



One 2012 Regatta to Go Time to Get Wild

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AYC 2012 RACE CALENDAR

November 4	Fall Series #3	1:30p (RC - C22)
November 11	Fall Series #4	1:30p (RC - PHRF A)
November 17	Wild Turkey Regatta	All day

AYC 2012 NON-RACING EVENTS

November 15	AYC Board of Directors Meeting	7:30p
November 29	Annual Members Meeting	7:00p
December 7	AYC Annual Banquet at the Oasis	7:00p
December 15	Roadrunner Holiday Party	1:00p

2012 Wild Turkey Regatta Saturday, November 17th PHRF Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker and Multi-Hulls



REGISTRATION 11:00 - 11:45
KHF MEMBERS \$15
NON-KHF MEMBERS \$20

SKIPPERS MEETING AFTER
REGISTRATION

1ST SIGNAL 1:30

SNACKS AND BEVERAGES TO FOLLOW RACE

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE THE AYC WEBSITE

From The Commodore

by Johannes Brinkmann



Keep Your Eye on the LCRA!

By the time you read this, the LCRA board will have met in Fredericksburg on November 14 to decide how much water will be released from the Highland Lakes to the rice farmers in 2013. For the sake of all of us who depend on these lakes for drinking water, I hope they

make the right decision. Given the possibility of continuing severe drought conditions and the dangerously low levels of our reservoirs, I believe it is irresponsible to consider further releases to the rice farmers at this time. This is about much more than recreation on Lake Travis. This is about the economic survival of Austin and Central Texas. Being sailors, we all saw first-hand what happened to the lake in 2011. Now imagine what would happen if we have two more years like that in a row! If the LCRA doesn't hold back the water we have stored now, a drought like that could literally empty the lakes and shut the city down. AYC's board voted to support the efforts of the Central Texas Water Coalition to get the word out on this issue, by authorizing AYC to help pay for a full page ad to run in the Statesman on the weekend of November 10. Please talk with everyone you know about this issue. Let's make sure the LCRA knows people are paying attention.

AYC's Annual Membership Meeting is Thursday, November 29.

At this meeting you and your fellow members will be electing the 2013 board. In addition, the current board will be presenting its annual reports for 2012. It's been a very active and successful year at AYC. Here's a small preview of what you'll hear about: We have replaced our FJ fleet, hosted the College Nationals, made numerous facility and dock improvements, improved insurance coverage while lowering its cost, maintained membership despite low lake levels, conducted successful summer camps, increased participation in our junior program, kept an ambitious schedule of excellent regattas and series races, hosted numerous social events, hired a new bookkeeper, added a full time sailing director, maintained solid financial discipline and secured long term financing to fund capital improvements to the club.

Jan Thompson, together with her Annual Awards committee, has been hard at work assessing the many worthy perpetual award nominations that have been submitted. I have approved the committee's recommendations and this year's recipients have been chosen. There are some great stories to be told and accomplishments to be recognized at the **Annual Banquet on Friday, December 7**. Don't miss this festive and fun event.

It is with great sadness that I must note the passing of **Jim Deeter**. Jim, a Vietnam Purple Heart recipient, was a member of AYC for some 15 years in the Catalina 22 Fleet, the Catalina 27 Fleet and the Fish Fleet. Jim passed on November 9, surrounded by family. He was a good friend to many of us at AYC.

Life is short. Go sailing!

Vice Commodore Report

by Christopher Dwight



Among the many activities at AYC, five annual regattas are sponsored and managed by the club: Road Runner Regatta, Spring Regatta, Turnback Canyon Regatta, Centerboard Regatta, and Governor's Cup. Other major regattas are organized by area fleets or other organizations such as UT Sailing Team.

The Centerboard Regatta was not only a success on the water, but was also very successful financially. The projected net profit from the budget prepared by **Vic Manning** was \$270. The actual profit ended up being \$709. Kudos to Vic for running a great event and coming in ahead of budget.

John Howard managed this year's Governor's Cup Regatta. As you could see in the photos appearing in last month's Telltale, there was a lot of fun had on the water. Financially, John also outperformed his budget. The proposed budget had a net loss of \$127. The actual loss was only \$61.

Notwithstanding the possibility of a few outstanding expenses, we have the overall 2012 financial results. Total regatta income for all five regattas held in 2012 was \$18,706 and total expense was \$19,705. The net loss on regattas for the year was \$999. The 2012 budget anticipated an overall regatta loss of \$1000 so we are ahead of budget for the year by \$1.

Many thanks go to the regatta chairs and their teams who made the 2012 AYC regatta season a success. When you see these people out at the club, be sure to thank them for their service. Road Runner Regatta chair: **John Morran**. Spring Regatta Chair: **David Lewis**. Turnback Canyon Regatta chair: **Wade Bingaman**. Centerboard Regatta chair: **Vic Manning**. Governor's Cup Regatta chair: **John Howard**.



Buildings & Grounds Report

by John Saunders



This month we will be painting names on trailers in accordance with AYC requirements for trailers stored on the property.

The \$40 fee per trailer will go to the UT Sailing Team for their assistance.

Thank you very much for all your hard work!

Sail Training Report

by Jenny Loehlin



The Women's Sailing Camp was popular as usual, and this year the weather conditions were better than last year, with a pleasant warm day, if a little more breeze than absolutely ideal. We wound up with 22 students on seven boats. Thanks to **Linda McDavitt, Kate Noble, JoAnn Welles, and Nina Chamness** for helping with planning

and logistics, **Kate Noble** for doing the chalk talks, **Renee Ruais, Linda Donovan, Carolyn Wilsford, Lesa Brown, Ann**



Photo by Bill Records

Kitzmiller, Nancy Nitardy, Debbie Mathison, Rachel Loziuk, Susan Stuehrk, Lynna Holland, Hazel Sanchez, JoAnn Welles, and Linda McDavitt for serving as instructors on the water, **Rob Stivers and Keith and Bonnie Lackey** for lending boats, and **James Wilsford** for preparing a delicious dinner.

Now things are winding down for the year - the Racing School will be taking place before the series races and so will be winding up this coming weekend, and the junior practices run through the following weekend, the weekend before Thanksgiving.

Marcus Tita and Sam Hollenbeck raced in the Opti fleet at the first weekend of the Wurstfest regatta down at Lake Canyon Yacht Club in challenging conditions - light and really shifty. I was racing in the Portsmouth fleet and we had one windward/windward race. Still a good way to spend a beautiful fall weekend.

Sailing Director Report

by Kate Noble



Adult Training News

The annual Women's Camp on October 20 was the highlight of the fall season. We had a full class with several on the waitlist. Thank you to Sail Training Commander **Jennifer Loehlin** and all the volunteers who donated their time, boats, and talents to make this clinic such a success!

As we wrap up the 2012 Sail Training season, please feel free to contact me with your thoughts about how we can make 2013 even better.



Photo by Bill Records

Junior Training News

The 2012 Roadrunner Junior Sailing season will be winding down this month. We have enjoyed a great month of fall sailing weather. Most notably, there was an Opti start at the Governor's Cup Regatta October 6 -7. The fleet sailed on despite the chilly temperatures. After 16 races over two days, trophies were awarded to: third place **Sam Hollenbeck**, second place **Charles Larrouilh**, and first place **Spencer Legrande**. We had a great group of competitors, including first-timers **Andrew and Reece Butler**. Thank you to everyone who helped out! **Bill Records and Polly Peel** on RC, **Alex Larrouilh and Dan Hollenbeck** on my coach boat, and **Dixon Legrande** for general support out on the water. Also a big thank you to our regatta chair, **John Howard**, for organizing a fantastic event.

Over the past month we've had record attendance for Friday evening's Basics/Beginners practice. The group has been showing a lot of improvement, participating in classroom discussion, drills, distance sails and plenty of fun and games in between. The Green Fleet has taken a break from the race course to work on fundamental skills that will improve their starts, upwind sailing, and overall boat handling. They are looking better than ever! Our Laser/FJ practice continues to grow. Our regulars, **Will Abrams** and new member **Nikki Goodwin** have been adjusting to the Laser and doing a spectacular job. Free Sail Sunday continues to be popular with the junior sailors.

We had several Roadrunner sailors out on the road this past

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month. **Spencer Legrande** placed 8th in Opti Red Fleet at Rush Creek Yacht Club for Choco-Palooza, the last Texas Sailing Association Youth Circuit Regatta of the season on October 13-14. **Sam Hollenbeck** and **Marcus Tita** both participated in their first out of town regatta, the Opti fleet at LCYC's 44th annual Wursthfest Regatta, November 3-4. After two days of sailing and six races, Marcus placed 4th and Sam placed 7th.



Photo by Bill Records

Sam Hollenbeck and Marcus Tita compete at the Wursthfest Regatta.



Photo by Michael Tita

Marcus Tita competing at Wursthfest.



Photo by Michael Tita

Marcus Tita receives his trophy at Wursthfest Regatta at LCYC.

Meredith and Michael Morran competed at the C420 Gulf States Championship at RCYC, also November 3-4, where they took 2nd place. Congratulations! AYC is proud to be represented by all our traveling Roadrunner sailors!



Photo by John Morran

Meredith and Michael Morran compete in their 420 at the C420 Gulf States Championship.

On November 10, we will have our celebratory End of Season Cruise. We will be sailing to a surprise destination where we will enjoy a picnic lunch and end of season party. Our last practices will be the following weekend with the last Basics/Beginners practice on Friday, Nov. 16 from 4:00 until dusk. The last Green Fleet practice of the season is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 17 from 12:30 to 3:00 and Laser/FJ practice from 3:00 to dusk. The last Free Sail Sunday of the season will be on Nov. 18 from 1:00 to 4:00.

Please save the date for the annual Roadrunner Holiday Party on Dec. 15 from 1:00 to 3:00. The party is open to all Roadrunner sailors, young AYC members, and summer program participants. Please see the invitation in this month's issue of the Telltale for more information. I hope to see you all there!

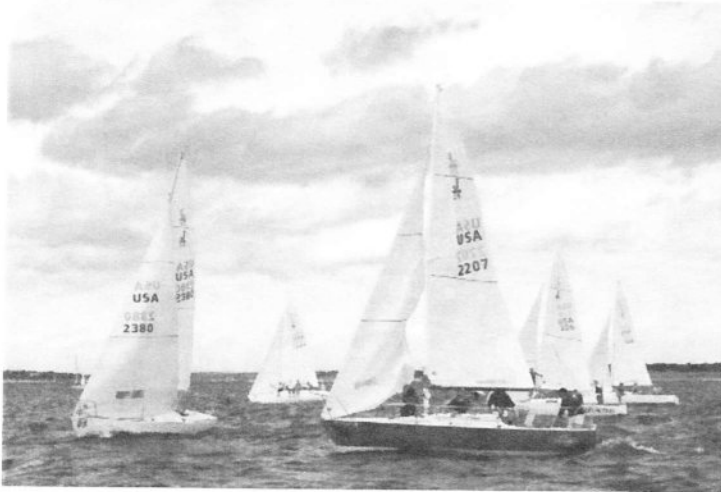


**WE'RE
WATCHING!**

J/24 Fleet Update

by David Broadway

Despite the low water, five J/24s participated in the recent Fall Series. On race date #2, **Doc Gamble** threw down the gauntlet with the "Twinkle Toes" challenge to move skippers to the pointy end and foredeck to the helm. While **Pat Caughey** led around the track, it was **Brian Metz** who charged to the finish with pressure from the right corner for the Ooh Ahh bullet. **John/Meiling Parker** (Free Spirit) raced a very consistent series, finishing with a bullet to move into 2nd place for the series. The Superman team finished first in this series warmup for the LCYC Wurstfest Regatta.



As has been the tradition, the Wurstfest Regatta has served as a fun feeder regatta leading up to the J/24 TX Circuit Regatta held the weekend before Thanksgiving. A deep field of eight boats, including five AYC entries (mr. happy, Ooh Ahh, Free Spirit, Team Krytonite, and Superman) were set to race. However, calamity struck as mr. happy was holed below the waterline by a chase boat prior to the first race start.

In the first race of the event, **Doc Gamble** put on a clinic with a superb start. With strong 15-20 mph breeze and short, wing-on-wing downwind legs, the Ooh Ahh team led until the finish line approach. In the confusion of locating the downwind finish line, the kite came down early and some shrimping occurred as the eventual regatta winner **Corey Harding** (Happy Dance) sneaked by for the win. The Doc's team rallied with a strong 2nd place finish in the last race to finish in the money (well, beer steins) for 4th overall.

Pat Caughey, Superman foredeck and traitor, put together Team Krytonite with **Tom Lappin**, **Doug Casey**, **Lynna Holland**, and **Dave Fisher**. The many attempted Krytonite hex techniques did not prevail as the Superman team of **Ruben Flores**, **Stu Juengst**, **Laura Miller**, **Leander Schulz**, and **David Broadway** earned a 2nd place finish.

Bob Harden is hard at work repairing mr. happy to compete in the 2012 J/24 TX Circuit finale. This will be an exciting event as several teams jockey for position in the 2012 season final standings!

The J/24 Fleet Christmas party will be held Saturday, Dec. 8, in the AYC clubhouse.

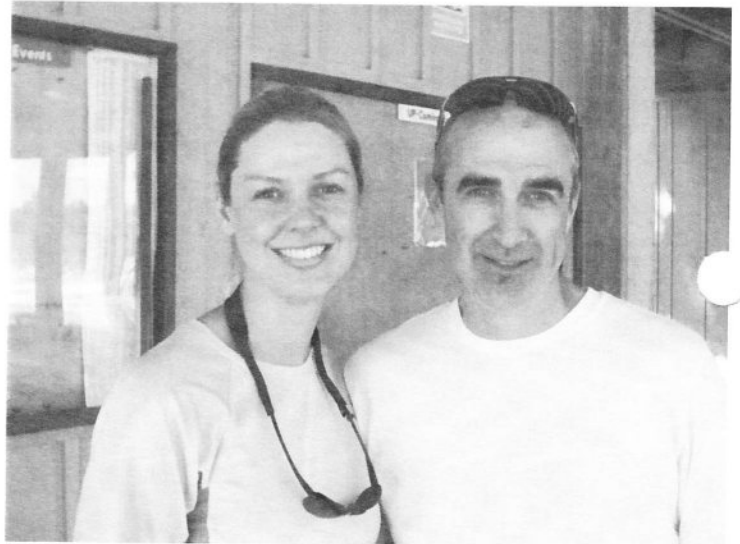
C22 Fleet Update

by Wade Bingaman

As always the fleet has been very active. We just completed our race committee duties for the year. There was a great group of volunteers: **Ted Owens**, **Art Bussey**, **Angela Oveson**, **David Byrne**, **John Grzinich**, **Cindy Higgins**, **Brett Wilson**, **Reese Rowan**, **Peter Broberg**, and **Johannes Brinkmann**. The races went off without a hitch in some truly tricky conditions. Although I do have to admit we were laughing and having such a good time on the committee boat that we almost missed a few horn soundings.

We've also been racing. Mainly it's been **Johannes and Brett** taking home all the glory. The Fall Series was dedicated to fleet development. So there was considerable crew swapping among the boats racing. Brett also attended the Wurstfest Regatta. He has been a great representative for our fleet, sailing locally every chance he gets and attending many out of town regattas. Thanks Brett.

Our fleet continues to have new members. The latest are **Angela Oveson and David Byrne**. They have just purchased one of our



New C22 members, Angela Oveson and David Byrne.

club's C22s and are eager to meet the fleet. Both of them work for the same high tech firm here in Austin. David is originally from Ireland, but Angela is a local Austin girl. They only recently started sailing, getting hooked by sailing a small catamaran at a beach resort. They have already helped with race committee and sailed with **Ted Owens'** assistance in the new racer regatta. David and Angela know they have a lot to learn, but they are also finding out that our fleet is the perfect match. So help them out in any way you can. You can meet them at our fleet's annual Holiday Party.

Speaking of which, the Fleet Party is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 15 at the AYC clubhouse. It's going to be a fantastic event again and a large turnout is expected. There will be dinner, drinks, blackjack, dancing, and a band. You will be hearing from me soon to ask for your help. But for now, just mark off that evening on your calendar - Dec 15.



AYC closed on a new loan with Wells Fargo Bank. The loan provides long term financing for further improvements to AYC's facilities and docks during 2013. The closing took place at Gracy Title on Halloween. Pictured here are Escrow Officer Lillian Gentry, who was very professional and efficient despite her clownish appearance, and Commodore Johannes Brinkmann.

SAVE THE DATE

The AYC Annual Banquet at the Oasis

Friday, December 7 at 7:00pm

Reminder: You can make it possible for a UT Sailing Team member or
UT Sailing Club member to attend the banquet.

More information to come.

What is Corinthian Sailing Spirit?

by Jim Johnstone

The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) has a good definition of the Corinthian Sailing Spirit under its "Basic Principle" heading:

"Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of rules that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty, which may be to retire."

That seems straightforward, but which rules apply? The sailing instructions (SIs) and notice of race (NOR) usually tell us which rules will be applied and which rules will be modified or not applied. Rules we should be familiar with are the racing rules of sailing, and our class rules, both one design and if not racing one design, the rules of the handicap system you are competing under. We use two handicap systems at AYC, Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) and Portsmouth Yardstick. Keel fleets have elected to use the PHRF system while centerboard boats and Catamarans like to use the Portsmouth system.

The RRS goes on to say in rule 3 that when we show up to race, we are agreeing to be governed by the rules and to accept the penalties, subject to appeal and review procedures.

This all seems simple enough except, what if you are not really familiar with all the rules and how they apply in every situation, and inadvertently break a rule? Or you think you are following the rules but someone else thinks you are breaking the rules?

The solution to this is communication between boats on the water. It is really helpful for skippers to talk to each other on the water as they see situations developing where rules come into play. This may occur during the start, when boats on opposite tacks meet, when boats on the same tack are overlapped, and when rounding marks. These discussions need to be brief and to the point so they usually consist of a statement of fact and a statement of intention, for example at a mark: "We are inside the 3 boat length circle and there is no overlap, no room for you inside."

Some skippers like their communication as they do their margaritas, with a lot of salt and at extra strength, so they are loud and laced with expletives. I submit this is neither in the interest of sportsmanship nor good communications, although, I must admit is highly entertaining for boats not involved in the discussion.

If there is a disagreement on the rules, the conversation may be different. If two boats are on the same tack overlapped, one may say "room for a leeward boat" (RRS 11) and the other may say "I am starboard boat" (RRS 10). To which the leeward replies "Yes you are and so am I." (RRS 11 governs).

This conversation may not resolve the dispute so if the leeward boat thinks it was harmed by the actions of the other boat, it should hail "protest" (RRS 61) and display its protest flag. This is really doing the other boat a great favor, because now they have been notified you think they did something wrong and they have the opportunity to take a penalty, withdraw, go to mediation, or a protest hearing. Protests are necessary to developing our understanding of the rules and their application. Many of the current rules evolved because of protests which tested their application in real world conditions.

If you are protested, consider carefully what went on and make your decision whether to accept an immediate penalty (RRS 44), withdraw, or have a discussion later. It is tempting to be angry and upset but this is probably not going to help your racing endeavors, and will be a distraction to your crew so it is better to be open to the fact you may not be right or it may be difficult to prove you are right, make your decision what to do, and get on with things.

In summary, the best way to learn the rules is through their application and through discussions with your fellow sailors and the best thing you can do if someone is breaking the rules is to protest and give them the feedback and opportunity to make the necessary correction, or to have the discussion with you later. If during that discussion you agree there was no foul, you can withdraw your protest and be a more knowledgeable sailor from the experience.

Welcome New Members!

Walter Eckhardt - Associate Probationary

David Byrne - Associate Probationary

Mark Atkinson - Senior Probationary

Augusto Villalon - Senior Re-instatement

NEW RACER REGATTA

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Cat 22



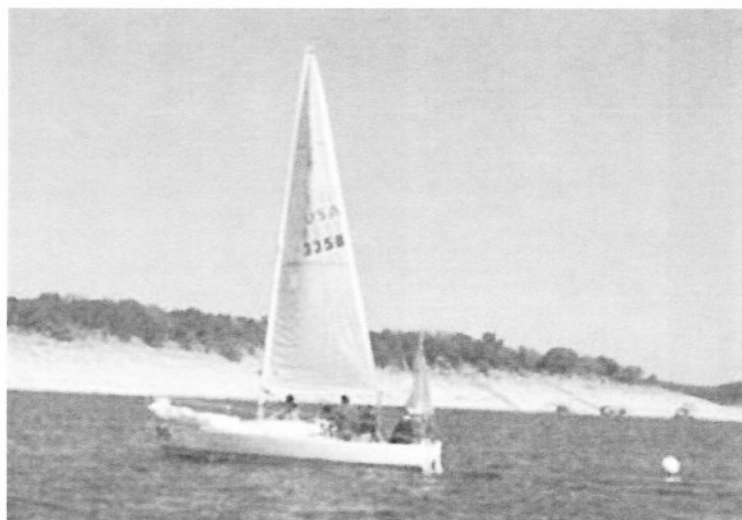
Race Committee



San Juan



SC 21



J/24

Roadrunner Holiday Party

Saturday, December 15th

1:00-3:00

AYC Clubhouse

All junior sailors, PB&J / summer camp participants, and young children of AYC members are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun activities, refreshments, and holiday cheer. We will also be accepting unwrapped toys for donation to Toys For Tots - Austin.



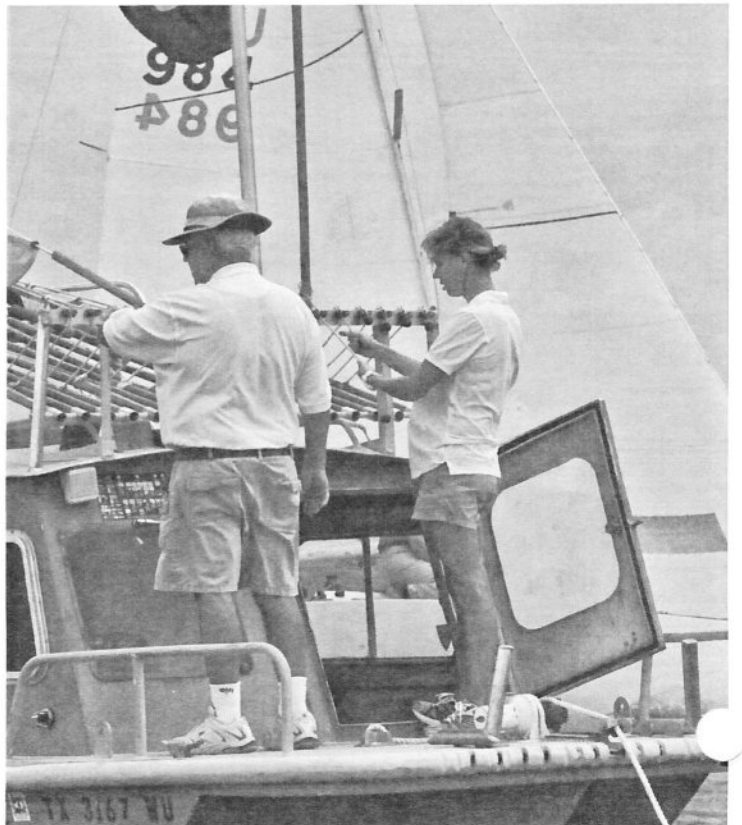
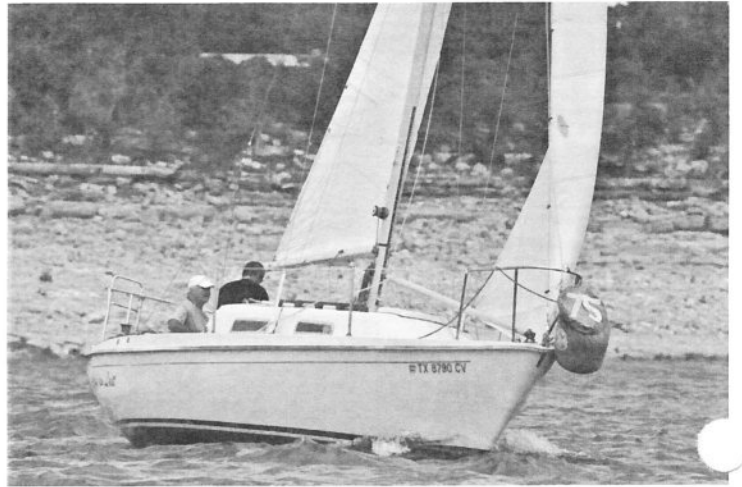
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FALL SERIES #4

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In Memoriam



James Blaine Deeter (AKA. Jim, JD "Sherman") February 17, 1938 - November 9, 2012

Jim Deeter was the first born of Wilbur and Jean Deeter in Logansport, Indiana. Though his family moved around a lot in the general area, he always spent weekends on his Grandmother's farm with all of his cousins. Jim joined the Army at age 17 as a dental technician. His first post with the Army was in Heidelberg, Germany. After finding that dental work was not exciting enough for him, he decided to join the Army Explosive Ordnance Disposal. He was stationed in Germany twice and served in Viet Nam in the 25th Ordnance Detachment (EOD), where he was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds he received. Jim was also an instructor at Redstone Arsenal in Alabama. He was last stationed at Fort Hood in the 47th Ordnance Detachment (EOD). After retiring from the Army, Jim and a friend opened The Cycle Parts House on Anderson Lane. Jim rode with the Gypsies and was known as "JD" or by his CB handle, "The Capital City Playboy." Jim later spent over 20 years in the Post Office, where he was vital to bringing Attendance Control to a centralized office in the Rio Grande District. Jim lived life to the fullest. He was never still, always chasing one adventure after another, and he never did anything halfway. He raced sailboats at the Austin Yacht Club on Lake Travis. While racing the Catalina 22, Jim and crew traveled to National Regattas throughout the United States. When his boys were playing club soccer, you could always find him on the sidelines with a strong opinion about game strategy. With retirement came more free time to try his hand at fishing in the local rivers and lakes by kayak. Fishing didn't take off like he hoped, but he never lost his love of kayaking. He especially enjoyed paddling at Inks Lake State Park with Eileen and his two Chihuahuas, Kate and Max, along for the ride. Jim and group took the kayaks and RV on trips all over the country to visit friends and family. He is survived by his wife, Eileen Deeter, daughters Dawn Beene & Trish Pearson; sons Chris Mayer and Brian Mayer; son-in-law Tommy Beene; grandkids Brandon Beene and Nicole Pearson; brothers Wilbur Deeter (deceased), Dan Deeter and David Deeter; sister Cindy Deeter; sisters-in-law Jane Deeter and Cathy Deeter; and the furry children, Max and Kate. The Deeter Family greatly appreciated all of the care and support during our many hospital stays over the last four months. We would like to thank Dr. Ellis Doan, Dr. Perrit, and our ICU Nurse, Courtney at St. David's for their warmth, kindness and strength. They helped us and Jim in making tough decisions and kept him comfortable all of the way up to his passing. A visitation will be at 5:00 p.m. on Monday November 12, 2012 at Harrell Funeral Home in Austin. The service will be at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 13, 2012, at Harrell Funeral Home in Austin. The burial will take place at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Center of the Intrepid or a charity of your choosing.

From the Desk of the GM

by Steve Hawks

As you now know The Austin Yacht Club now has a full time Sailing Director, **Kate Noble**. We have welcomed Kate to the AYC office and have done some remodeling in order to provide her with her own office area. While still in progress, we hope to be done with the project by mid-November.

And now on to a more mysterious matter ... this summer shortly after Jackie, our Bookkeeper, started working, a member stopped by the office and gave Jackie a huge model of a lighthouse as a welcome to AYC gift.



Jackie was so surprised by the gift she did not get the name of the member. If anyone knows who gave the lighthouse to Jackie please contact the AYC office and if the mysterious member sees this article please call or stop by the office as we would like to have this mystery solved.

Speaking of mysteries, we recently had a six-week mystery solved. For over six weeks, a mystery vehicle has been parked in the lower lot. Finally through the investigative efforts of **John Saunders**, our B&G Commander, the owner was identified and the vehicle was removed.

While it is permissible for members to store their vehicles or boats on AYC grounds for brief periods after clearing it with the AYC office, it is not okay to leave these items for weeks/months at a time without approval or paying storage fees.

We at the office understand that, at times, members will leave their vehicles at the club while away from the area. For the sake of the office staff's peace of mind, please send us a note or stop by and let us know. It would be much appreciated.

Social Committee Update

by Susie McDonald

On November 11, the social committee prepared and served the last series race dinner of the year. It was a winner! We've had bigger crowds in the past but not hungrier ones, and the "thank you's" were plentiful.

Now, speaking on behalf of the social committee, I would like to *thank all of you* who have supported us, dined with us and attended the events we have planned over the last four years.

As you may remember, the social committee started serving post-race meals under the direction of **Molly Lewis**. This was a pretty big change for AYC, and Molly really deserves the credit for coming up with the idea. In the past, most of the race participants just went home after the races. There was a real opportunity to build camaraderie and that first social committee knew it had to be about food.

Molly was social chair for two years before I took over - the committee, throughout the past four years, has gained and lost a few people but mostly stayed the same. We all love to cook and we really enjoy getting together to do it.

So where is all this going? -- In short, we need a new leader for 2013. Just about everyone on the committee wants to stay on the committee but it's time to pass the management duties on to a new social chair. If you - or your spouse - think you might be that person, please feel free to contact me by phone (512-785-2484) or email (ghowiellc@aol.com). Qualifications include good organizational skills, a sense of humor, some patience, creativity, enjoyment of cooking, and a willingness to think on your feet (like when a race is called at 2:00 because there's no wind and you've bought/started to prepare a meal that won't be ready until 4:30 and people are going home and you have to figure out a way to convince them to hang around while you also figure out a way to get the meal ready sooner.) It's fun - really - and you inherit the team that's pulled it off time and again.

Once again, thanks to all who have supported the social committee. We have two more events before the year is over - the Annual Members Meeting on November 29 where we will be serving a selection of appetizers, and the Annual Banquet at the Oasis on December 7. Hope to see you there!

Come Celebrate with us Saturday, Dec 8th from 10am – 4pm

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