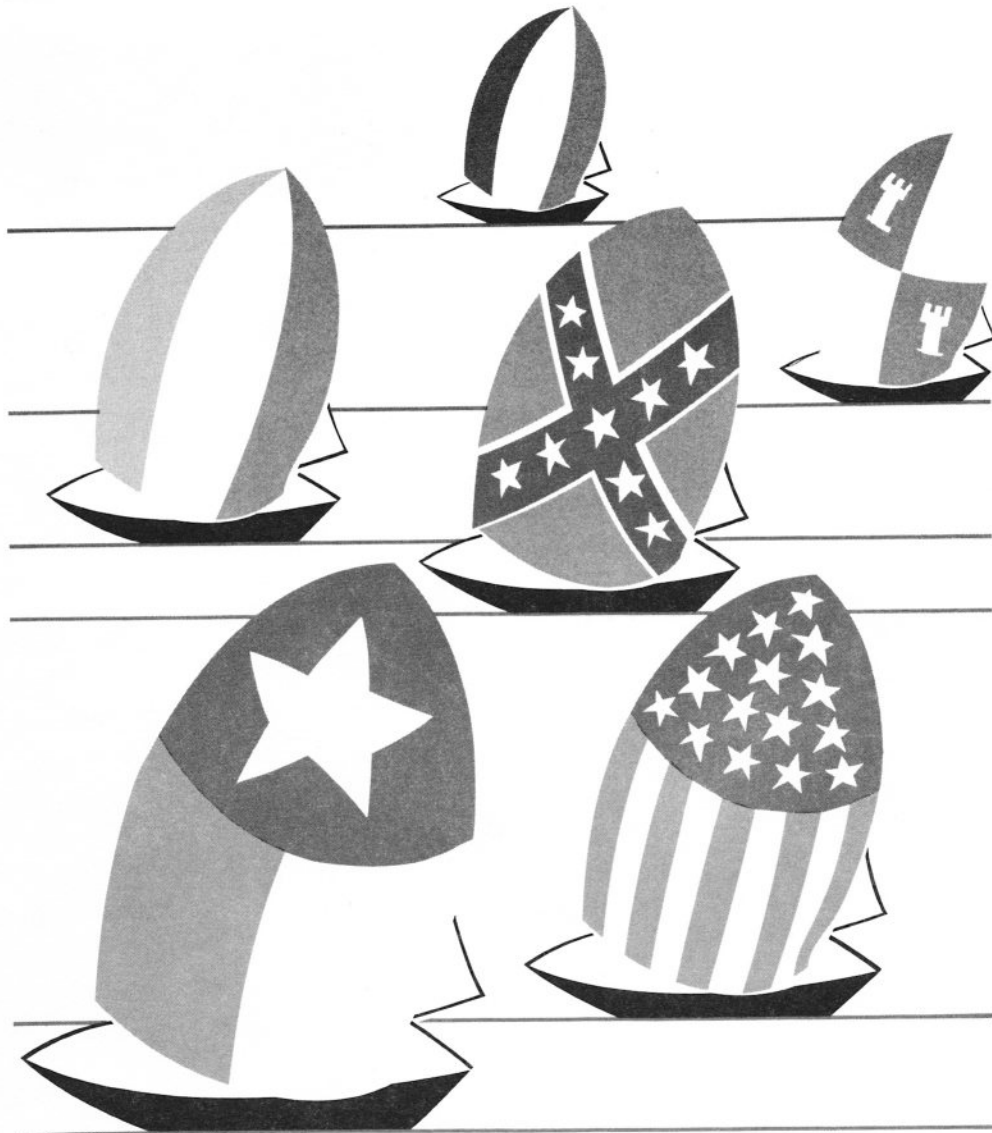


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1986 GOVERNOR'S CUP REGATTA

JULY 5 & 6



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FROM THE COMMODORE _____

Turnback Canyon, 1986 is history. Bob and Carol Tesch and Judy and David Gage are to be congratulated for bringing the Club the greatest variety in a Turnback Canyon race in many years. We had weather for all tastes: broaching reaches on some legs, drifters on others, a little Lake Travis current at the finish, and a neat light show to stop the band! And I don't think it rained on the race at all. I understand the Geezenslaw Brothers love to come play for AYC, they haven't had to finish a gig yet!

I'd like to thank all those at Lago Vista who pitched in and helped secure the boats when the storm blew in Saturday night, especially the folks in the Monte Carlo who acted as "mooring stake" all night for the group of boats where I was tied up. Maybe he figured there was no way for his car to be dragged through the slick mud into the lake! (I'm glad the wind didn't blow too hard")

I'd also like to add that I think Greg Schertz and his race committee did the usual outstanding of Race Management. I think the new starting order was generally well received by most and I think it worked out real well. But, Greg, I do think you should check your committee a little closer next time; somebody brought a Pink Flamingo and left it perched up on the RC boat both days, and Nelms wasn't even on the boat!

On another note, I hope everyone's noticed all the work that's been going on around the Club, lately. Hap is tearing up the roads again (and some of the cabins!) with his big, yellow toys to make sure the toilets will flush reliably (and legally) in the cabins. Lights have been put on the docks to illuminate the perimeter in compliance with the new LCRA Marina Ordinance, and dock 2 will have a 110v convenience outlet for boat maintenance. Ralph Jones, Jim Turpin and others have begun work on the renovation of Cabins 4 and 5 (?), as part of our long range plan to upgrade the condition of the Cabins; and Shirley Slaughter has completed a nice renovation of the kitchen area in the Clubhouse. Dock 3 has been replanked due to the hard (and wet) efforts of Russell Painton and a dedicated work party. (Who won the wet t-shirt contest, anyway?) I hope everyone has also noticed the new addition to the AYC Navy: Gunboat #3. Thanks to a lot of effort by Fred Schroth and his partner, Jim Merrie, the boat was purchased at a significant savings and was reconditioned in plenty of time to be used for Turnback (How much time is "plenty", Fred?)

As the water gets warmer, and more cruisers and power boaters come to Travis and enjoy the lake, I hope all of you will remember good courtesy on the lake and that those "klutz's" have a right to enjoy the lake, too. Let's all try to keep a good image of the Club in the minds of the public and make your passing comments to them after they are out of hearing distance!

A brief update on the Lawsuit with marina under construction next door: The trial is nearly over, and the Judge has announced her ruling, which will be generally favorable to AYC. Since the final judgments haven't yet been signed, I save the details for a future article.

John Mandell, Commodore

FROM THE EDITOR



The editor is behind on some of his special thanks to some very valuable members to AYC.

First, David Gage for doing a great cover on the last issue of the Telltale and some terrific photography work for 1986 history of AYC.

Wayne and Jane Ashby ran a super Spring Regatta and the staff wants to thank them for putting up with so many rookies on the AYC staff this year.

The Welles cooked up all those hamburgers for the end of the mid-spring series and a special thanks is sent to them.

The co-chair people on that race to Lago Vista and back; Bob and Carol Tesch, Judy VanCleeve, and David Gage indoctrinated the entire staff at AYC on a whole new definition of overnight camping. Thank you folks, we did enjoy it.

Thanks to Kristi Blankenship for Jr. Sailing Camp instructing, Claude Welles and his instructors for the Race Clinic, and Ralph Jones for his support with cabin renovation. I'm also going to thank Hap McCollum for the grounds equipment and improvement he has done if we don't spring any more leaks. Thank you members--you are prime examples of camaraderie at work.

Congratulations to Jimmy Fontenot a National Champion in the South Coast Fleet.

Congratulations also to several J22 sailors who buzzed up to Dallas and took several top spots. See the J22 article by Shirley Slaughter.

New members in 1986 are;

JEFF HART

BRUCE FOSTER

JEFF JOHNSON

JAMES PINNO

LARRY RATLIFF

KENNETH WOODS

NELSON MIKESKA

PHILIP BAKER

JAMES DEETER

Welcome aboard new group!!!!

See you on the lake.

Here is some current U.S.Y.R.U. news.

- USYRU member PHRF fleets will be providing updates of local handicaps to the USYRU office on a monthly basis.
- The 1986 USYRU annual meeting will be held in San Diego, Ca. October 15-19. Hosted by San Diego YC and primary facilities being the Bay Club hotel.
- The I.O.C. lost a truly valuable leader and member of its committee in Julian K. (Dooley) Roosevelt who died in late March. He was on the I.O.C. Executive Board from 1974-1986.
- Marketing Director Jamie McCreary at the USYRU office has information on a boat financing program for USYRU members getting preferential rates and terms on boat financing of \$3,000. - 500,000. For info call collect (301-260-6040)





SOCIALLY SPEAKING...

by Teri Nelms
Social Chairchick

My life has been threatened by the editor if my article should ramble on for more than 250 words, so I'll make this to the point: Thanks from all of us to Claude and Jo Ann Welles who so successfully fed and beered us all for the Mid-Spring Series Buffet. I didn't get a trophy, but I do remember the food and the good company, so all you Buffet-makers keep up the good work for the upcoming series. We all appreciate it.

I think it's appropriate for all of you to know that there were two parties during the past month that not everyone was invited to attend. When you consider the people having the parties and the reasons, you probably won't have your feelings hurt at all. As a result of a Surprise Birthday party at the North 40, we now need to change the spelling in the club directory of one of our member's names. Carol Tesch is now to be known as CAROLD Tesch. Yes, when we say 40, we're not talking about her bust line. She was released by the nursing home long enough to come to the party, and was greeted at the door with a wheel chair to make her passage through the club more restful for her. She had dead flower arrangements on the table and an old cake made by our own S. Slaughter. She also got lots of off-color gifts that none of us want to talk about. We all had a good OLD time.

And then there was the no-surprise-at-all party for our elderly Hap McCollum. The highlight of the evening was a slide show compiled by "friends" who do not wish to have their names mentioned. The slides depicted Hap at different times and conditions in his life, most of which he slept through, and should probably be shown at the annual banquet. I know I'll vote for that. Hap also got some unmentionable gifts and unprintable cards. He woke up long enough to say "thanks" to all of us. Yes, I will tell you how old he is: he's 50, and that's probably his waist measurement, too...

A thank-you is in order for Bob and Carold Tesch and Dave Gage and Judy VanCleve for their Turnback Canyon success. All I can say is, you had to have been there, because I was sober during the whole affair so my observations will loose something in the printing. Thanks, guys, we had a great time!

Another AYC social affair that only a chosen few, and all WIMMEN, I might add, were invited to involved the moving of a large boat from the Bahamas to Florida. I was promised exclusive rights to the story, but I don't know if I can do it in the number of words allotted to me in this issue. If I can't finish it, I'll do so in the next issue. It seems that six of our ladies decided to move the Harden's boat from

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SPRING REGATTA RESULTS

PHRF A

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|----------------|------------|
| 1. Gary Lomax | Santana 35 |
| 2. Jim Draheim | J 29 |

PHRF B

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|-------------------|-----------|
| 1. Hap Arnold | Holder 20 |
| 2. Bruce McDonald | C-29 |
| 3. Hap McCollum | SJ-28 |
| 4. Kurt Carson | Holder 20 |

PHRF C

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| 1. John Vance | P-26 |
| 2. Dave Hilfer | SJ-24 |
| 3. Eddie Calagero | SJ-7.7 |

PHRF D

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| 1. Richard McClarnon | Col 27 |
| 2. Harold Neel | Ensign |
| 3. Bob Pilmore | R-22 |

J-24

1. Jody Smith
2. Roger Hardin
3. Pete Shough

MERIT 25

1. Kirk Livingston
2. David Balfour

J-22

1. Mark Rylander
2. Dave Woodward

CATALINA 22

1. William Morack
2. Eric Nelson

SC 21

1. Ray Shull
2. Danny Lien

THISTLE

1. Kelson Elam
2. Ed Halter

C-15

1. Terry Schertz
2. Dave O'Dell

CENTERBOARD HANDICAP

1. Teri Nelms

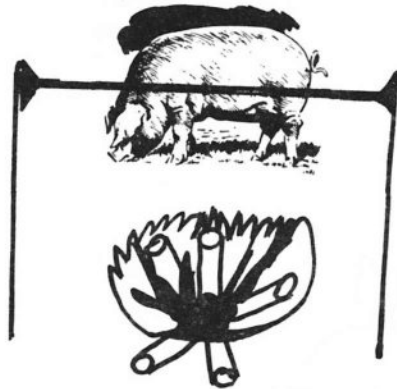


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SERIES RESULTS

MID-SPRING

A FLEET

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|----------------|------|
| 1. B. Tesch | J-29 |
| 2. R. Painton | J-29 |
| 3. S. Spademan | O-30 |

ENSIGN

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| 1. T. Kozlowski |
| 2. J. Zimmerman |
| 2. D. O'Donnell |

B-FLEET

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|-----------------|------------|
| 1. F. Riha | Cal 9.2 |
| 2. B. Bowden | J-30 |
| 3. T. Smith | Capri 22 |
| 4. B. McDonald | Cal 29 |
| 5. C. Henderson | Santana 23 |

CATALINA 22

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| 1. W. Allen |
| 2. E. Nelson |
| 3. C. Popescu |

C FLEET

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|----------------|---------|
| 1. D. Wahlberg | Kiwi 24 |
| 2. T. Vicknair | P-26 |
| 3. B. Records | P-26 |
| 4. W. Dwyer | P-26 |

SOUTH COAST 21

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| 1. R. Shull |
| 2. G. Garrett |
| 3. R. Bucher |
| 4. D. Dobson |

D FLEET

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| 1. B. Pillmore | R-22 |
| 2. L. Soefje | R-23 |
| 3. P. Weller | S2 7.3 |

MERIT 25

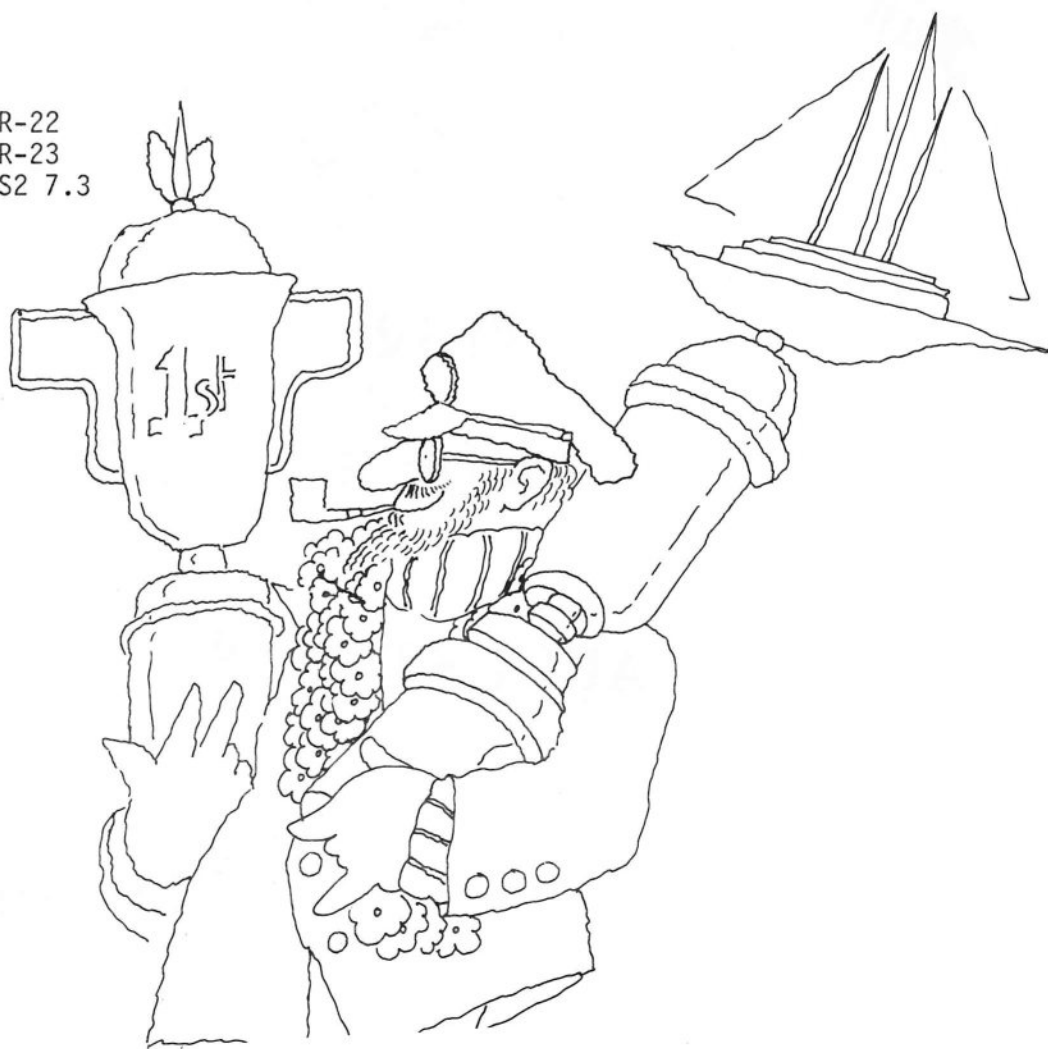
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| 1. C. Morris |
| 2. S. Bangs |
| 3. J. Livingston |

THISTLE

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| 1. E. Halter |
| 2. M. Goodwyn |
| 3. G. Porter |

J-22

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| 1. V. Maki |
| 2. D. Woodward |
| 3. B. Mitchell |



TURNBACK CANYON REGATTA

RESULTS

TORNADO

1. Rick Sharp
2. Doug Grak

NACRA 5.0

1. Gary Mosier
2. Guy Overy

NACRA 5.2

1. J. D. Smith
2. Corky Pittsenberger
3. Jeff Taylor
4. Dan Cook
5. Charlie King

NACRA 5.8

1. Rob Murphy
2. Chris Blaschke

HOBIE 16

1. Robert Bading
2. Tom Frost
3. David Lewis
4. Craig Morris

MULTIHULL B

1. Ben Eberly
2. Don Roller
3. Gregg Schuyler
4. Steve Ferris
5. Joe Marotti

MULTIHULL A

1. Jim Henson
2. Dennis Palin
3. Asim Saber
4. Don Caldwell
5. Tom Spell

PORTSMOUTH

1. Niel Taylor

CATALINA 27 (NS)

1. Michal Dahle
2. Mark Johnson

CATALINA 25

1. Kenneth Miller
2. Steve Wolford
3. Duane Finn

CATALINA 22 (NS)

1. Nelda Biggs
2. Calin Popescu
3. Nelson Mikeska

CATALINA 22 (S)

1. Gene Ferguson
2. Marilyn Bemer

MERIT 25

1. Cliff Burns
2. Cliff Waxman
3. Carl Morris

J-24

1. Fred Schroth
2. Pete Shough
3. Jim Gras

KEEL D (NS)

1. Steve Hennigh
2. Tom Cummings
3. Dennis Tye
4. Wade Bingaman
5. Greg Binion

KEEL C (NS)

1. J. Maddaluzo
2. Bill Bynum
3. Gail Tooley
4. Doug Caroom

KEEL B (NS)

1. John Mack
2. Brent Teffeo
3. Carl Rieck, Jr.
4. Rick Booth
5. Fess Miller

KEEL D (S)

1. Pete Edgar
2. Duane Dobson
3. Gerald Henderson
4. John Allison
5. Don Sannes

KEEL C (S)

1. Dave Hilfer
2. Trenton Wann
3. Gerry Sizemore
4. Bill Records
5. Gary Griffith

KEEL B (S)

1. David Jamail
2. Claude Welles
3. Walter Zagst
4. Tom Lott
5. Bruce McDonald

KEEL A (S)

1. Rod Malone
2. Russell Painton
3. Steve Vaughan
4. Craig White

FROM THE FLEETS

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

CENTERBOARD HANDICAP
by Teri Nelms

The last series was boring, what else can I say. Either no wind, too much wind, no crew or no competition blew me right out of it. Dr. McIntyre made the most consistant appearance, and he apparently intends to continue showing up. The first of the summer series races found us all on the Committee Boat with Nelms and Halter sharing the blame. At least we got two races off in the light and shift air, but that was Ed's work, not Nelms. I would never have done it that way, but Ed was right, or very lucky, and the second race wind arrival was just in time for the start.

The second race had THREE M20's on the line, The Coffee Table and an FD from San Antonio. I didn't check the scores, but I feel confident that we need to sink the FD before next Sunday. Good news for me and bad news for you, there are now three Fireballs in Houston, and that's close enough for them to start coming here to sail. Some of us just know how to have a better time than others.

A warning to all members, Child of Chairchick has started driving and is now an official member of the AYC pruning committee: she figured out how to use the car on trees. I suggest that people as well as boats and trees keep their distance.

Congratulations to Craig Tapley, proud Daddy of a brand new baby blue 505. We are having a name-that-boat contest and your entry is needed. I kinda like something unique, like "old blue", or "blue-out", or...

BY FRED SCHROTH

Austin's most active fleet is rolling again. (Sixteen races in May with an average of eight starters). By the time you read this, it will be July, so let's focus on what is going on then. Wednesday evening sailing will be in mild winds with warm water below. If the wind blows, a few will get wetter than they had planned, and if the wind sleeps, we will all jump in anyway.

This year we have a cooler of beer, soft drinks and ice on the committee boat. On these hot July nights I cannot imagine a better reward at the finish line than a cold drink.

August 9-10 is the Port Arthur Rock Star Regatta. Fred, Troy and Paul went there last year and had a ball. If anyone is interested in joining us this year, we plan to find that great seafood restaurant under the bridge.

For those of you who keep up with this sort of non-sense, the average age of race winners in May was over 40 years. The first three finishers totaled 140 years of age in at least one race. The J-24 Fleet and Thistle Fleet kicked the pants off the Merit 25 Fleet and the "A" Fleet.

Finally, if you need emergency heart related surgery or are just planning a mild coronary, please avoid doing it on Wednesdays. Dr. Hap enjoys kicking all the kids butts off the race course and he can't be two places at once.



by David Odell

Ensign

BY DAVID STARK

Unseasonably light and shifty breezes, and summer-like calm typified both the Spring and Mid-Spring Series. That didn't hamper Dan O'Donnell who finished first in the Spring Series with Dick Clark second and Harold Neel in third. Tommy Kozlowski got his boat back in the water in time to sail and win the Mid-Spring Series followed by Harold Neel and Dan O'Donnell. The warmer weather has brought out some new blood to try their hands at sail handling. All sailors are welcome.

With respect to A.Y.C. regattas, the Ensigns have not been able to muster enough participation to make their own fleet start since Governor's Cup, leaving those who do come out to race (excuse me) PHRF. One very good way to be recognized for using your boat by both the A.Y.C. and other grateful Ensign sailors is to participate in regattas.

The Jan Jacinto Day Regatta hosted by the Houston Yacht Club was a big event with 23 Ensigns on the starting line. Strong winds on both days, with gusts to 30 M.P.H. on Sunday made for exciting racing. Five National Ensign trophies were awarded, with first place going to Dean & Kay Snyder of Houston, who had as part of their crew our own Cynthia Creamer. While neither of the two A.Y.C. Ensigns finished in the silver, Harold Neel did finish in the top 10.

Ensign Regionals are being held in New Orleans June 19-21. If you want more information, contact Dan O'Donnell.

The 6th Annual C-15 Cheap Thrills Regatta was once again very successful thanks to Bob and Claudia Musselman who put on a super regatta. Thanks --we all appreciate it. The results were as follows:

1. Terry and Greg Schertz
2. Bill Draheim and Jeff Johnson
3. Robert Johnston and Keith Andrews
4. Linda McDavitt and Dave Balfour
5. Charlie Dozier and Gary Coter

Congratulations to everyone!!

Our next major regatta (since Districts are being held while this is being printed) is the Governor's Cup/ Eastern Regional Championship. A couple of skippers from California are threatening to fly out for the regatta, so get your boat ready. This should be one of the largest turnouts of the year.

The mid-summer series @ AYC is scheduled to be held on Saturday evenings. The race committee promises us that we will start early enough to get 2 races off before dark. Therefore, the mid-summer series will be our annual crew-swap series, so be sure to show up early and we'll pair up skippers and crews.

Also, our social activity for June will be a Keelboat cruise on Saturday, June 21 @ 1:00 pm @ AYC. You'd better call ahead 343-2410 so we don't have 1 South Coast and 12 people. Plan to bring food/drinks for you and your family.

Now that the water is warmer and the winds are calmer we all need to try to show up for the Sunday races as the participation level for our fleet has been very low. Hope to see you on the water.

UNDER COTTONWOOD

by Danny Lien

Mid-spring series was fun, mostly too light. One race comes to mind. Sunday May 11, four boats were in hot competition for 2nd place in the series. At the start, half the Fleet went right at the boat, half left by the pin. The northeast wind died, first on the left side. I was drifting below the pin. I luffed and desperately tried to shoot the pin. Thinking I was tacking, the crew backed the jib and guess who drifted down on Bud, then Duane and Bob. It was about three starts later before we were sufficiently clear of everyone so we could spin the boat.

Meanwhile, back at the races, the five South Coasts which had worked the right had actually rounded the windward mark. No one else made it. Jimmy led the pack around "R", but at wind's last gasp, Vern passed uncomfortably into first place. Those of us still below the windward mark watched the motorboat wakes (some say current) push the front pack toward shore. Vern ultimately threw in the towel, got out the paddles and headed for the club. Needless to say, the wind filled, Ray, who was anchored to hold position against the wakes, finished first, with Jimmy and Greg close behind, all just within the time limit.

Vern, remember what Duane seems to say. You can race sailboats or you can take a shower with your clothes on and beat your body against the wall. Congratulations Ray for another well sailed race and eventually a perfect series as I recall. Bud got the trophy for the most number of Sundays in a row to be fouled at the start, three in a row. A little disconcerting as one gears up for the Annual Metcalf Memorial Trophy Regatta, aka South Coast 21 Worlds.

Did I mention Metcalf 86? It is history now, people have slept, gear has had a chance to dry and AYC's boats are back where they belong. Four trophies were awarded as follows:

4th Place - LeRoy Champion (SYC)
3rd Place - Ray Shull
2nd Place - Bud Bouchey
1st Place - Jimmy Fontenot

Mr. Marvin "Jimmy" Fontenot, AYC's very own coon ass has yet again shown us the true Frenchman that he is. When asked by this writer, Jimmy graciously granted a strategy interview during the six hour ride back from Shreveport. Thursday night after the sail measuring, an impromptu dinner was held at a lake-side restaurant which was also hosting a Louisiana "Razorbacker" Dinner, Frank Browyles as guest. Standing and singing Aggie fight songs and even the Eyes of Texas was not planned, Jimmy said later, but it showed the locals that we came to sail and represented a real class association. Multi-talented Carl Morris can also sing.

Friday A.M., the tension was high, the wind filled in just enough for the start and though a little shifty, it remained light but in existence most of the day. Using 200 pounds plus foredeck to depress the bow and shorten the waterline and hike to leeward when necessary, and using Greg as boat spotter and support tactician, Jimmy concentrated, sat just abaft the slot, and made his boat go. After staying in the middle, mixing with the fleet, he broke ahead and covered. Two bullets!

Friday's dinner was no less subdued with beer, a trashcan of crawfish and one of shrimp, boiled potatoes and corn. Some of the locals showed us how to "eat tails and suck heads" as they ate the mudbugs.

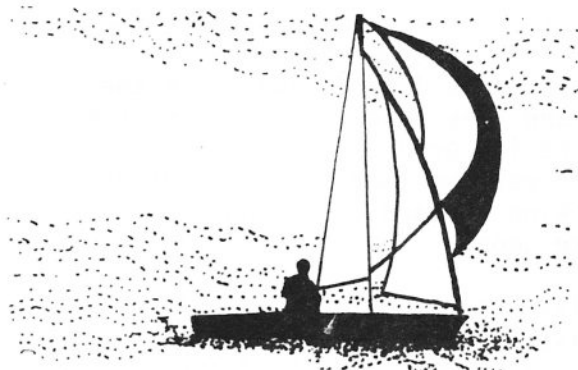
Saturday, the winds were light, it rained 2.4 inches at the airport close to the lake, and though the wind often died during the two races, anchors were not needed as the rain beat down the few motorboat wakes. Bailing buckets and foul weather gear were used. Hasty reference to tree lines and compass

Under Cottonwood cont'd

bearings were made as marks became shrouded by the rain. Bud got a first, Jimmy a second, in the morning. Ray had a good lock on third, the last race was to be for first and fourth places. Though Jimmy led much of the last race and Bud trailed the fleet the last two legs found Bud with sights on Ray's stern which led and Jimmy in next to last. It should be noted that though not by design the last two legs of the gold cup which had been shortened when the committee moved the windward mark, took almost an hour to sail and were mostly sailed under wet droopy spinnaker. Jimmy passed a few boats, drove over in a luffing match just before the finish and held on to his first place in the Regatta finishing behind Bud. Ray finished first. The wakeless battle had taken almost all of the three hour time limit, but it's over when it's over.

Jimmy was elected national commodore to help sponsor the event at Austin next year. He spoke and spoke, danced and danced. Ray managed to open the bar again as the party "shut down" and it seems that he too is multi-talented. I only hope we have as good a time next year. Half the travelling fleet drove home Sunday morning through more rain to race in the series opener. I guess we like it.

And as always, to the club, if you want to race level against some salts, borrow a South Coast. hey are not new or expensive or high tech, but we have five or six racing on the edge. Borrow one that's for sale, case of beer and a handshake if you win!



AMERICA'S CUP CHALLENGE

merit

by Janis Livingston

As I sit here near the window watching the sunny weather and wonderful wind outside, desperately trying to remember all the exciting, comical, and adventurous things you guys have accomplished in the past month or so and not wanting to exercise my brain too much on a lovely Friday afternoon, I've decided to keep this short and to the point. Maybe I'll have sometime before dark to get out to the lake.

The first thing to pop to mind is the new Merit 25 sitting near the work area. Pete and Judy Reinhart are the owners and they hope to be joining the Sunday racing group shortly. We are happy to welcome them to the fleet and are looking forward to seeing them on the lake soon.

Kirk Livingston and Terry Johnston have been busy trying to improve their racing skills. They both went to J-World in Dallas late in May. They haven't been out on the course much since, so we are still waiting to see what they learned. Hope your efforts pay off.

Turnback canyon regatta was exciting and lots of fun as usual. We had an exceptionally large fleet with 9 boats, 5 of which came from out of town boats, especially Nasty Habit. The fleet provided drinks after the race showing our hospitality to the out-of-towners. We even had some real excitement in the wee hours of the morning, a storm came in and it appeared for a while that the stake holding most of the Merit fleet was about to pull out. Dragon Red's crew came to the rescue and tied several boats to the bumper of a mini van and a few more to the bumper of our Bronco. In the morning all boats were safe and sound, good work, guys!

Socially speaking, mark your calendars for July 12. We are planning to have some sort of cookout at AYC prior to sending the racers out for race committee duty. More details later.



by Jane Frederick

After a great start to the racing year with up to eleven boats on the starting line, the fleet has started to drop in participation. The mid-spring series seems to be the one that most people took off. This means that you need to be out there and racing for the next few series. We have to keep our racing participation in order to maintain our position as a class fleet at the Yacht Club. Participation was also down for Turnback, but that may be accounted for by the fact that three C-22 skippers sailed on a Hobie 33, and three more on the Johnson's C-27. It was great fun to try different boats, but the C-22 Fleet needs the C-22 skippers to race their own boats. (Yes, it's true, I'm guilty with the rest of deserting the fleet for a faster trip to Turnback.)

From the informal poll taken, it looks as though the participation for the Saturday evening series will be high. The skippers I heard from were all anticipating fine, cool breezy evening races. I heard no-one who doesn't work on Saturday's saying that they wouldn't be racing.

Don't forget the informal get-together for all C-22 fleet people under the club house after the races. What better place to brag about your victories, or find solace for your defeats, than with the other sailors with whom you have just competed. Besides that, we're a fun bunch of folks.

J/22

by Shirley Slaughter

The fleet will join with other J Boats owners for the first of what Dave Gage has termed an annual event to be held at Arkansas Bend on June 28. A short informal race will precede the raft up and revelry.

The J/24 fleet continues to search for its nomination for the Blue Duck award. Perhaps the J Boat Raft Up will provide a strong candidate. See you there.

The big deal with us was 1986 J-22 North American Nationals at Rush Creek Yacht Club on Lake Ray Hubbard at Dallas, June 5-7. We had 22 sailors from Austin attending and seven boats, and four out of the top six places taken by us. Bill Draheim, helming Rival, came in third; Mark Hallman, helming Santa Fe, fifth place, and Mark Rylander, helming Cheap Date came in sixth. Sugar J, helmed by Terri Schertz, Deuce Coupe, helmed by Doug Woodward, and Impetuous, helmed by Bill Mitchell, made very good showings. Sugar J had the only all-girl team and won the respect of everyone. Next year, it's Marblehead, Mass. for us!

Thanks to the Ensign Fleet for swapping race committee days with us in order for us to go to Nationals.

We would also like to get one of the most outrageous pictures in the history of the club for the annual banquet, and possibly for all the J-Boat publications. Please come and share the day with us, to help us plan ahead call Dave Gage at 251-5712 or Shirley Slaughter at 454-2132 if your going to make it.

See you on the lake.

J-24

by Dave Broadway

The J/24 fleet continues to enjoy a good turnout at the start line. Several new owners and previously less-active owners have been joining the series racing including John Mandell, Glenn Byus, Jeff Hart, and Bill Loving.

The two race format for the series races has provided the extra starts and mark roundings desired both by those new to the fleet and those preparing for Circuit racing or Adams Cup events.

There have been some fleet members missing the occasional series race while off to the J/24 Texas Circuit Regatta or vacationing in the Bahamas.

John Bartlett and crew finished in the top 10 at the J/24 Circuit Regatta hosted by the Rush Creek YC during Memorial Day weekend. Sailing Rokslide, John opted to stay aboard rather than to inspect the mark roundings as he did at the Austin Circuit stop. The competition was strong with 59 entries. Congratulations to John and company for the fine performance.

Lanelle Montgomery and crew were off to the Bahamas for a sailing vacation only to encounter diesel auxiliary problems. They returned as experts on water pumps and timing chains for their nemesis.

J FLEETS

THE THRILL OF VICTORY...

THE AGONY OF D-FLEET!!!

by Kathy Pillmore

D-Fleet began the sailing season this year with mixed emotions. We had rid ourselves of the Mustang and the SJ24's that seemed almost unbeatable, but we depleted the ranks of the active sailors such that we were afraid we wouldn't have enough boats out each week to make a race!! However, so far so good. The turnout's been excellent and the competition gets better and better.

Spring Regatta brought a light turnout this year but with good winds, good friends and good booze, the sailing provided a lot of fun. Those pesky Ensigns couldn't make up a fleet so us D-fleet regulars had to share our trophies with them!

It seemed strange to see a 28 ft. boat loaded with 8 crew members competing in our fleet, but there she was...big as life! And with Bill Draheim on board! What's a body to do? Well, we gave her all we had and our little Ranger 22 pulled us out with a 1st in the first race. But the winds came up for Race 2 and 3 and that big ole boat just sailed past the entire fleet--nice and flat--dragging a couple of Ensigns behind her. Needless to say the Columbia 8.3 took first with Richard McLarnon at the helm. Second went to one of them "Ensynes"--Harold Neal was driving. (Personally I think the Columbia caught him in her draft!) and third went to "Bob" Pillmore (Funny, he wasn't driving!).

On to the mid-spring series. D-fleet was shorted one race due to race committee duties which were shared with C Fleet. Bill Records, King of the margueritas, called the shots... and boy did he call some dillies.

Mid-Spring series races were a mixture of drifters to blowing wind and rain. I'm sure that I speak for many others when I say that blowing wind and rain are preferred any day over a drifter. If divorce attorneys would station themselves at the yacht club after a drifter, they could retire in Monte Carlo!

D-Fleet posted a 7 boat average...we even saw Gary Schmidt out there taking sailing lessons from Jeff Johnson. Its a good thing he didn't have to pay for those lessons! Well, as it turns out Bob Pillmore (he still wasn't at the helm???) took a 1st, Louie Soefje finished 2nd and Perry Weller finished 3rd (even though Pam tried to sail one race with the jib upside down! Perry wants it known that he was NOT on the boat that day!).

Immediately upon the heels of the mid-spring series came Turnback Canyon. This is our second year to sail Turnback and we asked ourselves, as we approached the 16th hour on the boat Sunday afternoon...WHY!! I never knew you could sail an entire 20 mile race, upwind, downwind, abeam...with the spinnaker up and still take 8 hours to get where you were going! At times we were near broaching and at other times we couldn't get out of our own way. At one point during both days, we had to endure the likes of Cayenne thundering down on us then passing us as though we had our anchor out! And power boaters...they could turn Miss Manners into a four-letter-word expert! Let it never be said that D Fleet sailors aren't a patient and untiring lot.

by Bill Records

Twenty two boats were entered in Spinnaker D for the race. Luckily, the Catalina 22's made a class and we didn't have to compete with their 4 digit rating. However, and a big HOWEVER, the SC 21's and Ensigns (them again!) didn't make a class and there they were right in the big middle of everything! We also had a couple of ringers in Ranger 22's up from Lake Conroe in Houston. I'm all in favor of a fleet rule that disallows new sails unless the entire fleet can buy them at discount! Nonetheless, everyone made it to Lago Vista Saturday in good spirits despite the strange winds.

But let's talk about Sunday!! I have a bone to pick with the Race Committee or whomever set a 5:30 time limit! After all, last year's time limit was 7:30 and even then several boats did not make it. This year, only one D-fleet boat (a ringer in a Ranger) was scored on Sunday. All the rest finished after the time limit by 20 minutes! Frustration cannot describe the feeling after sitting on a fiberglass seat for 8-1/2 hours! Then waiting until 9:00 to learn that you missed the time limit and weren't scored!! Ugh!!

Congratulations to the winners of this endurance contest. Wayne promised to acknowledge all the winners elsewhere in this publication. I understand Turnback has a tradition of being a drifter. I guess the memory of sunburns, sore bottoms, flaring tempers, and bruised everything's fade after a year and we fools keep coming back for more! Let's talk about time limits before we do this again!

D-Fleet has decided to give up its step-child position and get vocal and visible. All you handicappers out there with a 220 and higher rating, get your buns and boats out on the lake for some fun and good, stiff competition. Start experiencing the thrill of victory!

Our fajita/margarita party was a great success. Thanks to Dick White for the use of his lake place and to John Erickson and Ralph Jones for helping prepare the feast. The chalk talk by Bill Draheim and Keith Andrews was very informative and we were able to donate \$547 to help their Olympic campaign.

This series has added a new dimension to withdrawing (WD). With drifting conditions in most of the races and the failure of the race committees to shorten the courses, we've had an inordinate amount of DNF's and WD's.

C and D classes had race committee duty on May 4th and, you guessed it, we had good wind. Our race management went very smoothly thanks to the help of Louie Soefje, Kathy and Bob Pillmore, Ralph Jones, Jeanette Steiner, Tom Gunderson, Gene Ellis, Jack and Vicki Brewer.

Turnback Canyon came in with a bang and went out with a whimper. It blew hard all week just to die down before the race. C class had some new faces out this time. Former Longhorn defensive tackle Jerry Sisemore showed up with his Kiwi 24 (isn't one enough?). This is the quarter ton version raced by Bob Chilton in the mid 70's. It turned on the afterburners going up to take first and getting third overall. Funny, no one threw Jerry in the pool!

Dave Hilfer sailed the most consistently to take first. The Wann family took second and Cafe au Lait eked out fourth. It was vintage Turnback with light air both days and our traditional midnight storm. The most exciting thing was watching some of the one design sailors learning how to set anchors in a blow.

Keel Handicap

B FLEET

by Barry Bowden

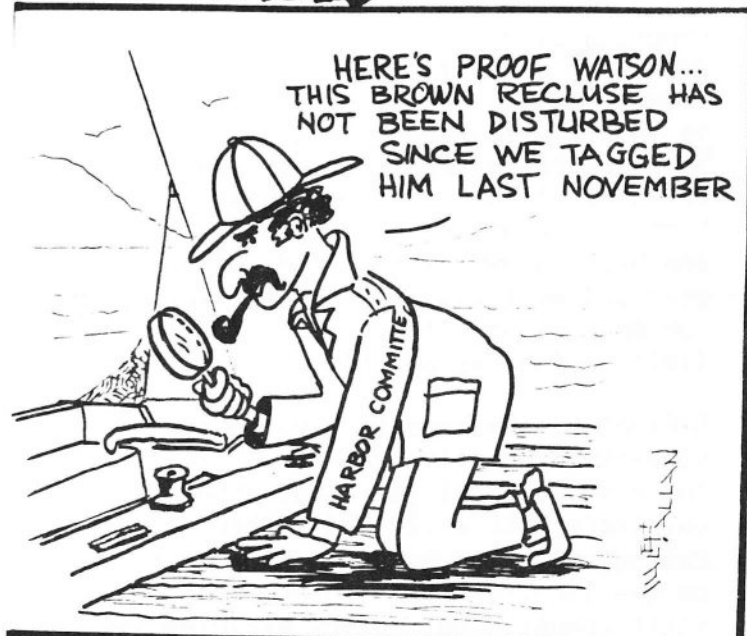
The last two months have taken us through the busiest part of the AYC racing season with two major regattas and the mid-spring series. Our fleet participation has been excellent with more boats participating than last year.

The Spring Regatta found yours truly helping hold down the committee boat while thirteen boats from B Fleet competed. The first race saw the return of Hap McCollum and the "Blue Duck" with a new coat of feathers and a first place finish. Kurt Carson's Holder 20 improved from a disastrous tenth place in the first race to win the next two. However, Hap Arnold's consistent races of 3, 4, and 2 were enough to win a tie breaker with Bruce McDonald's Cal 29 to take the first place trophy for the regatta. "Blue Duck" finished in third place. The Holder 20's captured three of the top five finishes.

The mid-spring series was shortened to four races by our committee duty. We averaged 11 boats with a high in the second race of 14 boats. The first race was shortened due to very light winds. Terry Smith finished first in a Capri 22. David Henderson appeared with his Santana 23 and finished fourth. The second race had much improved winds. Dan Wight and his Holder 20 made a one race appearance and captured a first. The third race made the first race seem windy by comparison. After most of the competitors had headed for the dock, the wind returned and let Frank Riha's Cal 9.2 finish first. David Henderson finished next with a second place. The final race of the series provided the best wind of the series. Barry Bowden's J-30 was able to get off to a good start and increase the lead for a strong first place. The series finished with Frank Riha's consistent racing giving him a first place, Barry Bowden a second, Terry Smith a third, Bruce McDonand fourth, and David Henderson fifth.

B Fleet produced 20 boats for Turnback Canyon Regatta. The weather was typical for Turnback with the slow day being on Sunday this year and the storm coming at night. The addition of the J-22's to our fleet made everyone glad that there are more than five of them most of the time. David Jamail and "Deuce Coupe" took first with two second place finishes. Claude Welles' Cal 9.2 "Caliente" was second with a first Saturday and a second on Sunday. Tom Lott sailing on Frank Riha's Cal 9.2 was third; Walter Zagst, a non-member, sailing a Soling fourth; and Bruce McDonald was fifth in his Cal 29 "Polaris". At least the B Fleet provided more finishers on Sunday than the other spinnaker fleets.

TALL TALES



Keel Handicap

A FLEET

by Carol Tesch

This is going to be short--we have to talk fast, because Wayne says we can only say 250 words. Besides, all my brain cells were fried at Turnback, and I can't think of any cute, funny, entertaining things that A-Fleet has done lately.

Speaking of Turnback, we had a great turnout of 12 boats. The GREAT advantage of being in A-Fleet is that we always get to Lago Vista first and get the best parking places!! There have been a few suggestions for next year's regatta, i.e., change the name to more appropriately describe the event, such as the Windshift Regatta or Driftback Canyon Regatta. Also, I have come up with a solution to the problem of no wind during regattas, which has happened too often lately...and that is to hold regattas on Tuesday and Wednesday. Everyone knows the wind blows like crazy out here during the week! Anyway, we all survived Turnback, and that's about all there is to say about it!!!

A-Fleet would like to welcome Gary and Vicki Lomax to the fleet. Gary is past commodore of the Fort Worth Boat Club, and sails the Santana 35 "Fast Company" that won the Spring Regatta. Apparently, Gary doesn't know the AYC rule that reads in part: "A new yacht on Lake Travis shall not deprive an older yacht of winning regattas, and is under obligation to start clear astern of the fleet, keeping clear and giving room until she establishes knowledge of the lake." Read the rules, Gary! The skipper of our boat certainly complies with this rule...we ALWAYS start clear astern of the fleet.

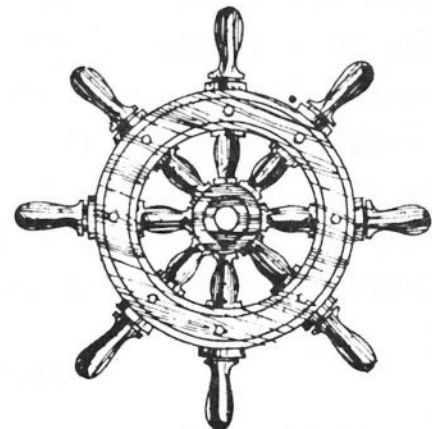
Congratulations to Jim Draheim and his crew. They took Gene Preston's Hobie 33 to New Orleans and won 2nd in Hobie 33 Nationals. Speaking of Hobie 33's, we are sad that Loon has been sold and has moved away. The good side of that is

that we won't have those pesky flat-bellies that usually sailed Loon to pick on us for a while.

There's not much action in A-Fleet right now--only 3 boats competing in the summer series. This tells me that most of A-Fleet has a superior level of intellect and sense.

By the way, check out Bernstein's crew this series--almost all female--nice going, Dave!!

We've had a lot of races since the last issue, and the results are reported elsewhere. The competition has been fierce, and we've had a lot of fun. We're sort of in the doldrums right now, but we have the Governor's Cup to look forward to, and the evening series sounds like fun!



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