

T E L L - T A L E

DECEMBER, 1971

AUSTIN YACHT CLUB

A Board Meeting was held on November 22, 1971 at the clubhouse. Those present were Romberg, Downes, Griffis, Niemann, Bartow, White, Marshall, Boucher, Rylander, Weiler, Painton and Norton.

New Members approved are: Dennis Conway (Student), M-20; William Kuenast (Sr), Alpha; David Hasti (Sr), Santanna-22; Thomas E. Burris (Sr), Cal-20; Mrs. Lael C. Coates (Sr).

Griffis/ Bartow motion passed: That two-inch water main be extended from Cabin 5 to Cabin 7.

Downes/Griffis motion passed: That the dock mooring committee be authorized to proceed to finalize their plans and to purchase winches and cables in accordance with the plans presented in the dock mooring report.

Niemann/Downes motion passed: That we institute a winter shower program during daylight hours. Cabins to be designated by Mrs. Norton. A club member wanting to take advantage of this program should ask the Norton's for a key for the purpose of taking a shower and return the key to the Norton's. By keeping up with the usage of this program we will be able to determine whether or not a shower locker room is needed at the club.

Niemann/Romberg motion passed: That the club is willing to buy materials to pad the ends of T-heads on the docks if the various docks will assure the board that they will furnish the labor. (It is suggested that a Dock Captain be designated and report to the Board.)

FROM MAX WHITE, FLEET CAPTAIN: All hands should acquaint themselves with the Texas Water Safety Act which becomes effective January 1, 1972. This act redefines "motorboat" to mean "Any vessel propelled by machinery, whether or not such machinery is the principal source of propulsion," and further states, "every undocumented motorboat on the waters of this State shall be numbered." Some other parts of the act affect members. Copies of the act may be obtained at Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

If anyone has old, repairable blankets for use in the cabins, Mrs. Norton will repair them. Please bring these blankets to Mrs. Norton.

A special thanks to Bob Stewart who is repainting AYC signs and making new signs to be installed soon at the club.

It has been brought to our attention that in 1972 we have four members that will have been with the Austin Yacht Club (Austin Sailing Club) for 20 years. These die hards are: Pat Kimbrough, Bill Carter, Tom Leach and Tom Shefelman. I am sure they have many memories about the good ole' days and would be happy to share them with anyone that asks.

Attached is a questionnaire to be used in publishing the new Directory. Please return the questionnaire immediately.

The 20th Annual General Membership Meeting was held on December 4, 1971 at the Sheraton Crest Hotel; approximately 200 members were in attendance. Following a pleasant cocktail party, sponsored by the club, and a fine dinner, Commodore Romberg opened the meeting with individual reports on the years activities from the respective officers.

Awards were presented, and the recipients were as follows:

1. Bronze medallion for Prince of Wales competition: Tom Leach and crew Brent Leach and Al Dale.
2. Single Handed Champion Trophy (O'Day Cup) - Ron Church.
3. Al Burke Memorial Plaque (Junior Sailing Champion, Sears Cup) - David Maguire and crew Mike and Dennis Breen.
4. Texian Navy Trophy (Senior Champion, Mallory Cup)- Russell Painton and crew Mark Finley and Jim Moyer.
5. Blue Duck Award - Jack Kern (It was also announced that the Blue Duck Awardee was to have the pleasure of painting the anchor in front of the clubhouse.)
6. Jessie McIlroy Smith Bowl (outstanding service) - Max White
7. Jimmie Card Memorial Trophy (most improved sailor new to sailing) - Rollin Harden.

Appreciation plaques were presented to retiring Officers: Don Church, Max White, Win Bartow and Bill Griffis.

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Commodore Romberg presented a special award, an Omega Chronometer watch to Bill Griffis. Commodore Romberg said that were it not for Bill Griffis, whose long service, unselfish devotion, wise guidance, and funds, the Austin Yacht Club would not be what it is today. Bill joined the club in 1963 after he bought Jim Leech's Interlake. Never an active sailor, nonetheless, Bill has lent continuous support. He first served as an officer (Treasurer, 6 years; Commander of Buildings and Grounds, one year) and secondly as a trustee, who with vision and funds he met almost weekly for the first six months of 1968, then as contractor taking over when the concrete work was finished and completing the clubhouse we enjoy today. Bill, we can't actually show our appreciation; there are not words, nor deeds enough. That which you have so willingly given birth to, nurtured in its adolescence will serve those whom you and I will never know. Be that as it may, today we honor you with a token hoping that it might somehow stand for the debt all of us owe and can never pay.

Vice-Commodore Jack Downes announced that Commodore Romberg would be given a fifteen minute chronograph watch in appreciation for Romberg's outstanding service to the club.

The nominating committee report was given and it was moved and seconded by Frank McBee and Francis McIntyre that the nominations be closed and that the slate be elected by acclamation. The following officers were elected:

Commodore - Jack Downes
Vice-Commodore - Hap Arnold
Secretary - Larry Niemann
Treasurer - Frank Dannelley
Comm. of Bldg. and Grds. - Tom Romberg
Comm. of Race Activities - Rollin Harden
Fleet Captain - Bud Boucher

Appreciation was expressed to Norman Rylander and Duane Dobson for the slides shown during the meeting. Also thanks were given to Sandy Kern, Carol Niemann, Pat Hartgrove and Jody Rylander for decorations. Chester Snyder furnished the table decorations to the club.

There will be a Board Meeting on Monday, December 13, 1971, at 7:00 P.M. at the clubhouse. Board Meetings have been sparsely attended in the past and this is a reminder that they are open to the membership. The Officers are working for you, the members. If you have a suggestion, complaint or would like to know how the Officers arrive at their decisions, your attendance at the Board Meeting is welcome.

OFFICER OF THE DAY PROGRAM (Adopted by AYC Board of Directors at November Board Meeting)

The purpose of the Officer of the Day Program is to have a "responsible and knowledgeable" AYC member and his wife on duty at the club during the busy weekends of the year. The duty hours will be from Saturday noon to Sunday sundown; however, the Officer of the Day will be furnished with a free cabin (large enough for his whole family) for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights, if he desires. Members may volunteer for a particular weekend and may serve more than once; but they will not be asked to serve more than one weekend per year. The Board of Directors will ask only those persons they think are capable of the responsibility. Those actually serving as Officer of the Day will be announced in the various newspaper columns and in the Tell Tale. The AYC Officer in charge of the Officer of the Day Program is the Vice-Commodore.

Generally, the Officer of the Day and his wife will help in handling emergencies and will help to enforce the more important house and harbor rules. They will be available to answer the phone and to answer questions about AYC from members, guests and prospective members. Also, they will have written guidelines to follow to prevent gross violations of the rules regarding trespassing, safety, rowdiness, unauthorized parking, swimming in the dock area, and care of the club's equipment and furniture.

The Officer of the Day and his wife will wear identification badges, and all club members are expected to fully cooperate with them.

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PAT HARTGROVE