

AUSTIN YACHT CLUB

T E L L T A L E

NOTICE FROM THE FLEET CAPTAIN: There is an unidentifiable Starfish hull (green) in the trailer area. Please claim this boat if it is yours with the Fleet Captain, Manager or Office Secretary. The boat will be impounded if it remains unclaimed

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE: The committee and rescue boats have been hauled out and rehabilitated by Duane Dobson with much help from Bud Boucher, Mike Bartlett, Barry Madjerich, Carl Morris and Bob Fulton. Each of them has spent up to nine full days doing a hard, dirty but necessary job for the Club.

The Club has purchased winches to facilitate the adjustment of the anchoring cables on the four large docks. John Weiler has contributed four long days supervising their installation and also performing the job of the welder's helper. Some of those days were cold and windy too. In addition John also designed the system and drew the plans and specifications for all of the winch foundations and then had them fabricated. All of the winches have been located below the level of the decking. Access is through trap doors that were built one Saturday and Sunday during one cold, wet norther by Bud Boucher, Carl Morris and David Hasti.

When the racing season opens the Club will have several new racing marks of the jumbo size that have been constructed and donated by member Fred Johnson. Many thanks Fred.

The new wind direction and speed indicator in the clubhouse was given to the Club by member Fred Romberg. Tom Romberg and Bill Griffis donated their time to install the instrument one beautiful Sunday afternoon when most of us were sailing.

As many of you realized the Club is owned and operated by the members. There is simply no way our manager, Mr. Norton, could possibly do all the work that is necessary to keep the Club a going concern. Even if we chose to go first class, at a higher cost to each member, neither the skilled nor unskilled help is available in the area. Besides, a group self-help project can be a lot of fun and a side benefit is keeping the cost of membership to a minimum.

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There was a Board Meeting held at the club on January 18. New member approved was Elaine Reid (Senior, no boat). Welcome.

Niemann/Arnold motion passed: That the ayc adopt the policy beginning January 1, 1973, of annual dues being paid on a yearly basis from January 1 thru December 31 and further that on January 1, 1973, all annual dues paying members be billed a pro-rata amount which will carry their annual dues payment thru the calendar year 1973.

Commodore Downes appointed committee chairmen as follows: Jim Callaway for American Statesman Articles; Kay Stark for Lake Travis News articles; Sandy Kern and Carol Chasey for Social Chairmen; Duane Dobson for Committee and Rescue boats; Max White as Cruise chairman; Edith White as Landscaping chairman; Russell Painton as Trophy Chairman.

Jim Callaway was appointed as safety officer, particularly to look into the matters of railing, snake bite kits, tournaquets, and resusitator equipment. Hap Arnold volunteered to give instruction on artificial respiration with new mechanical device and elementary first aid.

Dannelley/Arnold motion passed: That announcement be made in the Tell Tale that no more leasing of cabins will be made during the year 1972 and that at the beginning of 1973 the cabins will be leased only during the off season. This is based on the policy of having the cabins available for overnight renting by the members during the warmer months of the year. Also, any leases in future years will give priority to those who have not heretofore leased cabins.

SUNFISH FLEET: New officers for 1972 are: David Maguire, President; and Judy Sousares, Secretary-Treasurer. A suggestion was made to have Saturday races so the women can get involved and christen it "The Dump-her Series." Hey Boardboaters! You know how much fun the Briarcliff Regatta is. Well, Rollin Harden came up with this brainstorm, - Why don't we have an overnight regatta for boardboaters only! Fun! Let us hear some more suggestions on this one.

KEEL BOAT FLEET: The Keel boat fleet had their annual meeting and elected Bryan Bell as Fleet Captain for 1972.

REMINDER: If you wish to use the clubhouse for parties or meeting, be sure and reserve it with Mrs. Norton.

FLAG ETIQUETTE: The yacht club burgee should be flown from the bow staff of mastless vessels, or at the truck of single masted sailing vessels (at the main truck of yawl and ketch) between the hours of 0800 (8:00 A.M.) and sunset when the national colors or yacht ensign is displayed.

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CONGRATULATIONS:

Tom Romberg has been elected to the post of Rear Commodore of the Texas Yachting Association for 1972. Congratulations, Tom.

BOARD MEETING:

There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors at the Clubhouse on Tuesday, February 22, 1972, at 7:00 P.M. All members of the Club are invited to attend and may contribute any recommendations they wish to make.

LOCKERS:

Some of you have noticed the somewhat motley collection of lockers below the clubhouse. These lockers will be straightened, painted and new hasps and numbers installed. They will be rented on a first come first serve basis for \$5.00 annually, payable in one advance payment. The Club will furnish the only locks to be used for which there will be a \$3.00 deposit required at the time the locker is assigned. Call or write the Club secretary, Pat Hartgrove, to reserve a locker.

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