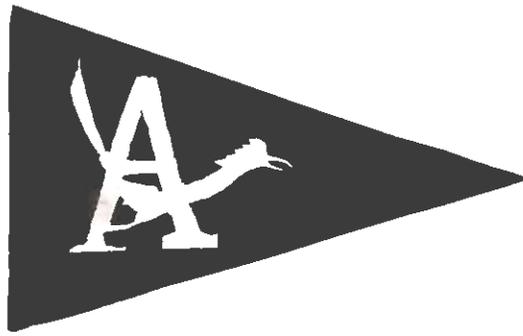


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# Telltale





# AUSTIN YACHT CLUB

5906 Beacon Drive  
Austin, Texas 78734

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## FROM THE COMMODORE

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### MEMBERS, GUESTS, AND OTHERS

The Lake Travis community is growing. One of the unfortunate side effects of growth is that people come with it! Fortunately, most of the people who populate the Lake area are great neighbors, and a welcome addition to the community; and then there are the others.

Austin Yacht Club has enjoyed a quiet, peaceful existence for many years now, but some events in the recent past have caused me to reflect on just how secure the Club is from intruders. During the month of January, there were two acts of vandalism against the Club that could potentially have been very disastrous and costly. There was a small fire in the Men's restroom late one night (thankfully extinguished by John Vance), and our newest Rescue motor boat was stolen (later recovered undamaged). These events show exactly how vulnerable we are to unwanted guests.

As a result of our concern for the safety and security of the Club, several specific measures have been taken, including (1) quarterly changing of the gate combination (watch for the new number in AYC bills), (2) installation of combination locks on the downstairs restrooms (combination: 5-4-3) which will be kept locked after 10 p.m. (3) more vigorous attention by Club staff to "lock-up" procedures, and questioning of strangers, (4) staff presence on the grounds on weekends, (5) chaining Club R/C boats to their dock, and (6) repair and extension of the fence on the West property line.

As members, you must also become involved with Club security. We must all be more aggressive at politely challenging strangers, and if not Club members, or guests (members host must be present), asking them to leave. The staff will be more available, especially on weekends, to help or call the Sheriff if the situation demands it. Additionally, members who leave the Club late at night should make a point to check that the restrooms and Clubhouse are left locked, and that there aren't any unusual activities going on at "the point". With warmer weather(!) approaching, more uninvited guests will be planning on using the Club, and a few of them will represent a risk to both Club and your personal property.

I feel it's very sad that such actions, (and more if necessary) have to be taken, but these problems are an unfortunate sign of the times. Attention and help from Club members will go a long way to curtailing future theft or vandalism. While it's clear that these actions cannot eliminate all risks, everything we do represents a deterrent and a reduction in our overall exposure, delaying more drastic and expensive actions by the Board. I thank you all for your cooperation.

John Mandell, Commodore

Remote gate openers are available from the Club office for \$30.00 and do not require quarterly combination changes.

FROM THE EDITOR



Some long overdue thanks to some outstanding members are the first things I feel should be mentioned. Thank you Cynthia Creamer for assisting with mail-outs for the latter part of 1985, when I had just come on board and Conde was out searching for her new found job. Thank you Carol Tesch and Carol McCollum for letting me hear your gossip while we stuffed all those annual business meeting agendas, questionnaires, and volunteer survey reports, and the bills. A current thank you to Lee Dekeyser, Doug and Nancy Woodward for their unselfish volunteer time with the 1986 Directory, which should be arriving soon. Thank you all, you did a super job.

Allow me this opportunity to bring you up on some current news. Gwen Maneval has been hired as our office administrator in charge of accounting, Gary Bilendy was replaced with Curtis Tarpley who has really been fired up about keeping docks in and keeping our grounds pretty and serving you members to his fullest. Keeping those docks in has really worked him out lately. The Lake rose 3½ feet in 2 short days of rain recently so we should have a good regatta year for sure. More current news is the office hours. They are:

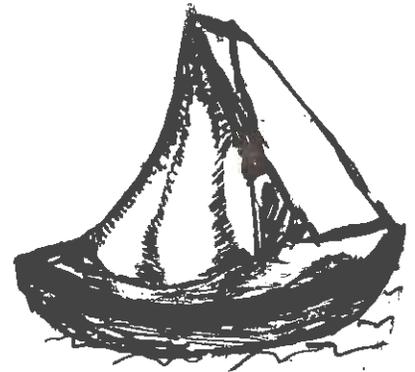
Monday	Closed
Tue-Fri	8 - 5
Sat & Sun	12- 6 (varies with activities)

We also have new phones, but the same numbers. The Clubhouse may now intercom the office and vice/versa by selecting the INT button on the lower right and dialing 10 or 11 for the office. The Clubhouse intercom is 12. The operator may now be accessed from the clubhouse yet dialing 1 or more than 7 digits will not be available. The outgoing line for the Clubhouse is the C02 line button.

Our parking lot is finished and now we have more spaces all lined out and striped for your convenience. We have a new sprinkler system, a new tractor for some landscaping work in progress, and a new basketball net, so lets see some hoop action.

It is all looking like a very exciting and fulfilling year in 86 so lets all remember our charter of supporting an educational undertaking, by encouraging and supporting safe and intelligent participation in water sports and activities, particularly sailing: in other words, you big boats don't run over the little ones and if we get some folks out here that don't belong give them a swimming lesson before you throw them in the lake.

Happy Sailing!





Well, here I am again, about to tell you all about everything you didn't really want to know. If you don't finish reading this, you will be one of the few to miss out on the fun. All Party Animals should pay special attention. In spite of myself, the social calendar of the year is now complete and the activities will all be chaired by some very competent people. Any of you incompetents who get called to help should do so and maybe you can get promoted to semi-competent - that's the only way you'll get off the clean-up crew.

Our first-time-ever season opening ceremonies is being produced and directed by M.L. Painton. She is obviously over-competent because she hasn't called and asked for my help or advice or anything. This will be quite a show, what with all the AYC people showing up in real clothes - almost like the Annual Banquet! It will be well worth your time to attend the ceremonies even if you aren't going to race that day just to see the flashy crowd. I am a little concerned about what I will wear, however, as the attire of the day calls for "blazers and whites". I'll have to check my closet....

Rollin' right on down the road, we have scheduled the Second Annual Road Rallye, the wildly popular event from last year, to be our second "Big Deal" of the year. We hope to have a huge turn-out for this one as Wes and Bonnie O'Dell have gone to alot of trouble to set this one up. This was originally intended to be for AYC sports cars, and anybody who showed up in anything else just had to convince me that they were "sporty" or "fast" or otherwise competent enough or sober enough to compete and keep their vehicle on the road. As it turned out, the attendance for the first Rallye included Blazers, trucks, and several things that fell into the "does that thing run?" category. Well, this year the Rallye is open not only to pickups, vans and Taco Breath's car - we have also had a request to let road bikes be included. As long as there are two people on the bike and one can write, you are welcome to attend. The Hell's Angels office has already called and will be sending their representatives. David Bernstein, don't forget to wear your rallye hat that you bought last year - a little humor at the registration table never hurts....

Speaking of a "little humor", I thought you might all be interested to know that I have been approached (is that a bad word?) by the AUSTIN METROPOLITAN ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY with a request that I consider doing their Newsletter for them. I was told that I had been highly recommended because of my extensive experience with animals at the Yacht Club. Walter Allan got a big "yuk" out of this and turned in a really stupid cartoon on the subject. I have neither declined or accepted this offer as yet, but am holding out for a private apartment in the new zoo as part of the potential fee. I'll be advising you all of any address changes....

In conclusion, I know - finally, I am listing the dates and types of social events and their chiefs for your information. Please call and volunteer your services for the event of your choice. This way, you will avoid the Chairchick's wrath and indignation and tacky phone calls. Please give your name to either Wayne or me or Awbrey if you want to be part of the dance classes we will be holding at JohnBob's Dancehall beginning in late February.

See you all in the fast lane...socially speaking, of course.

March 2	Opening Day Ceremonies	M.L. Painton
March 15	Second Annual Road Rallye	Bonnie O'Dell/Nelms
April 6	After Series Buffet Supper - Spring	Mark & Carol Rylander
May 18	After Series Buffet Supper - Mid-Spring	Claude & Jo Anne Welles
June 29	After Series Buffet Supper - Summer	Barry & Twila Bowden
August 9	After Series Buffet Supper - Night	Sam Humphrey & the Hippies
August 23	Luau	Lanell Montgomery
October 5	After Series Buffet Supper - Fall	Bruce & Pam McDonald
November 15	Scout Your Boots into Town Banquet Warm-Up	Dennis Awbrey/Nelms
November 23	After Series Buffet Supper - Winter	Vic & Pat Manning
December 6	Annual Banquet	Bonnie Tobin
December 31	New Year's Eve Cheap & Sleazy Party	Jim Quinn/Cynthia Creamer/Michael Wann





## THE AUSTIN YACHT CLUB

*You are cordially invited to attend  
the opening ceremonies of the Austin Yacht Club  
Series Racing*

**March 2nd, 1986**

- 11:00 Hors'doeuvres, Mimosas & Bloody Mary's  
(wear your best yachting outfit; ie;  
blazer & whites)
- 11:30 Raising of the colors  
(Color guard escorted by the Bagpipe  
Corps.  
Address by: Commodore & Race Commander)
- 12:00 Skippers meeting
- 1:30 First Race

NO CHARGE - BUT PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS



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## OPENING DAY CEREMONIES

By Mary Lynn Painton

Let's get started with the 1986 AYC racing season!

Sunday, March 2, is our first series race for 1986, and we'll all be there with bells on (and new bottom paint, new spinnakers, new jib lines, new beer cozies, etc.). How about a celebration to get things underway?

Commodore John Mandell has commissioned me to coordinate an event that will kick off our 1986 racing year; plans are in the works to do it with style and perhaps begin an AYC tradition.

Drag out of the back of your closet that blue blazer and whites, or that "yachting" outfit you've always wanted to wear but haven't, since we don't "yacht" at AYC.

We invite every boat to fly its colors, so plan to raise every flag you own for the ceremonies, and on the way to the starting line. AYC burgees and Texas and U.S. flags will be available for sale that morning.

March 2 is also the highlight of Texas' Sesquicentennial activities since it is Texas Independence Day.

Scheduled plans include:

- 11:00 a.m. Serving Bloody Marys, Mimosas and hors d'oeuvres at Clubhouse
- 11:30 a.m. Raising of the Colors by Color Guard and Bagpipes  
Address by Commodore Mandell  
Salute to Texas' Sesquicentennial
- 12:00 noon Skippers Meeting and introduction of Race Committee
- 1:30 p.m. First gun for First Spring Series Race

This event will be free to AYC members and crew, but please call the AYC office to make reservations. Don't plan to rely on this event for lunch, since only snacks will be served. Help is still needed (to prepare food, serve drinks, set up facilities, etc.) so give me a call if you can assist in any way:  
Home 345-3557 or office 835-1900 ext.140.

It will be great fun. We'll see you then!!

# IT'S MORE FUN

# FROM THE RACE COMMANDER

## 1986 BRIEF ON RACING EVENTS FOR MARCH & APRIL

The 1986 Calendar will be in the directory, which should be arriving shortly.

### SPRING SERIES - 1:30 Start - (R.C. - Odell)

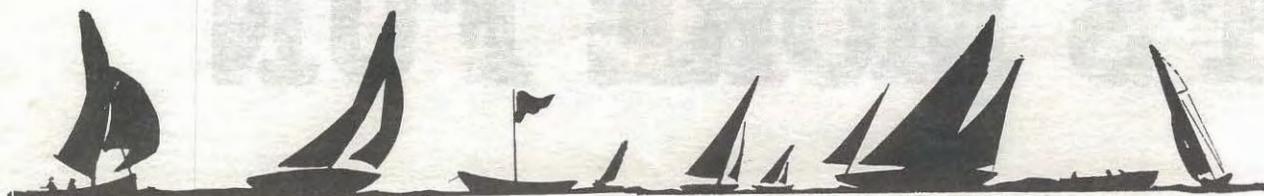
March 2	C-15
9	C/bd & Thistle
16	J-22
April 6	Ensign

### MID SPRING SERIES - 1:30 Start - (R.C. - Hilfer)

April 20	Keel A & B
27	S.C. 21
May 4	J-24
11	Cat.22
18	Keel C & D

### OTHER RACING EVENTS

March 22, 23	J-24 Circuit Regatta (J-24 Fleet) - Rylander
March 29, 30	Laser Easter Regatta (Laser Fleet) - Bangs
April 12, 13	AYC Spring Regatta - Odell
April 19, 20	Catalina 22 State Champ. (Catalina 22 Fleet) - Pervier
April 26, 27	O'Day Club Elims Junior Club Elims - Cox



**RACE COMMITTEE  
SEMINAR**

In order to provide the best possible racing year at AYC the 1986 Race Committee has scheduled a seminar on race management.

Each Fleet is required to be represented. We recommend a minimum of three (3) people.

**Thursday, February 20th, 6:30 p.m.  
AYC Clubhouse**

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**AGENDA**

- \* Social Time (**Free Beer**).....All
- \* Introduction, Race Committee Manual.....Greg Schertz
- \* Responsibilities.....Greg Schertz
- \* Pre-race Preparations.....Mark Rylander
- \* Operation of Radios and Instruments.....Steve Pervier
- \* Operation of Boats & Associated Ground Tackle....Terry Cox
- \* Starting Line Location, Course Selection.....Craig Holmes
- \* Starting Procedures.....Steve Bangs
- \* Shorten Course, Abandon, & Cancel.....Dave Hilfer
- \* Finish & Scoring.....Bonnie Odell
- \* Post-race Responsibilities (Boats & Equip).....Vern Harris
- \* Summary.....Mark Rylander
- \* Questions and Answers.....All



### USYRU ELIMS

O'Day: Eligibility--AYC singlehanded at least 16 years in 1986  
Registration Deadline--4:30 p.m. April 1st to AYC Office  
Race--April 26, 27  
Bring your own boat to be sailed in Laser

ADAMS/  
MALLORY: Eligibility--Adams: AYC women skipper + 3 crew 18 years or  
older (one crew may be 15)

Mallory: AYC man skipper + 2 crew 18 years or older  
(one crew may be a woman)

Registration deadline--4:30 p.m. April 7th to AYC Office  
Race--May 3,4 in borrowed boat (T.B.A.)

JR'S: Sears, Bemis, Smyth  
Eligibility--13-17 years, men or women, in 1986, skipper AYC MEMBER  
Registration deadline--4:30 p.m. April 1st to AYC Office  
Race-- May 26,27 Sears: Borrowed Boat T.B.A./skipper + 4 crew  
Bemis: Borrowed Boat T.B.A./with spinnaker no  
trapeze/skipper + 1 crew  
Smythe: Laser - Bring your own boat

ALL: Contact AYC Office for registration packets

NOTICE: If interested in Prince of Wales, contact Greg Schertz or Trenton  
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THIS ELIMINATION UNLESS PREPARED TO GO TO THE NEXT LEVEL!

### ALL ENTRANTS MUST BE USYRU MEMBERS

The eliminations will be chaired by Vice Commodore, Trenton Wann. Race  
management will be provided by Terry Cox for the O'Day and by Craig Holmes  
for Adams and Mallory

AYC Team Championship is slated for September 20, 21st.



# United States Yacht Racing Union

All members of the Austin Yacht Club who profess to be racers would do well to support the U.S.Y.R.U. The objectives of the United States Yacht Racing Union are to further the best interests of yachters, to encourage and promote yacht racing, and to unify racing and the racing rules.

U.S.Y.R.U. offers publications on topics such as rules, appeals and manuals, handicapping rules, and time allowance tables. Programs such as racing clinics, sailing instructors' symposia, speakers services, and regional youth and women's regattas are available through the One Design Office. They also publish a newsletter which tells you, among other things, when and where the National Championships in the various categories are held. Membership in this worthwhile organization is a MUST for all racers!!

TO JOIN----

Mail this form along with your check to USYRU, Box 209, Newport, Rhode Island 02840

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Annual membership dues:

- \$500 Benefactor Member
- \$200 Sponsoring Member
- \$100 Supporting Member
- \$ 50 Sustaining Member
- \$ 35 Contributing Member
- \$ 25 Regular Member
- \$ 10 Youth Member (under 21)

Check here for Family Membership (Available at \$35 level and up)

Individuals residing outside the U.S. or its territories must join at the Contributing level or above.

Membership contributions above \$15 are tax deductible. Membership is calendar year.

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_  
Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Do you sail...(please check one)

- One-Design  Cruiser/Racer
- Both

If you sail one-design, which class of boat do you sail most often?

\_\_\_\_\_

If you sail a cruiser/racer, under what rating system do you most often race?

\_\_\_\_\_

# SECOND ANNUAL

# ROAD RALLYE

A ROAD RALLYE is a competition amongst teams of drivers and navigators who travel from point A to point B following vague and precise instructions relating to both speed and direction. It is not a race! The objective is to navigate the course at predetermined speeds in a time closest to the calculated time. What makes this FUN is you'll be traveling over countryside which most of you have never seen, and you'll be asked to identify certain signs and landmarks along the course.

THE RALLYE WILL START from the Highland Mall Parking lot (NE Corner) and will end at a secret location where we will have wonderful Bar-B-Que, a Blue Grass Band with dancing and trophies for both the experienced and novice classes. MARK YOUR CALENDER now for Saturday, MARCH 15th, 1:30 PM for skippers meeting. Find yourself a car and a partner, the sportier the better (the car, that is!).

Don't wait for an entry form (there won't be any). Call Wayne at the AYC office by Thursday March 13th (266-1336). If questionable weather call Bonnie at 345-4591 or Wes at 345-3742.) The Rallye will be cancelled if the weather is bad.

Hope the weather is good!!!!

Entry fee:

\$5.00 per car

Dinner: \$7.95 each

(we recommend everyone stay as this will be the highlight of the year!) No AYC Charges. Cash only so lets all tune up our cars and plan to attend in rip roaring fashion for this 2nd annual Rallye!!

See you there

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UT SAILING TEAM SCHEDULE SPRING '86

- Jan 25 Team Practice
- Feb 1 Douglas Cup Qualified @ UT in J/24s  
8 Nelson Roltsch Memorial @ Tulane  
15 Frozen Butt Regatta @ Rice (Team Practice)  
22 Douglas Cup 20-22
- Mar 1 Dinghy Qualifier #1 @ Tulane (Also qualifies for Trux and Admiral's Cup)  
8 Dinghy Qualifier #2 @ UT  
15 Truxton Umstead @ Navy / Aggie Invite @ A+M 1 Women's div.  
22 Team Race Districts @ Tulane
- SPRING BREAK
- 29 Dinghy Qualifier #3 @ Spring Hill / Easter Laser Regatta @ AYC
- Apr 5 Dinghy Districts @ SMU  
12 Admiral's Cup @ KP / Boardsailing Districts @ LSU  
19 Kenedy Cup @ Navy (OSU) / Women's Districts @ Spring Hill  
26 Farm Animal Invite @ UT
- May 3 Team Practice  
10 Vanderstar Boardsailing Regatta @ Navy  
Finals 13-16, 19-20

# AMERICA'S CUP CHALLENGE

# 1986

# EASTER LASER REGATTA

LOCATION: Austin Yacht Club, Lake Travis, Texas

DATES: March 29-30, 1986

HOSTS: Laser Fleet #22, AYC

RULES: The regatta will be governed by the International Yacht Racing Rules, the prescriptions of the USYRU, the rules of the International Laser Class Association, and the Sailing Instructions.

EQUIPMENT: Life jackets will be required for all competitors.

ENTRIES: Pre-registration - BEFORE FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1986 - \$20.00  
(includes T-shirt, Saturday dinner and protest flag)

Late Registration - AFTER FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1986 and BEFORE 9:30 a.m. SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 1986 - \$20.00 (dinner and flag only)

Send check payable to: Fred Schroth  
1807-A Blue Crest Dr.  
Austin TX 78704

REGISTRATION: Pick up sailing instructions and regatta package and sign release form in AYC clubhouse between 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 29.

RACE SCHEDULE: Saturday, March 29, 1986  
10:00 a.m. - Skippers' Meeting, AYC clubhouse.  
11:00 a.m. - Warning Signal for first race.  
Second and third races to follow immediately.  
6:00 p.m. (approx.) - Dinner, AYC clubhouse.  
Sunday, March 30, 1986  
morning - coffee, doughnuts and juice in the clubhouse  
12:00 noon - Warning Signal for fourth race.  
Fifth race to follow immediately.  
(morning races will not be held because of Easter)

For more information, write or call Fred Schroth, 512-447-6585.

To pre-register, complete the form below, detach, and mail with a check for the appropriate amount to Fred Schroth at the address above. (If you want a T-shirt, we must receive the form and check by Friday, March 14, 1986. Extra T-shirts may also be purchased by ordering by March 14, 1986. Extra dinner tickets will be available through late registration.)

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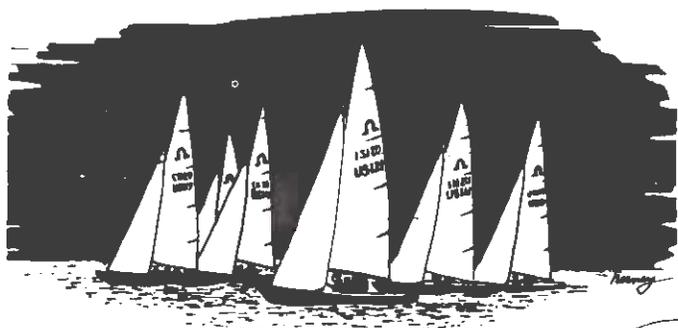
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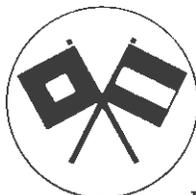
T-shirt(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Small; \_\_\_\_\_ Medium; \_\_\_\_\_ Large; \_\_\_\_\_ Extra-large.  
(100% cotton, long sleeve - extras are \$7.50 each)

Extra Dinners (\$6.00 each) \_\_\_\_\_ (dinner tickets will be available through 9:30 a.m. on March 29)

# FROM THE FLEETS



## Centerboard Handicap



by Teri Nelms

This is probably going to be the shortest CBH article in the history of the club because centerboarders are not stupid. We know better than to be out fooling around in little bitty wet boats when we can mooch off a big boat during their PHRF Frostbite Series. From my face-down-in-the-spinnaker position, on the Hobie 33, I notice several CBHers on other big boats. Be warned, big boat owners, that this is only seasonal employment for those folks and that they WILL BE RETURNING to their REAL boats with the beginning of the Spring Series.

I recently attended the Keel Handicap Fleet meeting and fajita party as a spy. It was my intent to discover what possible motivation could cause anyone to stack 15 to 20 people on one boat. There are enough "crew" people on the J35 to stock an entire centerboard class. I made some interesting and some notso-interesting discoveries. The obvious reasons of dryer, head on board, beer-in-hand seem to be the prime motivating factors of the turncoats, or simply uninformed, crew people on the big boats. However, after watching a couple of the physical accomplishments of Rick Smith, I can further conclude that the level of entertainment on big boats is of a caliber far exceeding what our feeble little minds can produce. Gosh, Rick, I wish I could do that...

In conclusion, let me encourage CBHers to plan on the spring series and perpetuate the lie that your boat carries beer and a head. As far as the entertainment is concerned, we've still got Taco Breath and I know that he would never participate in anything as disgusting as what the keel fleet does ...but don't worry, with a little bit of coaching, we can compete.

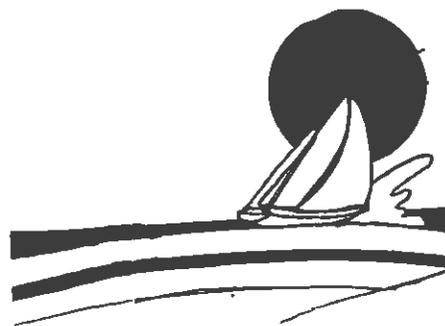
Only a **Laser**  
is "just like  
a Laser".

By Fred Schroth

It's almost Easter Laser Regatta time again. This year the roundbellies have scheduled the Easter Laser Tune Up Regatta to be held in J-24 Boats on Palm Sunday weekend. It seems that the event was such a good idea that the J-24 Fleet put it on the Texas Circuit. Imagine that, 40 J-24 teams ride all over Lake Travis for a whole weekend, just to check out the local knowledge for the next weekend's Easter Laser Regatta.

For those of you who left the planet last year, the Easter Laser Regatta was the largest fleet of one design boats assembled inside Texas in 1985. This year we want to significantly increase the registrations above last years 45 boat turnout.

On Wednesday, March 5th, the Laser Fleet (and any other interested folks) will meet at the AYC Clubhouse at 7:00 p.m. We are going to further organize the big regatta, organize the Wednesday Series, and generally assign jobs to those suckers who fail to make it to the meeting.



## Ensign



By David Stark

On January 25th Ensign Fleet 30 held its annual meeting, at which time new officers were elected: Fleet Captain, Dan O'Donnell Secretary/Treasurer, David Stark Measurer, Harold Neel

I feel that it is appropriate to give special thanks to Cynthia Creamer, Dan O'Donnell, and Tommy Kozlowski, our outgoing officers, for the fine job of managing the fleet business this past year, including all of the extra work which hosting the '85 Ensign Regionals required.

There seems to be a flurry of activity in the area of boat improvement; new bottom jobs, suits of sails, etc. In fact, recent series participation would indicate an increase in interest among Ensign sailors, and why not? For along with the chance to race against sailors like Baker and Kozlowski, comes the opportunity to improve personal sailing skills.

On Saturday, March 1, 1986, (WEATHER PERMITTING), Fleet 30 will hold our first B.Y.O.B. "bottom cleaning" party. Any interested Ensign boat owner is invited to participate. Come to the AYC rigging dock at 1:00 p.m. You provide the boat (Ensign), the bottom, the brushes and the beer. We'll provide the trailer and the tow. We can help each other get our boats ready for the spring series which begins the following day (Sunday, March 2nd.)

The Ensign Spring Championship/San Jacinto Day Regatta will be hosted by the Houston Yacht Club this April 17, through the 20th. This will be a good chance to compete against many other sailors (they expect to have national participation), and to sail in new waters. For more information call Jeff Deutsch at (713) 669-8955 or 751-6684.

Remember that the spring series begins on March 2nd, and we hope that some of our members who have not been active recently will join us again. We're having fun out there!

GOOD SAILING!

## South Coast 21

UNDER COTTONWOOD



By Danny Lien

New Years Day, Red-eye Regatta..... We had a lot of SC-21 Sailors out, mostly on big Hobies and Merits, I think, but congratulations go out to Duane and Nancy Dobson for first place (non-spinnaker), Bud Boucher for first place (spinnaker) and Arthur Talley, third place (spinnaker). Duane and Nancy showed us all how a boat without a chute is lighter and unencumbered, and that a lighter boat is faster and I guess he beat most, if not all the spinnaker boats, in his start, across the finish line.

A few SC-21s are competing in the frostbite. Haven't been on the course, but I've heard from two people on two different Sunday's that Linda Mcavitt is chewing them up.

On January 18, we had the annual winter meeting and chili supper. Thirty-five people in the clubhouse if you include some yet to be trained crew. We saw some rough video tape footage of last years "nationals" but, it didn't matter the audience was captive. (The edited tape and the masters are with Ray now, pass them around, VHS). Duane and Nancy fixed some fine chili, thanks to everyone for the salads and desserts. We had a meeting while David Boucher told ghost stories to the kids. Patsy Fontenot was going to take them outside to calm down but I'm not sure any of them was willing to step outside just then.

At said meeting, Greg Garret was elected magnanimously by the fleet to be Captain for a year or two. We voted to race intermediate courses at the first and last series of the season and during the mid-summer series, round-the-buoys for those remaining. We voted to collect \$10.00 per active boat for the treasury and Duane will be the heavy. It was mentioned loudly that since most of the newer members have had one to two years to learn how to drink gin, it's time for another of those fish fry cookouts this summer. I had a good time at the meeting, for those who missed it..... next time.

Greg is already taking charge, Metcalf Trophy Regatta planning is underway. If you see Greg, smile big and walk by with a blank expression or remind him how much you like your Ensign, otherwise any nod or twitch is likely to be construed as acceptance as a committee volunteer to buy trophies, organize a dinner, wrangle a race committee (Dennis, anyone?) etc. You have been forewarned. To avoid Greg you'll have to sail late at night, weekdays.

To the club... for those of you who enjoy cruising on your big boat, but would like to try your hand at some level class racing, we've got the answer. Buy a race ready SC-21 for the price of that new chute and genoa your contemplating, forget about secretly reshaping your keel, race level, cruise big and don't worry about carpooling all that crew out on Sunday.

## Catalina 22

By Jane Frederick

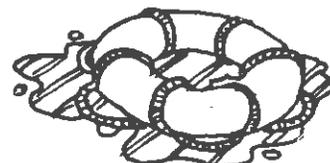
Well, here we are in the New Year already! The first race of the season was a total fiasco. Red-eye lived up to it's name with most sailors and crew showing up bleary-eyed to face Hap & the Happettes' excellent bloody brunch. Everything was fine until it was time to race. The wind simply would not co-operate. The race was started in light air, which did manage to get us to the first mark, however, it started petering out soon after.

Between F and D all but one Catalina dropped out of the race. The one boat that stayed the course should have it's mate's head examined. The skipper wanted to chuck it in, but an adamant first mate over ruled him. Finishing the race almost dead last did us no good at all, even with our adjusted time, we were too far out of the running. The C-22 PHRF rating can be very good to us in a good blow, but it seems to be quite insufficient when it comes to light air. Catalinas are not known for their speed under any conditions but they are even slower when there's not enough air to fill the sails.

The Catalina fleet will be hosting the C-22 Texas State Championships on April 19 and 20. The C-15 fleet has volunteered to run the race committee for us. Thanks C-15s. We expect a good turn out from our local fleet and a lot of out of town boats have promised to come and give us a run for our money. The competition should be fierce. We are very proud to be able to host the championship here, especially in the Sesquicentennial year.

The rumor mill has it that, that crazy Romanian, who doesn't seem to know that jib/genoa boats are not supposed to beat spinnaker boats, has finally broken down and ordered a spinnaker. I dread to think what will happen when he gets the hang of it! The spinnaker fleet has been growing in leaps and bounds, and now is threatening to outnumber the non-spinnakers. Racing this year promises to be the best ever, as the fleet seems to be getting more active and much more competitive.

Lets encourage everyone to come out and race this year, there is no reason why we can't have twelve boats or more on line for every race. The more racers we put on the line, the better the level of competition and the more fun it will be for everyone. See you on the lake.



# J 22

by Shirley Slaughter

Wurstfest October '85 - Four J-22 sailors from Austin, John Saunders, Mark Rylander, Doug Woodward, Craig Holmes, and their excellent crews, entered the Regatta and took the top four places with Mark coming in first.

Houston Yacht Club - Mid-winters/'86 - in late February, and they'll try for a repeat performance. Good Luck,Guys!

Thanks to Rod Malone, Sail and Ski, who donated the beautiful half-model J22, hanging on the wall in the Clubhouse, which is, to me, a sign we're here to stay.

Our annual meeting and pig-out was Super Bowl Sunday held at Craig and Vicki Holmes' home, with eleven J-22's represented and some crews and siblings. We rushed to get through the meeting as the game was about to start--but not before the exciting announcement that Doug Woodward was the Fleet Champion for the year. His reward is a lengthy lecture by him at the end of each series race on his tactics and other bull, while we're munching on chips, hotdogs, etc., and drinking beer. Also, he gets to wash all our boats.

Officers elected for '86 are: Captain-Steve Brown, Jabbawocky; Treasurer-Social Chairman, David Gage, AirWolf; and Secretary, yours truly, Sugar J.

Hey-how about sailing with us--I bet we have more fun than anyone. Just call any of us any time for a ride-we move even in no wind!!!

See ya on the lake...



## J-24

By Dave Broadway

It would seem difficult to improve on the turnout of 14 J/24s during the Winter Series. However, the PHRF Frostbite Series has already attracted 15 entries during the first two races of this series. Except for several horizon jobs by Jody Smith and Pete Shough, the competitive fleet finishes are shuffled any given afternoon.

The fleet welcomes two new boat owners: Glen/Electra Byus ("D'Alliance", #2105) and Jeff Hart/Patti Kilday ("Xalapeno", #826). John Mandell and Roy Smith have dusted off "Tsunami" with several appearances. Our new Commodore has threatened to sew together several suits of C-15 sails to upgrade their J/24 sail inventory.

Increased participation is partly due to preparation for the Texas Circuit Regatta return to the AYC this year. The local stop on the circuit will be hosted March 22-23. The last occurrence of the Texas Circuit at AYC was July, 1984, when the racers meandered through the Lake Travis archipelago while grinding their Keels. The excitement over the return of this event is enhanced by a tad more water (about 40+ feet) and hopefully more wind.

The circuit will provide a fun get together in addition to some keen competition. "Grand Slam" and "Jetstream", two local boats, are currently in the top 5 after the Fort Worth and Lake Canyon stops of the 1986 Texas Circuit Regatta. A large turnout of both local and out-of-town boats is anticipated.

If you haven't sailed in a Texas Circuit Regatta event, take advantage of this fine opportunity hosted in your own backyard. There is no AYC series event scheduled for March 22-23. As you won't be able to race your coffee table or "other" boat, you may want to join the fun/fray of the J/24 fleet by crewing or putting together an entry for this fine event.

AYC and the J/24 fleet gained notoriety with the 1985 Mallory Cup championship team of Scott Young, Doug Kern, and Jody Smith. Last Fall, they lent their expertise to the fleet with a seminar on their go-fast secrets and have offered to do so again this year.

2. AYC Spring Series, starts Sunday, March 2, 1986.

Come out and have some fun at these 2 events. See ya there!

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## Keel Handicap

PHRF A

by Carol Tesch

It is with great trepidation that I take pen in hand to report the activities of A-fleet, especially since I have to follow Dave Bernstein's very excellent job as fleet reporter last year.

I know I've been set up...I KNOW this is the beginning of my demise at AYC, BUT... I'm going forth boldly, and in the interest of journalistic integrity, and truth, justice, and the American way...

Ok, I got carried away! Now, hm, what do you want to know.

The less said about the Red-Eye Regatta the better. It was cold, wet, miserable and worst of all--no wind. Yet, there was a glimmer of brilliance when Steve Vaughan, with his new sails, new bottom job (and old computer?) did a horizon job on A-fleet. Doug Kern was second and Rod Malone took third.

The first race of Frostbite series was sailed in very light air with a course set up to reach to every mark (memo to R.C.: J-29's DO NOT LOVE this kind of course). WHAT IS THIS? Claude Welles in A-Fleet? On a Hobie-33? Give us a break! Go pick on someone your own size, Claude. Anyway, Claude took a very well-sailed first. Those of us bringing up the rear of the fleet were most chagrined when J-24's, J-22's, and yes, a Holder 20 almost caught up with our fleet (well, ok, our boat) bringing up new wind. How embarrassing!

Second race was equally exciting, and this time Steve Vaughan took first, Claude took second and Rod Malone took third.

# merit

By Janis Livingston

The Holiday's have come and gone, Superbowl XX is over, and the weather is excellent, so its time to get out, brush the cobb-webs from your shrouds, clean the decks, and find a crew for some spring sailing. Hopefully, the spring weather will be as nice as the winter weather we are now having. Not much has happened on the boating scene, although we did have 4 boats brave the light wind and drizzel New Years Day to participate in the Red-eye Regatta. I am not sure how many crossed the finish line, but I don't blame anybody for taking a DNF in that race.

It's time for a changing of the guard for fleet officers. Kirk Livingston has "volunteered" to be fleet commander. Any volunteers for secretary/treasurer? Also thanks to last year's officers for their time and efforts.

Next, several boats have been bought and sold over the past year. Please help us update our mailing list and fleet membership. If you are receiving the newsletter and no longer own a Merit, please let us know who the new owner is or if you have purchased a Merit and are not on the mailing list, call Kirk Livingston, home 288-0531 or work 440-2249.

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Mark your calenders for these 2 upcoming events:

1. TGIF, February 21, after work (6pm) Scholtz Beer Garden. Come meet all the new Merit owners, help plan events for the upcoming sailing season, have a few beers, etc.

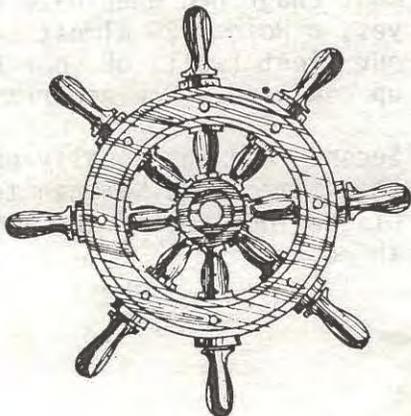
Where, oh where are the J-29's this series? I can't believe you have abandoned us to be beat up on by all the ULDB's. The Bernstein's have an excused absence because we ambushed them, tied them up and forced them to crew on our boat, but the rest of you... it's lonely out there!

Can we talk? Just between you and me, I'm worried about our social chairchick. You know, the one who resembles I-Mark! I think the pressure of her job is getting to her. She's been going around talking a lot about pink flamingos lately. If she mentions anything about pink flamingoes to you, just pat her on her curly head and humor her. She'll probably be ok when she gets her floating coffee table back in the water this spring.

By the way, in a moment of insanity, the Gage's and the Tesch's agreed to co-chair the Turnback Canyon regatta this year. It would probably be a good idea for you to go ahead and volunteer for a job now or else you will be drafted for clean-up duty or something equally ghastly. Dave Gage promises good wind this year. He says since he's not racing it's guaranteed to blow at least 10-15 both days. Sign up now!! Uncle Dave wants YOU!

Oh, by the way, I almost forgot. Congratulations to Bob Tesch the new A-Fleet commander. Sorry for the oversight, Bob.

That's not all the news, surely, but it's all I can think of. Let me know if there's someone you want to get even with, and I'll find a way to put their name in this column--the ultimate humiliation!!!



## Keel Handicap

By Barry Bowden

The annual meeting of the Keel Handicap Fleet was held at AYC on Saturday, January 25, 1986. Thanks to the usually excellent Fajitas of Chef Bill Records, a giant specially decorated chocolate cake by Louise Vance, and plenty of beer; a good time was had by all.

A meeting was held before the dinner and the following items were decided for the 1986 race season. The PHRF System of Handicaps was approved for the 1986 year, Barry Bowden was elected as Fleet Captain, and the Fleet Splits for the new year were agreed on (to the best extent that they can ever be agreed on).

Fleet Splits for the new season will be as follows:

Class A: PHRF Ratings 0 - 132  
Class B: PHRF Ratings 133-189  
Class C: PHRF Ratings 190-219  
Class D: PHRF Ratings 220 and Higher

Class Captains for the new year will be as follows:

Class A: Bob Tesch  
Class B: Dan Wight  
Class C: Bill Records  
Class D: Ralph Jones

These people will be responsible for providing members of the race committee when our fleet has race committee duty and also to submit articles to the TELLTALE on the various race series. Everyone in a class should be willing to help them out when called upon.

Because of a full schedule of racing events this year, it will not be possible to hold the California Cup in the early spring as has been done in the past. There are no complete weekends open until after the end of the season in November. The Cup could be held as a Saturday only event at some other time during the year. If anyone is interested in taking responsibility for the promotion and running of a California Cup, please contact the Fleet Captain, Barry Bowden.

Fleet dues of \$5.00 were collected from everyone at the meeting. If you were unable to attend, please send your \$5.00 dues to Barry Bowden, 8100 Espanola Trail, Austin, TX 78736. The money from the dues will be used to help fund trophies for the year and also other social events.

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions to improve our racing or social activities during this year, please contact the Fleet or Class Captains. Let's have another great year of activities at AYC for the Keel Handicap Fleet.

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PARTING BULL

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The following is from a much travelled Laser sailor from Australia named Andrew Mason whose articles and comments on the popular MURPHY'S LAW have been reprinted in SAILING's columns from time to time and I felt as did the Commodore that AYC members might enjoy some of his thoughts also. Time and again I'll bring you some of his wit in the TELLTALE. The editor.

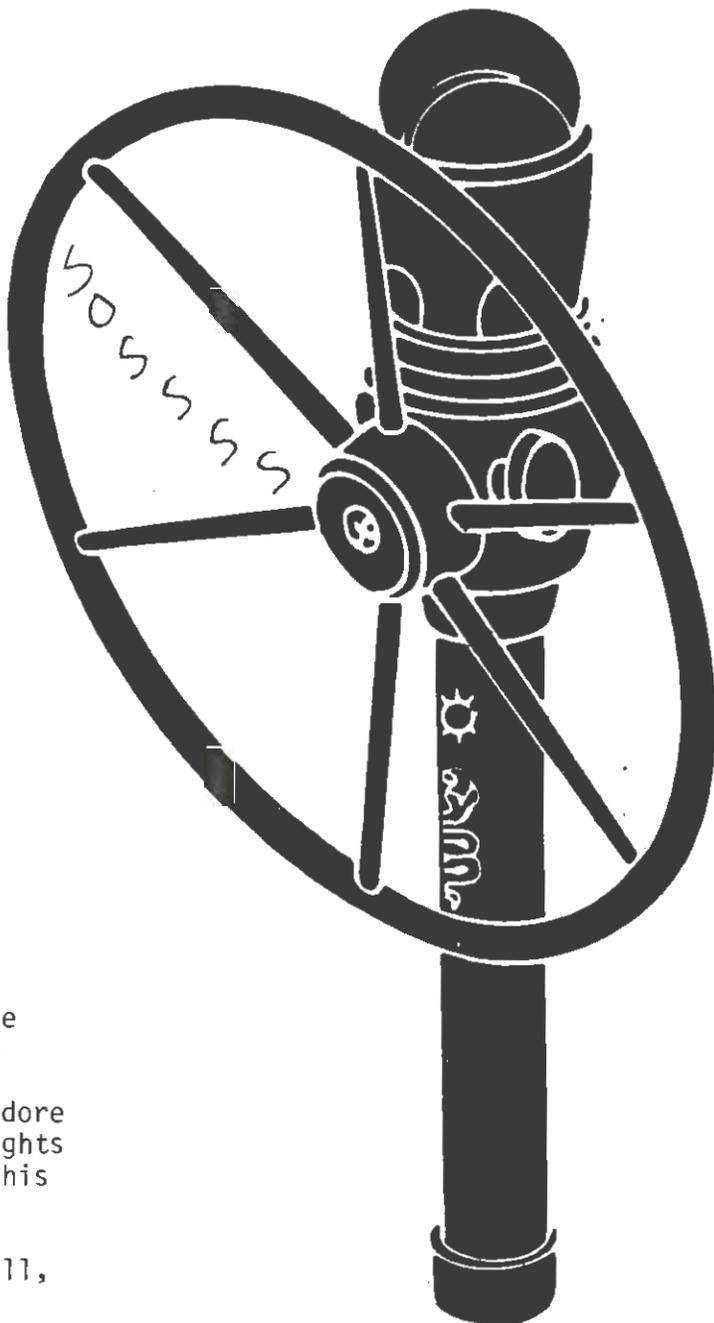
Primary axiom: Anything that can go wrong will, and at the worst possible time.  
Secondary axiom. The probability of an event occurring is inversely proportional to its desirability.

GENERAL LAWS:

1. Any rope cut to length will be too short or will shrink.
2. Any "unbreakable" fitting is immediate suspect.
3. Any critical knot will slip or come untied.
4. If someone passes you in light air doing twice your speed, he will invariably be facing backwards, rolling a cigarette and discussing fishing with the occupant of the nearest boat.
5. If your watch stops it will do so within 45 seconds of the starting signal.

If anyone has further law along these lines we would be very interested to hear from you. Thanks.. Send laws to:TELLTALE

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# SERIES RESULTS



## WINTER

### C-15

1. David O'dell
2. John Mandell
3. Bill Snead

### ENSIGN

1. Jim Baker
2. Julian Zimmerman
3. Dan O'Donnell
4. Sam Humphrey

### THISTLE

1. Merrill Goodwyn
2. Fred Schroth

### MERIT 25

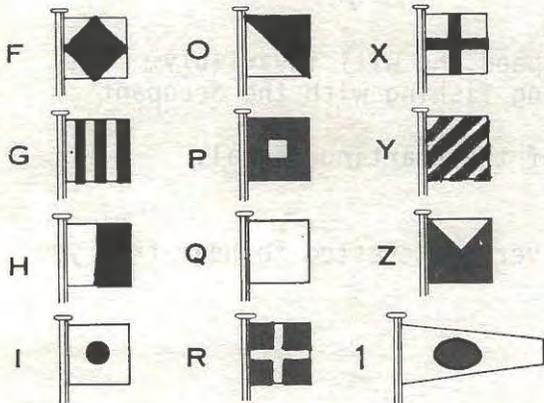
1. Steve Bangs
2. Carl Morris

### SOUTH COAST 21

1. Ray Shull
2. Greg Garrett
3. Jimmy Fontenot
4. Danny Lien
5. Duane Dobson

### CATALINA 22

1. Bill Word
2. Bill Morack
3. Stephen Frederick



### PHRF-A:

1. Jim Draheim/Hobie 33
2. Bill Draheim/J 29
3. Bob Tesch/J 29
4. Bob Howell/Olson 30

### PHRF-B:

1. Claude Welles/Cal 9.2
2. Rolly Lawson/Olson 25
3. Frank Riha/Cal 9.2

### PHRF-C:

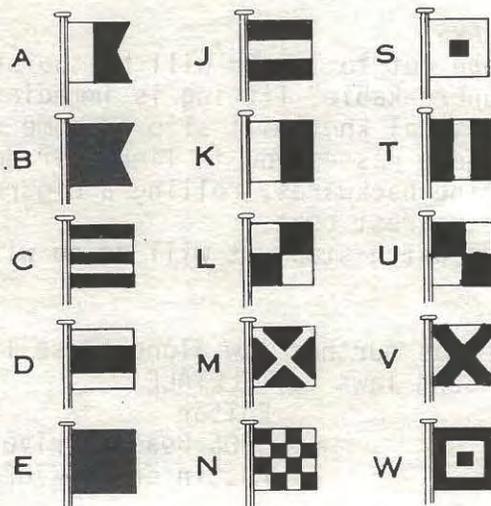
1. Terry Cox/Holder 20
2. Walt Dwyer/Pearson 26 OD
3. Bruce McDonald/CAL 29
4. Terry Meyers/Col 8.7
5. Dan Wight/Holder 20

### J-22:

1. Craig Holmes
2. Stephen Brown
3. Bill Beebee

### J-24:

1. Pete Shough
2. Jody Smith
3. Dave Broadway
4. Wayne Ashby/R. W. Harden



## And the Winners Are:

### RED EYE RESULTS

#### PHRF NON SPINNAKER:

1. Duane Dobson/SC 21
2. Louie Soefje/Ran23 Tm
3. Joe Rymal/M25

#### PHRF D:

1. Bud Boucher/SC 21
2. Harold Neel/Ensign
3. Arthur Tally/SC 21

#### PHRF C:

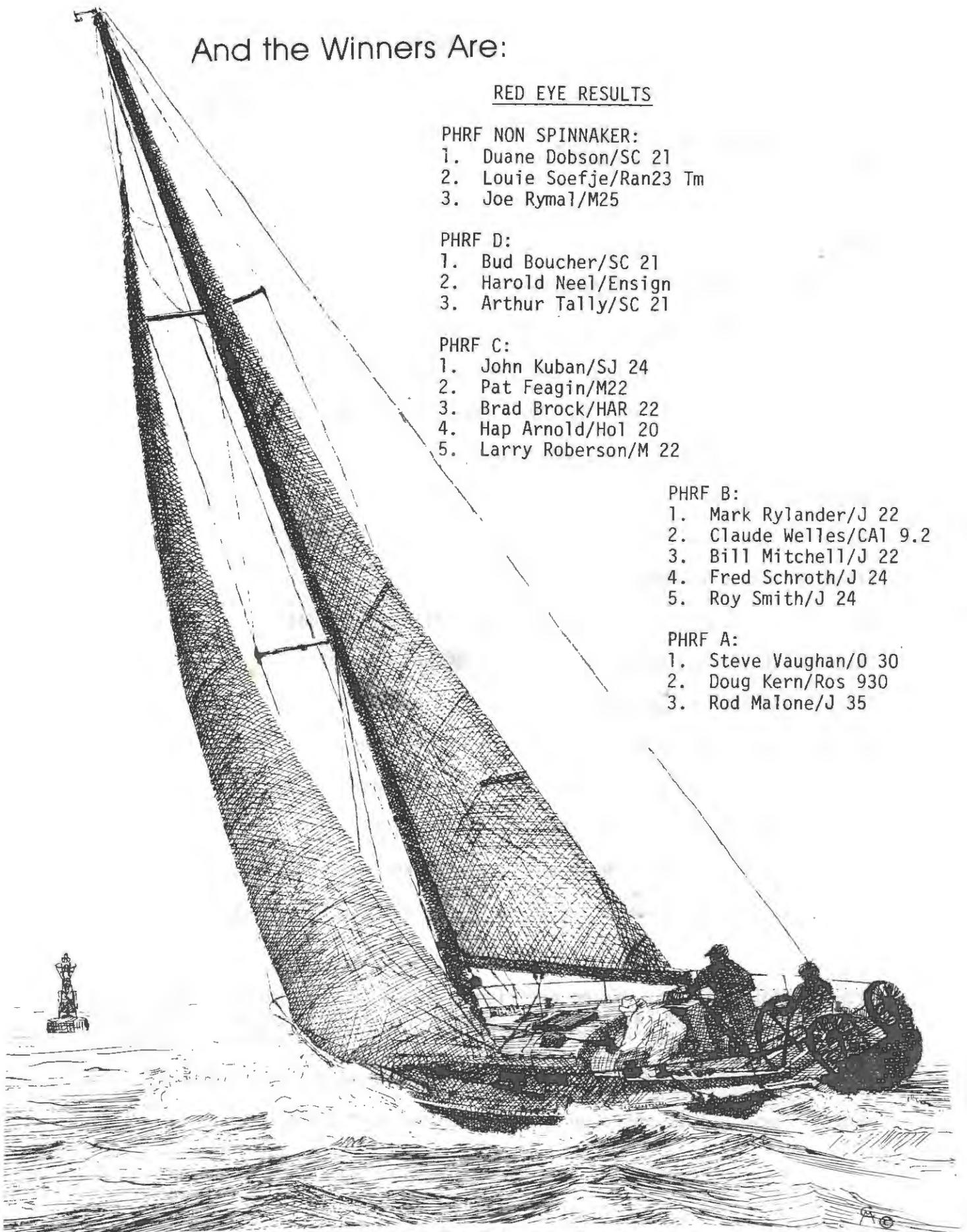
1. John Kuban/SJ 24
2. Pat Feagin/M22
3. Brad Brock/HAR 22
4. Hap Arnold/Ho1 20
5. Larry Roberson/M 22

#### PHRF B:

1. Mark Rylander/J 22
2. Claude Welles/CA1 9.2
3. Bill Mitchell/J 22
4. Fred Schroth/J 24
5. Roy Smith/J 24

#### PHRF A:

1. Steve Vaughan/O 30
2. Doug Kern/Ros 930
3. Rod Malone/J 35



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Catalina 30' - \$29,500 - 448-4542 or 266-9441  
Ranger 23- \$8,000 - Larry Koch - 251-6535  
Fireball with trailer - Craig Tapley - \$1,800  
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Cal 25 - \$7,500 - Mike and Peggy Frary 453-0544  
Coronado 25 - John or Kay Stark - 452-8984  
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Cal 20 - Tom Wood - \$4,500- 266-9204 or 469-3402  
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- Crew available. Experienced on Express 27. Jane Morse (713) 558-1442.
- Want to crew. Experienced on Cal 27 - Herman Moyers - 479-6713

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