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AYC 2012 RACE CALENDAR

October 21	Fall Series #1	1:30p	(RC - Ensigns)
October 28	Fall Series #2	1:30p	(RC - SC 21)
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	

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AYC 2012 NON-RACING EVENTS

October 20	Women's Sailing Camp	9:00a - 8:00p
October 25	AYC Board of Directors Meeting	7:30p
October 27	New Racer Regatta	All day
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

AYC Members Exchange Burgees with Irish Sailing Clubs



ABOVE New member **Angela Oveson** was on a recent trip to Cork for work and brought an Austin Yacht Club burgee to exchange with the world's oldest yacht club, the Royal Cork Yacht Club in Bun an Tábhairne, which is gaelic for Crosshaven in County Cork, Ireland. Gavin Deane, the club's GM was extremely welcoming despite the Autumn Regatta activities going on that morning. He invited her back the next time she's in the area for an evening sail and more time to learn about the club's history.

BELOW John Parker exchanged burgees with the Galway Bay Sailing Club commodore.



From The Commodore

by Johannes Brinkmann



There's No Better Time to Sail!

With the temperature cooling off, the water still warm and the wind picking up, there's no better time to sail on Lake Travis. It's been a busy fall at AYC with the Centerboard Regatta, Fleet Challenge, Late Summer series, and multiple junior and adult training events. As I

write this, Governor's Cup is just around the corner on October 6/7, and Event Chair **John Howard** has a great regatta and Oktoberfest planned.

Your nominating committee, consisting of past commodores **Jim Tillinghast, Steve Eller and David Lewis**, has put forward an excellent slate of officer nominations for 2013. AYC's annual membership meeting is scheduled for November 29. Save the date and plan to attend if you can. You'll hear annual reports from this year's board, introductions of next year's nominees, and most important, you can cast your vote. Whether or not you are able to attend, please complete and return the proxy letter that you'll be receiving in the mail.

You may notice some new young faces around our club this fall. At its September meeting the board voted to move forward with admitting the UT Sailing Club to AYC. In October UTSC will bring their fleet of three Sunfish, three lasers, a Hobie 16, a Coronado and a J/24 to AYC, and UTSC will begin holding Saturday sail events at AYC. Please join me in welcoming the UTSC to AYC.

This year's annual banquet will take place December 7. The holiday season gets busy for us all, but this is an event you don't want to miss! In addition to the presentation of the new board and the perpetual awards (including the infamous Blue Duck!), the banquet is a great party with fine food and an excellent band. The Oasis did a super job as our venue for last year's banquet, and I'm looking forward to seeing many of you there for another great event this year.

Harbor Commander Report

by Jon Nash



There are always a great number of opinions among any group of enthusiasts, but all of us can agree that we prefer our boats to be where we left them when we return. With that in mind, here are some suggestions on how to properly secure your boat to our docks.

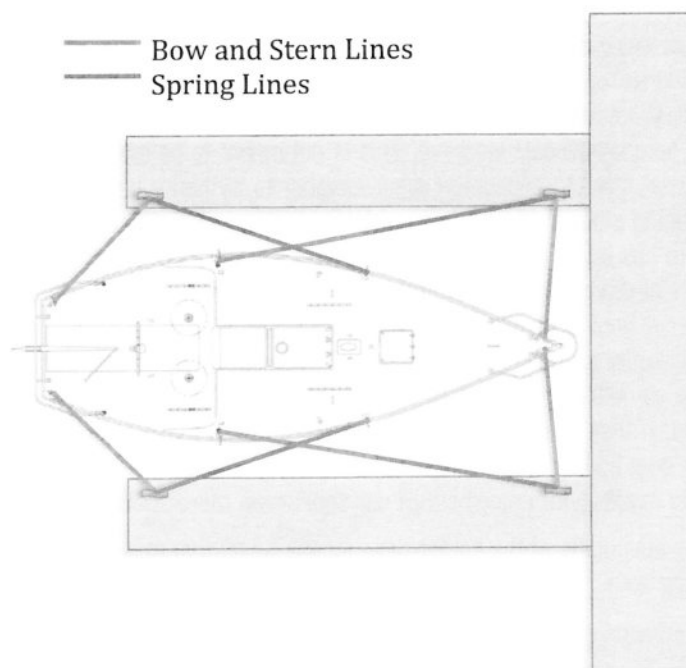
First, get the right dock lines. Nylon is the best material for dock lines because it is very strong, holds up well to UV, and stretches under load. Unlike much the running rigging on your boat, stretch is very important for dock lines. The stretch in a nylon line provides a shock absorber as the dock and boat move with the waves. And with the big power boats on Lake Travis, we can get some sizable wave action.

Nylon dock lines are available in 3 strand and double braided constructions, both of which are less expensive than most other synthetics on the market. Double braided lines have a smooth look and feel that makes them easier to handle and less prone to hockle (tangle). They do not stretch as much as 3 strand and are more expensive. They are also somewhat stronger than 3 strand lines, but are more prone to abrasion.

Polypropylene should be avoided for permanent dock lines, even though it is often marketed specifically for dock lines. Polypropylene is more prone to break down from UV and is not as strong as nylon. The fact that it floats can be an advantage for dry sailers who will only be using the line for a very short time.

Permanent dock lines should be checked for chafe regularly and always benefit from chafe protection. This means leather, rubber, or fabric chafe gear where the line passes through the chocks, and possibly a chafe sleeve on the eye where it goes around the cleat.

As a guideline, for boats below 25' use at least 3/8" diameter line and for boats above 25' use at least 1/2" line.



The best configuration for your dock lines is a combination of bow lines, stern lines, and spring lines. The bow lines and stern lines are there to hold the boat off of the fingers of the dock. The spring lines are there to prevent surging in and out of the slip. Many of our fingers are not as long as the boats we sail. Don't let that prevent you from using the proper configuration of dock lines.

Finally, pay attention to your neighbors. With the marina out on the point, waves coming into the cove tend to roll the boats as they sweep across our keels. Masts can bang together and even get entangled in neighboring boats standing rigging when big waves come through. If you are able to offset your mast from your neighbors it can lessen likelihood of damage to all.

This article was reprinted to include information that was inadvertently omitted in the September issue of Telltale.

Race Commander Report

by Barry Bowden



A successful Centerboard Regatta started off the Labor Day weekend. Governor's Cup will have happened by the time this report reaches everyone. This brings the end of the racing year at AYC closer and closer. The Beer Can Races and Wednesday Laser/Sunfish events were as popular as ever this last summer with even better turnouts in the Wednesday night races.

The opening race of the Late Summer Series was on September 9. So far this has been the only race for this series due to lack of wind and some rain. For this first race I had the opportunity to join **Commodore Johannes Brinkmann** on his Catalina 22 as the foredeck crew. I discovered that a person of my size and build is an excellent addition to this boat, particularly on downwind parts of the course as your task is to sit in the bow pulpit, be heavy, and look for wind. I appear to be well suited for this job and the Commodore responded by winning both races that day.

These two races on the Catalina 22 complete my experience of having sailed on every type of one design boat that AYC has for at least a series race, as well as most of the PHRF spinnaker and non spinnaker boats we have. This is not meant to be bragging on my part. I would encourage every member to try his or her hand at racing other boats. You will discover the enjoyment that each group has in its own particular type boat, as well as broaden your skills at doing other tasks on these boats. This will enhance and improve your enjoyment of racing sailboats as well as give you the opportunity to meet and compete with other members of our club. Take advantage of any opportunity, or simply ask another boat owner if they need any crew for a race where you may not be sailing your own boat. You will discover that sailing and racing different boats makes your enjoyment of our sport even more special.

Take advantage of the cooler days for the upcoming races. See you on the lake.

Buildings & Grounds Report

by John Saunders



Let us go sailing in this wonderful part of the year! Enjoy the great club to which we belong.

Updates:

Cooler weather allows us to get out and take a look at more of the club. The walk, or trail, to the docks has been smoothed.

We graded the drives down to the point and added gravel. This should improve wet weather

operations. Is this adequate for awhile?

The week of October 7, trenching against Oak Wilt began. If you see areas of freshly turned earth, that will most likely be those trenches. There are over 2,200 feet of them. Next, some diseased trees outside of the trenches will be removed. Hopefully that will lead to some planting of different species.

This project brings to the forefront loose "stuff" left around by all of us. We had to move over 45 boats and trailers for trenching around the dry sail area. In addition, quantities of thrown down equipment had to be moved or discarded. Think about it, did your "stuff" survive? I realize this may be taken as a threat, and assure each member that their stuff is cared for just as much as it was when it was thrown down or abandoned in the weeds.

For example, there are now, and have been for years, several MASTS abandoned behind the work area. They are not labeled. It would be a shame if the wrong ones got recycled. All of these items complicate groundskeeping and just walking about. They also make our club look awful. Most important, the situation itself brings us to the point of assigning and monitoring and CHARGING for everything out there. I do not want to do this and have delayed it for the time being.

On another issue ... currently, we have limited access to launching ramps at AYC. The ramp shown in the two pictures below is the only one available to most of us. In these pictures, you can see it is blocked to all but very small boats and even then only with some maneuvering. Launching a boat with a cable or extension would have been most difficult or impossible. Even on a weekday,



blocking access to other members is unacceptable - whether parking in front of someone else's equipment or blocking their access to the lake. Put yourself in their shoes. Something of value has been taken away from each while one person got to go sailing.

When we focus on just the grounds, the entire purpose of the club is overlooked. Sailing about in the cool weather is great. This is what we should be about - above and beyond the housekeeping and maintenance. The lake is wonderful, and most of the shallow places are evident.

If you have not run aground lately, just get it over with and kick back. See you out there.

Sail Training Report

by Jenny Loehlin



I am very pleased that **Kate Noble** has signed on to be our full-time Sailing Director. Thanks to the AYC Fund for their support. Next year will be an exciting year for sail training at AYC.

On September 8, we had an FJ practice for people planning to compete in the Fleet Challenge. As it turned out, the wind was entirely different from what we had for the Fleet Challenge.



Johannes and Patrick Brinkmann practice an important FJ maneuver.

Scott Young served as head coach for the event, going out on the FJs and talking people through the maneuvers. I'm sure everybody learned a lot, and there wasn't really much for the rescue boat to do, despite the gusty winds. **Kate Noble, Stefan Froelich and Mike Mashl** helped out.

A week later, we had virtually no wind for the beginner/intermediate keelboat class, but at least it wasn't raining. It can be challenging keeping students' interest in light air, but **Robert Anderson, Wade Bingaman, John Halter, Ted Owens, Bill Records, and Chris Thompson** did a great job.

Kate Noble has been coping with the varied wind and weather conditions in the junior program as well. There was an Opti start for the Governor's Cup, including some brand-new racers.



The Optis head out on a breezy day.

After a summer hiatus, the Racing School will be starting up again October 14. Get in touch with **Jorge Martin-de-Nicolas** if you'd like to take some students out before the series races (and who knows, possibly pick up some new crew).

The Women's Sailing Camp will take place on October 20. This is always a fun event, and we're looking forward to it.

Sailing Director Report

by Kate Noble



Beginning this month, I will be on board full time as the new Sailing Director at AYC. I can't tell you how excited I am for this opportunity and how much I appreciate all of your support. The creation of this new position opens up so many opportunities for our club. In the coming months, I will be working with the board and staff to establish the foundation for a new and improved Sail Training program here at AYC. While I can't promise to accomplish everything, I am open to hear any and all ideas you have regarding the future of AYC training. After all, the program is here for you, the members. One of my goals is to diversify our program so that it has something for everyone - all ages, skill levels, and interests. Please do not hesitate to send your thoughts to me at kate@austinyachtclub.net. In addition to gathering input from within the club, I will be hitting the road this offseason to learn more about how clubs across the country organize their training programs. I will be networking with local Texas Sailing Association clubs at the annual TSA meeting and attending US Sailing's annual National Sailing Programs Symposium in January.

Roadrunner News

September was a busy month for our Roadrunner sailors. The Centerboard Regatta was a huge success thanks to our fabulous regatta chair **Vic Manning**, our Opti Race Committee **Tom Peel, Polly Peel and Kelly Hawk**, my coach boat helpers **Alex Larrouilh, Stefan and Stephanie Froelich, and Bill Records**. The conditions were perfect for our Opti sailors and we were able to get 16 races in over two days. Congratulations to all our competitors: **Will Abrams, Sam Hollenbeck, Sam Peel, Charles Larrouilh, Marcus Tita, Ben Froelich, Ethan Froelich, and Jules Bettler**. Trophies were awarded to third place **Charles Larrouilh**, second place **Marcus Tita**, and first place **Sam Peel**! Also congratulations to our Roadrunners who competed in other fleets: **Michael Yost** who took first place in the multi-hull fleet with his dad and **Meredith and Michael Morran** who placed 5th out of 14 in the very competitive FJ fleet. Thank you to **John Morran** and the



Ethan Froelich followed by brother Ben in Centerboard Regatta

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UT Sailing Team representatives for organizing and assisting with the FJs.

The club's FJs were out on the water quite a bit this past month and I hope to keep the trend going. The FJ Challenge was a success despite the light air. It was great to see all the fleets come together as a community to support the AYC Fund. A big thank you to our Roadrunner representatives: **Dan and Sam Hollenbeck** in A division, and **Stefan, Ethan, and Ben Froelich** in B division. Our junior sailors each got a turn at the helm and sailed very well against some stiff competition. Finally, thank you to **Scott Young** for running a fantastic event and to everyone who made a donation on behalf of the Roadrunner fleet. (See more FJ Challenge photos on pages 10-12.)



David Grogono and nephew Max

I also want to recognize **Meredith and Michael Morran** who have been representing the Austin Yacht Club on the Texas Sailing Association's Youth Circuit all season long. They competed in two events in September: The Jr. Ol' Man of the Sea Regatta at Fort Worth Boat Club and the Endless Summer Regatta at Seabrook Sailing Club. They finished 2nd in club 420 in both events. Congratulations, **Meredith and Michael!**

The cool temperatures and breeze means the fall sailing season is finally here! On the calendar for the Roadrunners this fall: Friday Beginners/Basics practices from 4:00-6:30, Saturday Green Fleet practices 1:30-4:00, Saturday Laser/Sunfish/FJ practices 4:00-6:30, and Free Sail Sundays 1:00-4:00. Also some special events including the Opti start at the Governor's Cup Regatta and a fall cruise. For weekly updates on the Roadrunner program including practice times, cancellations, volunteer opportunities, etc., please email me at kate@austinyachtclub.net.

Adult Training News

October 20 is the annual Women's Sailing Camp. We have assembled a fantastic group of instructors and are looking forward to another successful day of women's sailing. I will be teaching the classroom portion of the clinic and am excited to be part of one of the most popular clinics on the Sail Training calendar. Registration is now open on the AYC website. Sign up today as this clinic fills up quickly!

J/24 Fleet Update

by David Broadway

New Kid(s) on the Block ... **Vicente Saborio and Pearl Owen**, owners of the new J/24 entry *Thunder Cookie*, have rapidly made a statement. In their first AYC Series, they bested the fleet for first place. They have also raced their first J/24 TX Circuit Regatta, having just completed the Lakewood YC J/Fest. In addition to the upcoming AYC Fall Series, they intend to race both the Lake Canyon YC (LCYC) Wursthfest and Circus stop.

The fifth stop of the J/24 TX Circuit Regatta was the HOOD Regatta hosted by the Houston YC (September 22-23). The wind was light but four races were held on Saturday, none on Sunday. Five AYC-based J/24s raced the event. Leading not only the AYC pack but winning the regatta was mr. happy with **Bob Harden** trimming and joining forces with **Natalie Penner** (Redshift, DCYC) on the helm. With scores of 6/1/1/1, they had a five-point margin over 2nd place **Corey Harding** (Happy Dance). **David Broadway** (Superman) finished in 5th place.

At the J/24 TX Circuit Regatta J/Fest stop (October 13-14), the J/24 Fleet had 16 entries, the largest of the six one-design fleets. Included were five AYC J/24 entrants, **Vicente Saborio/Pearl Owen/Jorge Martin-de-Nicolas** (oyeBato), **Doc Gamble** (Ohh Ahh), **John/Meiling Parker** (Free Spirit), **Bob Harden/Natalie Penner/Rosanne Butera** (mr. happy), and **Capt'n Bligh** (Superman).

With good SE breeze on Saturday in the 15-17 kts. range with gusts in the low 20 kts., the fleet had four demanding races. On Sunday, there was little breeze ahead of an approaching front and the RC abandoned racing. As the Lake Travis water level was too low to host a 2012 circuit stop, the Texas State Championship/Kenyon Cup was awarded at J/Fest by **Rodney Johnstone**, designer of the J/24 and the subsequent plethora of JBoat designs.



Presentation of the Kenyon Cup at J/Fest: Jorge Martin-de-Nicolas with Team Happy Dance winners Matt Huebner, Corey Harding, and Matt Sebring, along with Rod Johnstone, designer of the J/24 and Kelly Holmes-Moon, president of the US J/24 Class.

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Jorge Martin-de-Nicolas was present at the J/Fest award ceremony and gives us this report: "Those of you who met **Dave Kenyon** will remember how in 2007 he donated a silver cup, a family heirloom, in order to make a trophy for the J/24 Texas State Championship. Dave made the base for the trophy and he had the J/24 emblem engraved on the cup. After Dave passed away in 2009 the trophy was renamed the Kenyon Cup. Before the J/Fest Regatta we had approached **Rod Johnstone** to ask if he would present the Kenyon Cup at the event and he kindly agreed. Before the awards I met with him to fill him in on the story of the cup and I found him to be as gracious and pleasant as the stories I had heard. After the awards, several of us including **John Parker** and **Vicente Saborio**, chatted with him and he was telling us stories of how he started laying the mold for the first J/24 in his garage in 1974. He doesn't seek to be the center of attention in large groups, but in a small gathering he lights up and tells stories and wants to hear your stories too. **Dave** would have been thrilled that **Rod Johnstone** presented his trophy to **Corey Harding**, this year's winner of the Texas State Championship."

With the AYC Fall Series, Wurstfest Regatta, and the LCYC Circus finale of the 2012 J/24 TX Circuit Regatta, there will be plenty of J/24 racing down the 2012 season stretch. Come on out and join the fun!

Keel Fleet Update

by JoAnn Welles

September's the end of summer at AYC, with Wednesday night Sunfish and Laser racing ending, and Friday night Beer Cans over. Thanks go to **Scott Walsh** for being the September Beer Can cook. The weather has been very strange with not enough wind and rain coming on weekends. Hopefully October will be kinder to racers. Sign up and come out to the club! The docks are very accessible, many boats are in the water, and there's plenty of lake for sailing.

Late Summer Series Results

In A Fleet, **Brent Schwan** in his J80 Wild Hare and **Larry Ratliff** in his J80 Restless are tied as I write this, with **Brent** winning the tie breaker. There have been two races sailed with one cancellation, and one still to come the weekend after Governor's Cup. Two other J80s, skippered by **Greg Scully** and **Bruce McFarland**, and one J29, registered to the Lake Pirates, are in the running.

In B Fleet, **Linda Donovan** in Far Away won the only race completed so far, with **Larry Haig** in Blue Moon in 2nd, and **Bill Boas** in Que Pasa in third.

Far Away	Linda Donovan	Austin Yacht Club	02:05:12	1	1	1
394 Blue Moon	Larry Haig		02:11:44	2	2	2
10 Que Pasa	Bill Boas	Austin Yacht Club	02:19:17	3	3	3
38 Cafe au Lait	Bill Records		NO TIME	4/DSQ	4	4

FJ Fleet Challenge

Congratulations go to the J80 Fleet for not only winning on the water but also raising the most money. The J80 Fleet raised close to \$4,000! Thanks go to **Gail Bernstein** for organizing the J80 donation efforts and **David and Gail's** generous support along with the other J80 skippers and crews. The breeze was very light and shifty but there were five good races with 17 FJs on the line. The J80 Fleet will receive the new perpetual trophy that will be awarded at the AYC Annual Banquet.

Gray and Debbie Rackley won the challenge and **Claudia and John Bartlett** came in 6th, giving the J80 fleet a winning combination on the water.

Gray and Debbie won the 1st two races, and then got a lot of



Gray and Debbie Rackley win the FJ Challenge

attention from the other sailors in subsequent races! They are owners of the dark blue Beneteau 27 named *Sacre Bleu* but raced under the J80 banner since they race on **Claude's** and **my** J80, Jack Rabbit, and use their Beneteau for cruising. They have experience racing Vanguard 15s at Houston Yacht Club, and **Gray** has sailed FJs, but not recently. **Debbie** is a long time member of AYC; **Claude** and I joined AYC when she was born - we figured our days of two-handed centerboarding were over and it was time to join the keel fleet.

(See more FJ Challenge photos on pages 10-12.)

J/Fest by Bruce McDonald

59 boats competed in the third annual J/Fest held at the elegant Lakewood Yacht Club in Seabrook on October 13 and 14.

Austin was well represented in the J/24 fleet with **Bob Harden/Natalie Penner/Rosanne Butera** (mr. happy), **David Gamble** (Ooh Ah), **David Broadway** (Superman), **John/Meiling Parker** (Free Spirit) and **Vicente Saborio/Pearl Owen/Jorge Martin-de-Nicolas** (Aye Boat).

The J/22 fleet was represented by **Bruce Uphaus** (Riff Raff) and **John Parker** (Free Spirit).

The J/70 fleet (yes, there really was a J/70 fleet) was represented by **Scott Spurlin and Rod Johnstone** in #51 and **Bruce McDonald** in #50.

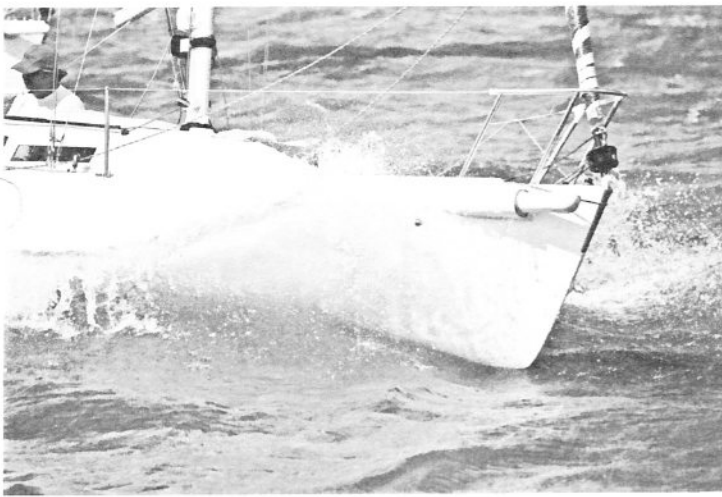
Three separate courses accommodated eight fleets. Winds on the first day were in the 18-25 knot range with significant chop. Crews got hammered, especially on the J/22 and J/24 fleets. On Sunday, The winds laid down to between very light and nothing. All but the J/70 line called it off. The J/70s got off one race in 8-10 knots just past noon.

Social activities included a Cajun shrimp boil on Saturday night.

The only hardware scored for the weekend was a first place that went to **Bruce McDonald** in his two week old J/70. Who says that there is no such thing as beginner's luck? Having **Sean Nunes** and **Brent Marsden** as crew did not hurt either.



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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.

2nd Annual Fleet Challenge Raises Nearly \$20,000 for AYC Fund

by Scott Young

The AYC Fund hosted the 2nd Annual Fleet Challenge on Saturday, September 22 using the 18 FJs jointly owned by the University of Texas Sailing Team and AYC. The day was brilliant sunshine, mild temperatures and light and shifty easterly wind.

As is the tradition, the first race finish for each fleet in this event is based on the amount of fund raising each fleet does to support the AYC Fund. This year's fund raising goal was to try and match last year's event that raised over \$20,000 for the AYC Fund and its assistance with helping purchase the new fleet of 18 FJs.

The AYC Fund's mission this year was to help support AYC in its effort to create a full time position for **Kate Noble** as the director of sail training for AYC. Thanks to the generosity of AYC members and the fleets, we were able to meet our goal of raising nearly \$20,000! The J80 Fleet led the way both on and off the water. The J80 Fleet raised over \$4,200 and were awarded first place in the first race. In addition, the J80 Fleet teams of **John and Claudia Bartlett** and **Gray and Debbie Rackley** won the five-race series on the water as well. Here are the final results:

1st	J 80	28.5
2nd	J 22	35
3rd	Sunfish	36.5
4th	Multi-hull	38
5th	Laser	56
6th	J 24	57.5
7th	SC 21	63
8th	Roadrunner	66.5
9th	Catalina 22	69
10th	UTST	75
11th	UTSC	91

Many thanks to **Bill Records**, **Barry Bowden**, **David Bernstein**, **Tom and Polly Peel**, **Jenny Loehlin**, **Kate Noble** and **Amy Young** and all who came out to cheer on their teams. We look forward to another great event next year!



Photo by Bill Records

Scott Young and Family



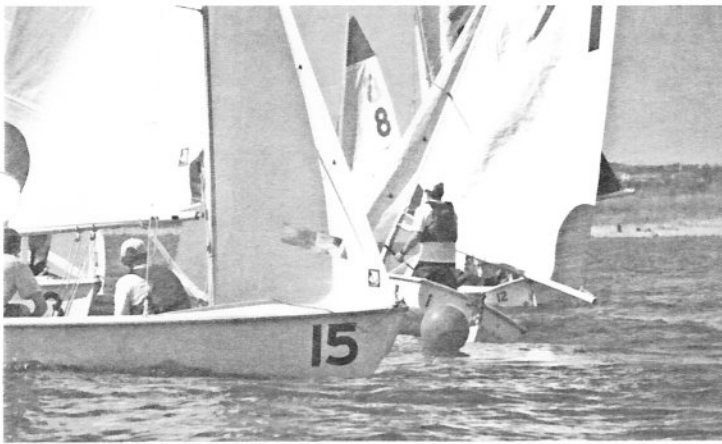
Photo by Bill Records

Debbie and Gray Rackley lead the way



Photo by Bill Records

Madison Kern



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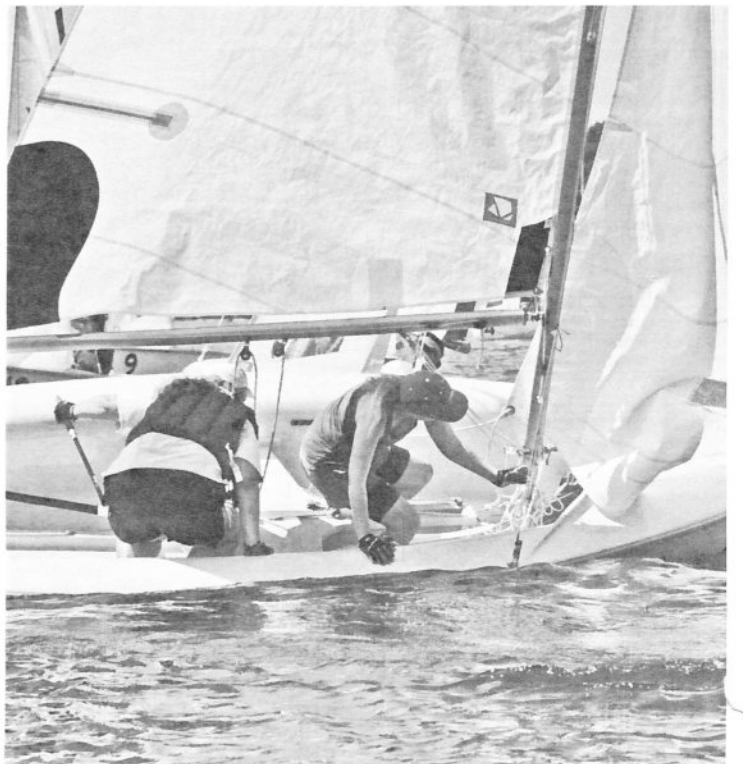
By Bruce McDonald



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More FJ Challenge Photos by Bruce McDonald



2012 Governor's Cup Regatta

(or how to get grey hair without really trying)

by John Howard

Joining the Governor's Cup Regatta is like any other volunteering at AYC. You get asked, you agree to do it, and then you wonder what you've gotten yourself into. I figured out that I had nine months to plan and I've chaired a couple of regattas before, so what the heck, no problem.

Governor's Cup never really entered my mind again until the Saturday evening of Turnback while I was drinking beer, eating crawfish under the tent and listening to the polka music. Where had I seen this before? Substitute sausage for the crawfish and it's Wurstfest or Oktoberfest. October. Governor's Cup. Humm, okay, that's it! Two days of racing with an Oktoberfest in between. No gray hair yet.

With the theme established there were just a few things to work out: the budget, sailing instructions, the volunteers, the food, the trophies, the t-shirts, and good weather. Historical data would be a big help with the budget. There were 65 boats in 2010 and 45 boats for the 2011 Governor's Cup. Not a good trend but using last year's budget was a good starting point. Wondering what this year's attendance would be still didn't bring on any more gray hair.

Trophies: no big deal - what and how many. I wanted something different, not the usual pieces of plastic, wood, or metal (note to self: don't forget the budget). Folding chairs: good idea - check; within get - check; chairs in stock - check. How many? - don't know how many boats. The gray started to creep in. I decided to use last year's numbers, purchased the chairs, and took them to be screen printed. A little more gray ... the chairs had to be taken apart to be printed and then reassembled and just don't lose any of the screws.

T-shirts: simple, it's just a numbers game. But, how do you figure out quantities of sizes? Okay, I took the easy way out, used last year's order and hoped no one had gained too much weight. The next gray hair came when the design chosen for the shirts didn't fit on the chairs. A change was made and we were on to the next decision.

I expected the food to be easy. Oktoberfest dinner required beer, brats, German potato salad, sauerkraut, and German Chocolate cake or apple strudel. **Philippe Bettler** volunteered to prepare breakfasts and our **ANCO Insurance Agent** sponsored and paid for both breakfasts. Easy enough, figure out the cost and check budget. How many meals were needed? There's skippers, crew, guests, volunteers, anyone else. A few more gray hairs by now.

Other things for the regatta fell into place smoothly - setting up registration, getting the volunteers, writing and posting the Notice of Race, coordinating the sailing instructions with race committee, getting the website linked with the registration software, meeting with the staff, and ordering the beer.

For the gray hair. Two weeks out from the regatta only two boats had registered. YIKES! I really hoped that the theory that 40% of the boats sign up a few days before the regatta was true. Two boats with 27 trophies, 100 t-shirts and food for 60. This was not looking good.



Photo by Deborah Mathison

One week to go and six boats had registered. Let's see. 40% of six is ... Where is the Grecian Formula?

By now I expected a disaster and thought that each skipper, crew member, and volunteer would get a trophy, a very large doggie bag, and a growler. Why hadn't anyone registered? Football, weather, the AIA homes tour, a regatta two weeks before, or that their competition had not registered? Go figure. The weather started to look promising and one more boat registered. By Wednesday there were 22 boats. On Friday night it was up to 29 boats. Saturday morning brought another five boats. The 40% theory worked. After registration, we had to make a mad dash to the store to double the amount of food that had been purchased (this gave **Carolyn** the gray hair).

None of this really gave me gray hair; I already had it. I want to thank all the skippers and their crew members who participated and I hope that you enjoyed yourselves and had a great sail.

I also want to thank all of you who volunteered to help. If it hadn't been for you, I would be bald and not gray - cause I would have pulled it all out. Thanks go to all of the Race Committee volunteers, to **Sue McCann, Bob Meyers, Carolyn Barten, James Wilsford, Bo Kersey, and Robin Baker** for cooking and cleaning, to **Barry Bowden** for the expertise on the race course, to **Larry Ratliff** for scoring and registration setup, to **Bill Records and Kate** at the Opti line, to **John Grznich** for the website work and mass emailing, to **Bo Kersey, Robin Baker, and Carolyn Barten** for helping with registration, to **Gina O'Hara** with ANCO Insurance and **Philippe Bettler** for breakfast, to **Deborah Matheson** for photography, to **Terry McDermott** for his eye-opening coffee, and the AYC staff.

And the winners are:

Opti	Spencer Legrande
J/22	John Halter
J/24	John Parker
C-22	Johannes Brinkman
Non-Spin	Jim Hendrickon
j/80	Claude Welles
Beach cat	Young/Morran
Trimaran	Steve Frick

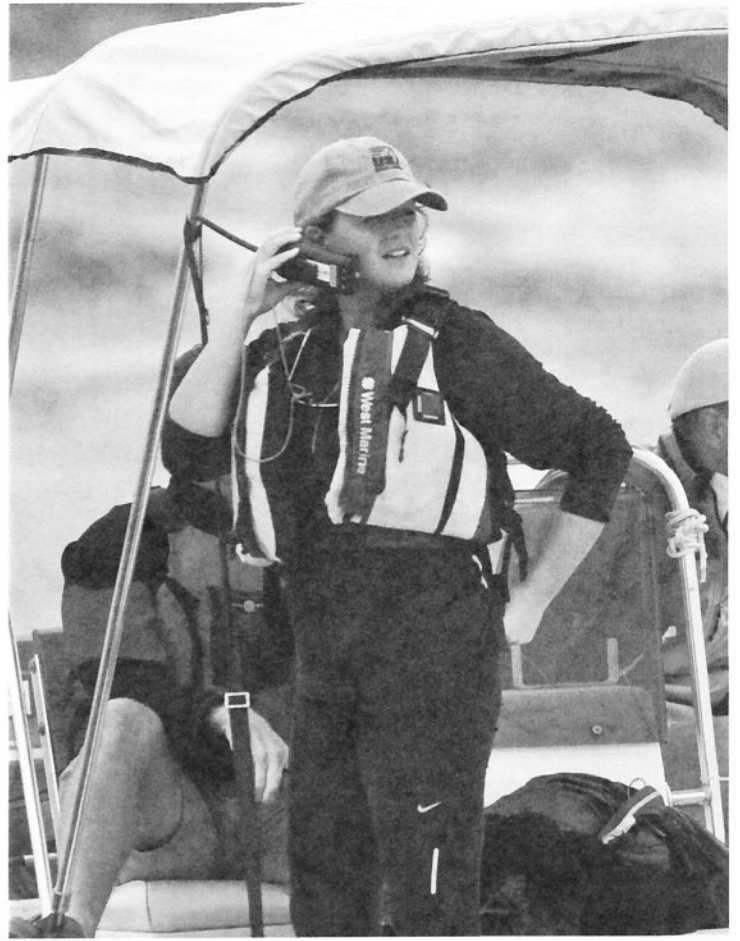
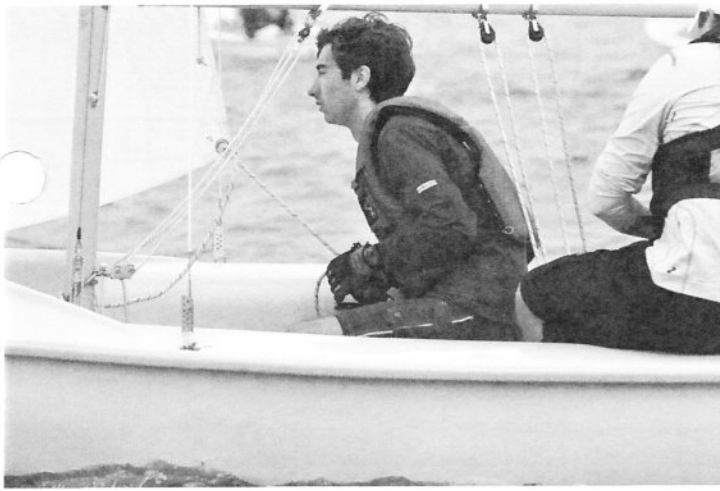


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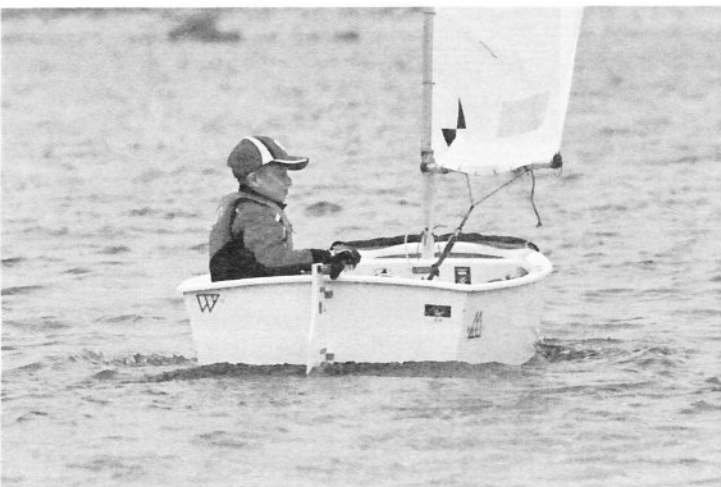
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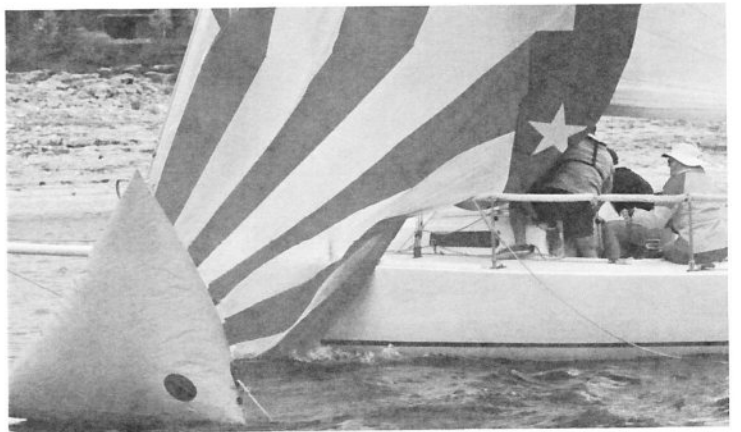
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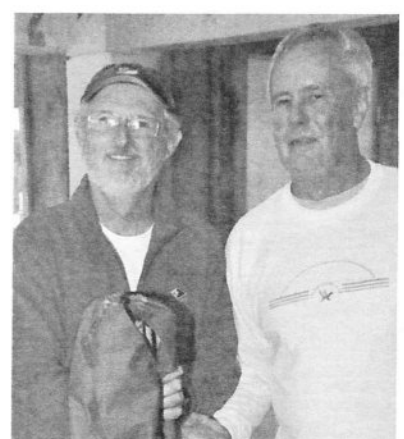
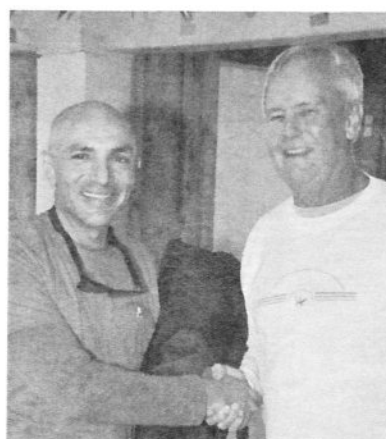
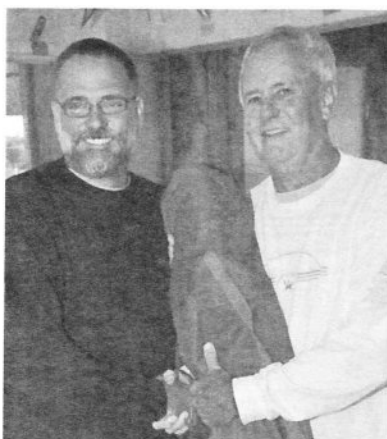
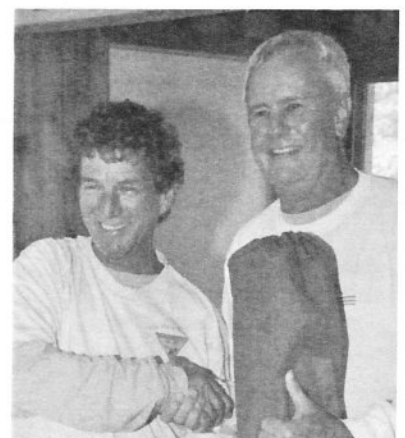
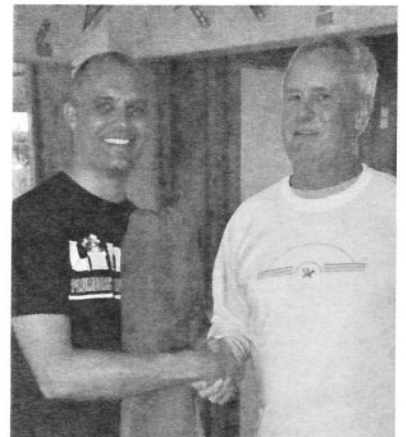
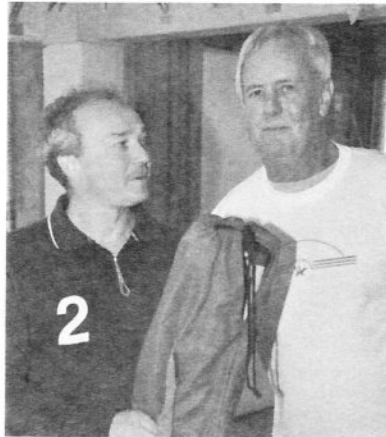
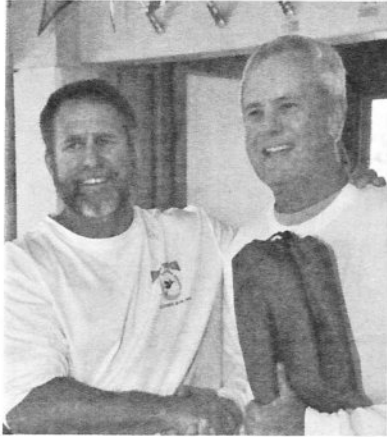
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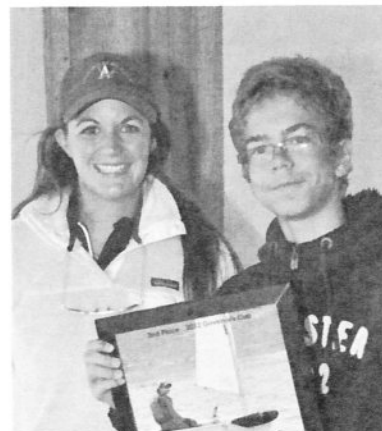
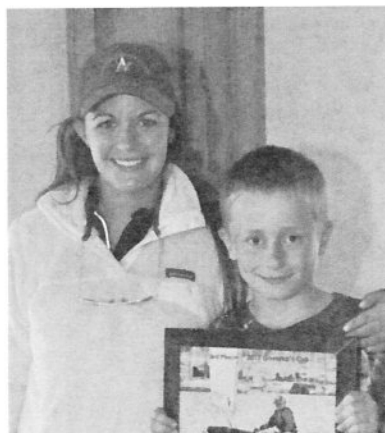
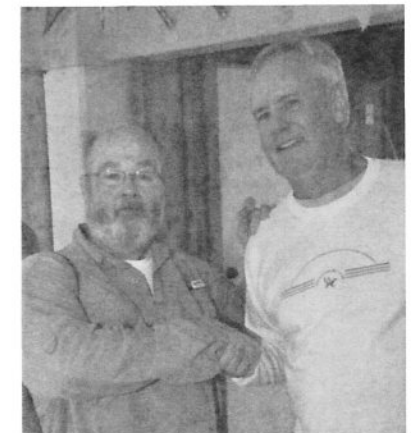
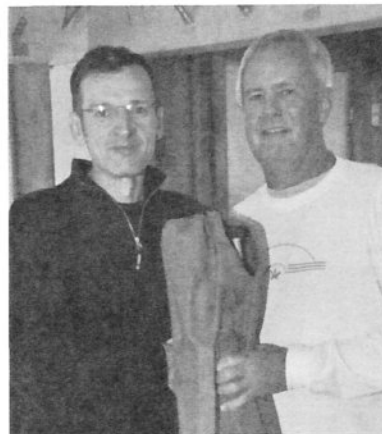
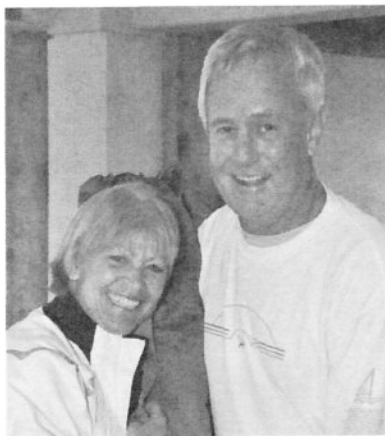
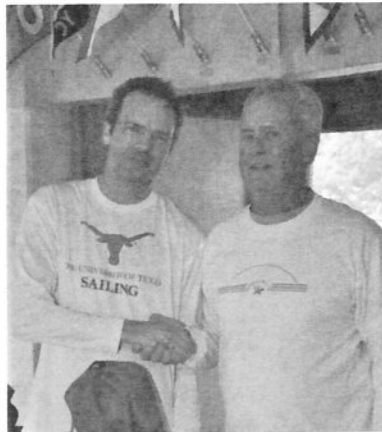
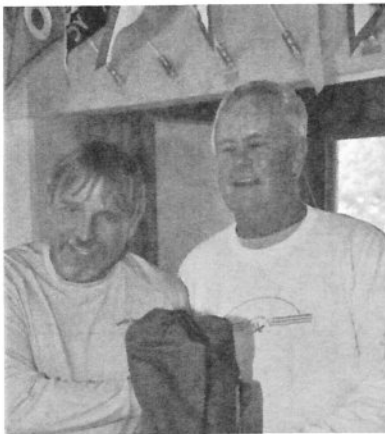
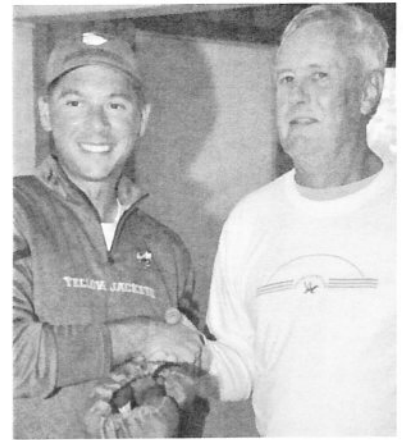
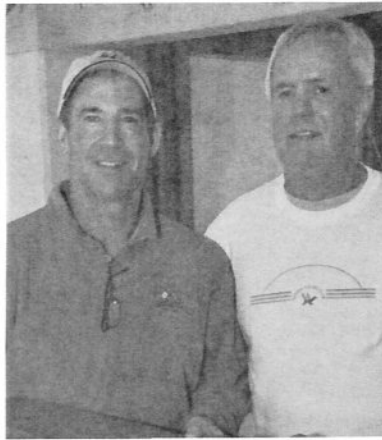
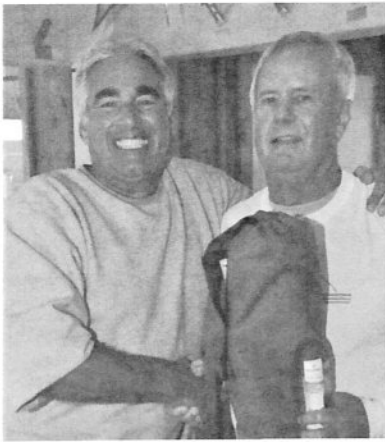
Thanks to Everyone Who Participated

Governor's Cup was a great regatta!

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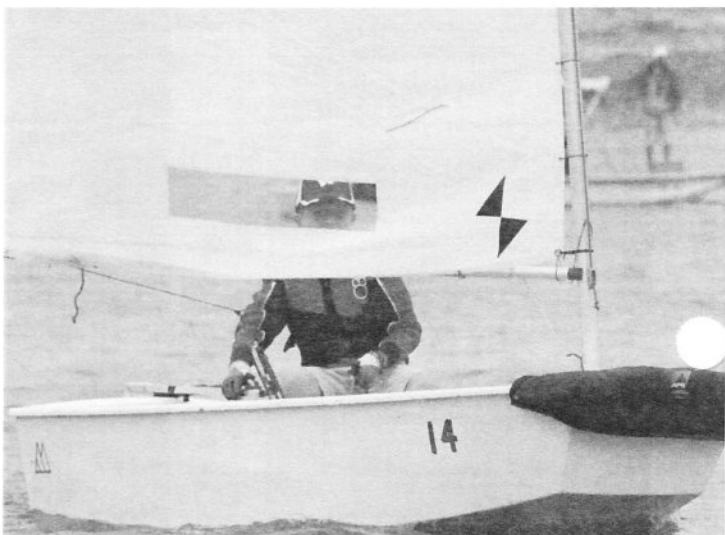
Charles Larrouilh and Spencer LeGrande



Andrew Butler



Spencer LeGrande



Sam Hollenbeck



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A Tip from Matt Roberts for all you iPhone users:

"I thought I'd let you know that I opened the September Telltale on my iPhone for the first time and it asked if I wanted to read it in the iBooks app. I said yes, and it was REALLY convenient to read it like any other book. Now I can be anywhere and read my issue of Telltale!"

And a Shout-Out to Ray Shull:

Here's a note to John Grzinich from recent visitors to the Austin Yacht Club:

"John, thanks for hooking us up with Ray. We had a great time and everyone at your yacht club is very nice. If any are ever in Rhode Island (the smallest state), give them my contact information. We belong to the Conanicut Yacht Club and Jamestown Yacht Club here and would love to take anyone sailing." From Trisha and Mike McElroy.

SAVE THE DATE

10/20
Women's Sailing Camp

10/25
Board of Directors Meeting

10/27
New Racer Regatta

11/15
Board of Directors Meeting

11/29
Annual Members Meeting

12/7
Annual Banquet

Social Committee Update

by Susie McDonald

The Fall Series has begun and the social committee is ready to cook! We have some great meals lined up for after the races on October 28, November 4 and November 11. Come enjoy the delicious comfort food and the camaraderie of your fellow sailors.

Our last event of the year is the Annual Banquet which will be held on December 7 at the Oasis. The party starts at 7:00 p.m. with entertainment by the infamous Mau Mau Chaplains. Don't miss the best party of the year. Invitations will be in the mail soon.

And speaking of famous...



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Margot Bower, The Hair's Lair

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It's a family affair at The Hair's Lair. Margot Bower has been a stylist for more than three decades, and in recent years she has chosen to concentrate on cuts for the kiddos. "I found a need for a children's salon here in Austin," she says. "I'm on the second generation with some of my clients." Because kids are naturally commanding, this grandmother of nine works by appointment and focuses all her attention on one child client at a time. "they get the same quality cut that adult clients do," she says.

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