready to kick off the sailing season with 100+ kids! Please bring empty laundry detergent bottles that can be used as bailers for optis and FJs (we are in need of a good dozen). If you have some Marinetex left over, please bring it on, and we will use it to smooth out some of the damaged center boards. Some other items we will need: Acetone, Masking tape, paper towels, and tools!

Please bring also your ideas to make this year a great year for our young sailors.

### Boats for TSA Roadrunner Regatta on March 5 & 6, by Fredrik Schaubert:

The AYC Regatta is fast approaching, and we want as many junior sailors to participate as possible. It will be a really fun event for all levels of junior sailors of all skill levels. In addition to registering for the regatta, if you need to reserve a club boat make sure you contact the following - limited supplies available so sign up soon: Opti: Bill Records [brecords-fotos@yahoo.com](mailto:brecords-fotos@yahoo.com), Laser: John Morran [jfmorran@yahoo.com](mailto:jfmorran@yahoo.com), FJ: Steve Gay [segay1@myfairpoint.net](mailto:segay1@myfairpoint.net)

For more information about the event and how to register for the Roadrunner Regatta, please go to <http://www.aycroadrunners.org/programs/roadrunner-regatta/>.

Tentatively, a practice session with coaches is scheduled for the 20th of February with an other session hopefully on the 27th of February. These dates should be confirmed soon, so stay tuned for more information.

### Summer Information Fair on March 24:

AYC Sail Training has purchased a table at the Summer Information Fair in Georgetown for March 24th from 4:30 - 7:30. This a clearing house for information on summer youth camps for central Texas. **Kelly Hawk** will be the 2011 'Camp Mom' and will be there. They are allowing us to bring an Opti as a demonstration. **Bill Records** will put together a slide show of last years junior program, and he would like to have some of the Roadrunners there wearing club Tshirts. Volunteers should contact **Kelly Hawk** at [kelly@austinhawks.net](mailto:kelly@austinhawks.net).

### Proposed 2011 Social Calendar:

- Fleet Potluck in February (Saturday or Sunday evening). This will be a good time for a brief introduction of the Roadrunner Fleet Board, new coach, and tentative racing/ practice schedule.
- "School's Out For Pizza" Party the last weekend in May.

- Ice Cream Social in August before school starts.
- Hot Chocolate Social at our last practice in October.

**New Google Group:** The Fleet's new Google Group is "AYC Roadrunners" at [www.google.com](http://www.google.com). If you haven't joined as a member, and you're the parent of a junior sailor at AYC, please log on and join.

**New Bank Account:** A Fleet bank account has been set up.

## Roadrunner Regatta Information March 5 & 6, 2011

By John Morran, Regatta Chair

The Regatta will be the second stop of this year's TSA Youth Circuit. Typically, this is one of the largest youth sailing events in the state of Texas - last year we had over 100 participants. Our AYC Roadrunner Fleet can consider helping in two ways:

**1. Most importantly, we want our AYC youth sailors to participate.** TSA Registration Information is available at [www.txsail.org](http://www.txsail.org). I know it is early in the season and it may be hard to think about sailing right now - but this is a great way to start the season and get a taste of what the TSA circuit is all about without having to travel.

There will be several fleets of boats: **Opti Green Fleet** - This is for sailors new to racing. The concept is fun and with limited on the water adult supervision to help the sailors learn how to get around a racecourse. **Opti Red/White/Blue** - This is the Opti racing fleet for more experienced sailors. **Lasers** - This is also for more experienced sailors that have some racing experience and experience sailing a high performance dinghy. There will be Fleets of Radials and 4.7s, and possibly even some Full Rigs as this is the Texas Junior Laser Championship. **FJs**- One of the most competitive racing fleets - mainly high school age sailors with the experience sailing double-handed boats. Please remember, AYC Optis and Lasers are typically available for use by club members.

I could use a Roadrunner Fleet volunteer for Optis and one for Lasers to coordinate boat reservation and making sure that the boats have all their parts available for the regatta. Steve Gay is coordinating the FJ fleet - if you have sailors interested in sailing in those boats please contact him directly to discuss experience and availability.

**2. Volunteer to help with the Regatta.** We like to make sure that everyone that comes to AYC has a great time on and off the water - and that will take volunteers. I am happy to report that many of the people that filled key

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# 2010 Miami Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta Report

By Yolanda Cortés Mares



268 Optis waiting in "line" to launch at 2010 Miami OB

**Miami Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta on December 26-29, 2010:** AYC's Alan Rochard (Laser Radial, sail # 29/170806), **Alexandra Mares** (Opti Blue Fleet, sail # 14911), and **Spencer LeGrande** (Opti Blue Fleet, sail # 15120) experienced the largest international youth regatta in the United States over Christmas break. A group of about 30 sailors from Texas converged on Miami's Coral Reef Yacht Club, joining a crowd of 665 of the best sailors in the world (ages 8 to 18) in 562 boats racing in 6 classes representing 21 countries and 23 states. There were 218 Optis in the Red/White/Blue Fleet and 50 Optis in the Green Fleet. The rest were Lasers and 420's.



Photo Left: Alexandra Mares (wearing a new drysuit) with USNT Head Coach Scott Norman

This was Spencer's home club before joining AYC and he was glad to be on familiar territory! Not knowing what

to expect, travel time for Alexandra was 16 hours by car, split into two days with an overnight stay, for her first race being coached by USNT Head Coach, **Scott Norman**. Allen had raced in this regatta many times before



Photo Top Left: Alexandra Mares after rigging in 32 degree weather; Photo Bottom Left: Top sailor in the Caribbean Affoo climbs down side of dock to get into boat while his father holds on; Photo bottom Right: YC assistants lower boats into water.



and **The Rochards** were happy to see their friends from France. Many of the Opti sailors from Texas texted each other along the way, making the voyage seem like a huge caravan.

On the first day of the regatta, there was ice on the boats and on the sails, with temperatures unseasonably cold at 32 degrees and wind gusting to 34 knots. This was not Miami weather! By the second day, all the Opti sailors' parents who didn't own dry suits for their kids, bellied up to the various vendors booths and bought one. The initial shock of the weather was second, however, to the shock of how the boats were being launched. They were dropped 12 feet from the ground into the water, stern first, while other boats sailed by! Oh, and the sailor had to climb down the side of the dock, to get into their boat! Luckily, none of the Texas boats were reported damaged from the launching. By the second day, the temperature was a little warmer and the breeze a little calmer and the temperature continued to rise while the wind continued to diminish as the regatta went on, culminating in full blown glass and canceled races. Out of 111 sailors in Blue Fleet, **Alexandra Mares** scored 98 and **Spencer LeGrande** scored 88. **Alan Rochard** scored an impressive 59 out of 139. Way to go Roadrunners! When you see these sailors, please congratulate them. They prove that sailing is, indeed, a year-round sport.

For exciting action photos, please see [www.timwilkes.com](http://www.timwilkes.com), follow the instructions, and enter the AYC sailor's sail number.



## Roadrunner Regatta Information

March 5 & 6, 2011

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roles last year have agreed to help again this year - but they all need help with their committees. Please contact the following to offer your support in the areas that you can assist with:

### Volunteer - Off the Water

- Registration: JoAnn Welles [joann-welles@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joann-welles@sbcglobal.net)
- Meals: Susan Dwight [sdd@austin.rr.com](mailto:sdd@austin.rr.com)
- FJ Fleet Coordinator: Steve Gay [segay1@myfairpoint.net](mailto:segay1@myfairpoint.net)

### Volunteer - On the Water

- FJ/Laser Course PRO:  
Barry Bowden [bbowden1@austin.rr.com](mailto:bbowden1@austin.rr.com)
- OPTI RWB Course PRO: Ray Shull [rshull@aceaustin.com](mailto:rshull@aceaustin.com)
- OPTI Green Fleet PRO Bill Hawk [bill@austinhawks.net](mailto:bill@austinhawks.net)

Some other key areas where I will need help and assistance (please contact John Morran @ [jfморran@yahoo.com](mailto:jfморran@yahoo.com) if interested):

- Opti Green Fleet PRO Scoring Protest Committee Members
- RR Fleet Opti Coordinator (mentioned above)
- RR Fleet Laser Coordinator (mentioned above)

Thank you all for your interest and support of AYC youth sailing!

**Please Note:** The club has 6 Lasers (4.7, Radial or Full Rigs) available for members to use in this Regatta. So far, 3 confirmed reservations have been received for Laser 4.7. Please contact John Morran at [jfморran@yahoo.com](mailto:jfморran@yahoo.com) to reserve a Laser or if you have any questions about the Regatta. FJ requests for this Regatta can be made by contacting Steve Gay at [segay1@myfairpoint.net](mailto:segay1@myfairpoint.net). Please make your requests for FJ boats early, as Houston and New Orleans sailors are already responding and Dallas sailors will follow shortly. Opti reservations can be made by contacting Bill Records at [brecordsfotos@yahoo.com](mailto:brecordsfotos@yahoo.com).

Don't Forget - in addition to reserving the boat, you need to register for the event at : [www.txsail.org](http://www.txsail.org)!

## Socially Speaking By Susie McDonald



The Frostbite Series is in full swing as I write this, and the post-race meals have been delicious and well attended. We would like to see even more members joining us for dinner after the race so please spread the word – there are people out there who actually do not know we serve hot meals after races.

The next major event is Opening Day, to be held on Sunday, March 13. Please plan to join us before the Opening Day Regatta for a catered brunch, Bloody Marys (compliments of **The Bartletts**) and mimosas.

The luau is a go this year. **Jorge Martin-de-Nicolas** has once again agreed to be head chef. While we would love to have the party in September or October when it is cooler, those weekends are booked with racing and UT games. Looks like late August for the luau – more details to come.

While we're on the subject of hot weather, we're also thinking about an informal, indoor summer party in mid-July during the lull in racing. Seems a shame not to get together for two months. This will have to be budget-permitting, so stay tuned.

The Annual Banquet is scheduled for Friday, December 2. We have booked The Top of the Oasis – an amazing party room with a huge deck overlooking the lake. We have also re-booked the band from last year, Stop the Truck (aka Mau Mau Chaplains). There's plenty of room for a large crowd so please mark your calendars and plan to attend. That's it from the kitchen!

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

Menus for series meals are now posted on the AYC website. For the current series, use the "Frostbite Series" link at the top of the page to access this information.

Winners of the BBQ sauce cook-off at the end of Frostbite Series banquet on February 19, 2011 were:

- 1st Place "Best BBQ Sauce in Texas": "Hank On Honey" Chipotle Barbecue Sauce by John and Carolyn Howard (See Page 6 of this Telltale issue for the recipe!)
- People's Choice "Best BBQ Sauce in Texas": "Combined Start" Barbecue Sauce by Bruce McDonald (See Page 4 of this Telltale issue for the recipe!)





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