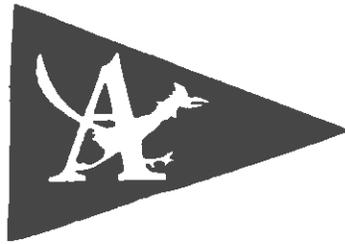


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MARCH 1990



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FROM THE COMMODORE



I'm on my way back from Detroit. Definitely going in the right direction! Hard to believe it's time for another Telltale article already. Vicki will be surprised to find this in her mailbox. She didn't even need to bug me this time. Guess we're all trainable -- at least a bit.

Most important this month. I would like to introduce and welcome Laura Reeb to the AYC staff. Laura, our new office administrator, has started figuring out the office on a part-time basis and will be on full-time in March. The next time you're at the club, please stop by the office to introduce yourself and welcome Laura to AYC.

The Keel Fleet Frostbite Series is over, and we did not see any front come in. Unfortunately, we didn't see any wind either! But the race committees did good jobs with what they had to work with. Hope you remembered to thank them as you crossed the finish line.

The entire Board has been busy preparing for a great 1990 at AYC. Mary Lynn and the Permanent Race Committee (PRC) put in a full day of boat scrubbing inside and out, equipment inventory and repair, and Race Committee room organization. They have also spent many hours researching and implementing programs to make sure we are environmentally sound with respect to Race Committee boat bottom paint and freon horns. Their next major event is the Race Management Seminar scheduled for March 3. Mark your calendars and plan to be there. Bruce Foster, the Buildings and Grounds Committee, and many AYC volunteers put in two full days of spring cleaning in February. Picnic tables were rebuilt and stained, clubhouse tables were cleaned and painted, and the dry sail area grounds were cleaned up. I missed the second work day but thought about it while skiing at Snowmass. Bob Tesch and the Regatta Chairpeople are already hard at work. The Spring Homecoming Regatta is right around the corner. I hope the rest of A-fleet doesn't have time to practice between now and then. Eric Nelson and the Harbor Committee have been reviewing slip usage and reassigning slips for effective harbor utilization. They have also been planning Dock 1 replacement and Dock 2 completion. Terry Meyers and the Membership Committee are off to a slow start recruiting new racers, but are making plans for a strong comeback. Steve Vaughan and Keith Lackey have both been busy behind the scenes -- Steve with the AYC Directory and Keith reviewing finances with our banker.

It is definitely time to get ready for the start of another great AYC racing season. So scrub the decks, pull out the racing sails, and round up the crew. Spring Homecoming Regatta and AYC Opening Day Ceremonies are both going to be here before we know it!

See you on the lake ...

Gail Bernstein

FROM THE EDITOR . . .



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SPRING... Cleaning



AYC's Spring Cleaning Days were a huge success! Our adult playground is almost ready for another Opening Day. Just a few more clean-up projects to go. The volunteers came from all the fleets, and it seemed like everyone who came knew exactly what to do and went right to it. Check out the ... clear view where brush used to be ... trimmed trees ... picnic tables you can eat off of ... balcony caprails ... countertop ... refurbished tables ... enclosed pool pump ... bathroom doors ... soft drink cooler ... and signs.

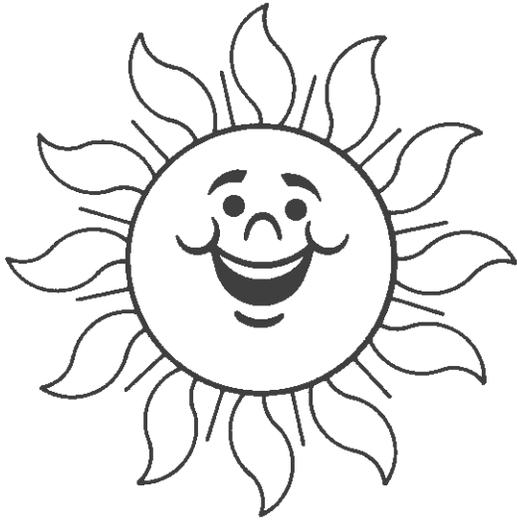
These are the members that made it all happen:

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Brad Schwab
Joe Thiel
Michael Wellman
Curtis Tarpley

These are just the folks that signed in. We apologize to anyone who was working so hard they just forgot to autograph the sheet. The membership thanks you all for giving up your Saturday(s) in preparation for another racing season!



AYC PRESENTS

OPENING DAY CEREMONIES

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

11:00 a.m.

BRUNCH & ACTIVITIES



12:00 SKIPPERS' MEETING

1:30 p.m. FIRST RACE

MUSIC BY THE CAPITAL CITY
HIGHLANDER PIPE BAND

ABOVE & BEYOND

by Cynthia Darwin



(Above & Beyond highlights the achievements of AYC members that take place off the Lake Travis race course. Assuming, of course, that we have any other time left!)

Austin Yacht Club members are getting so many by-lines these days in local and national publications, we're going to have to start a press corps of our own. Don't miss the masterpieces of journalism penned recently by VICKI BREMER ("Great Places ... Austin Yacht Club," American Sailor, February 1990) and KATHY PILLMORE ("Del Valle Adopt a School Program," Austin Weekly, February 12). Good stuff.

JOHN MANDELL has left his long-time business harbor at Texas Instruments to join others of the J-24 WINDSHIFT crew, BILL TURPIN and KEN SMITH, in entrepreneurship. Ask him about Point Technologies.

Maybe he didn't look like an AYC Junior sailor, all dressed up as he was recently as a street person in the Austin Lyric Opera performance of "Carmen." But if you looked again, you would have recognized TRAVIS WELLER as part of the cast in the boys' chorus.

Capri 14.2 sailor PENNY HERN-DON recently joined hands in matrimony with DENNIS FINUF to complete the Directory listing. Not wasting any time, Dennis got up to steam on the sailing business

quickly thereafter by attending the Austin Women's Sailing Association "Back to Basics" seminar.

Congratulate BOB and MELISSA GALLANT on a new baby girl, born December 15. Then look for more to come from TOYA and STEVE CAUFFMAN (very soon!) and NANCY and DOUG WOODWARD (sometime in the heat of August).

If your company has any Press Releases about you or other yacht club members (and highlight the names, PLEASE, so I won't miss them!), send a copy to me at 5900 Balcones, Suite 240, Austin 78731 or call me at 453-5657.

WANTED: A volunteer for the AYC Public Relations Committee to work with Aqua Festival dignitaries during Governor's Cup. No experience required, but prefer someone who is planning to sit the races out on shore. Call Cynthia Darwin, 453-5657.

CREW FOR HIRE: Looking for some "AWSAm" crew for upcoming races? The Austin Women's Sailing Association (AWSA), now with over 60 members ... male and female ... is looking to match up eager crew members with worthy yachts in upcoming AYC events. Call AWSA President-Elect LAURIE KENDRICK at 323-6414 for names of members looking for a crewing opportunity.

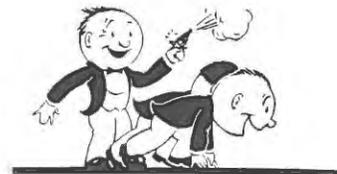
THE COLLEGIATE REPORT

(This time in chronological order! by Ryan Eric Minth)

- 28 October -- Tulane Fall Invite
I guess we came in second because we qualified for the Nelson Roltsch (Mardi Gras) Regatta. Tulane won.
- 4 November 1989 -- Ensey Memorial @ Baylor
I heard we won.
- 18 November 1989 -- Frozen Hate @ SMU
I sailed A division with Craig Plocica and won. Ravi Subramanian and Steve Burke were second in B. We were first overall, qualifying us for Timmies.
- 25 November 1989 -- Timmie Angsten @ Chicago Yacht Club
Craig and I were totally inconsistent in A division. We could be found in either the top five or bottom five -- flip a coin. Bridget Young and Kim Nolan chose the consistent and improving method. End results were the same, tenth in both divisions, eleventh overall.
- 27 December 1989 -- Sugar Bowl Regatta (Women's) @ Tulane
Again, I heard we won; they wouldn't let me sail.
- 27 January 1990 -- Longhorn Cup @ AYC
We won the second annual event beating last year's winners, A&M, completely, severely, and soundly finishing 1, 2, 3 against them. Exciting stuff; ask our new liaison Ann Baylor.
- 3 February 1990 -- Frozen Butt @ Rice
I heard we were third, that it blew, and also got conflicting reports about the new J Y boats.
- 17 February 1990 -- Second Dinghy Qualifier @ SMU
New team member Jeff Tapley crewed for me in A. He said he learned something so he got more out of the regatta than abused. Craig and Steve sailed B and got a third.

See the next Telltale for a more humorous report on results from Nelson Roltsch, S.E.I.S.A. Women's, Team Racing, and Dinghy Championships. In the meantime, read Fred's column, if he wrote one.

See you on the water ... if there's any left.





FAMOUS YACHTING WIMMEN

by Teri Nelms



Yes, guys, I am going to make an issue of it even though it is already an often discussed subject which you'd rather not discuss. I will have to admit, it's a real pleasure to observe that look of stunned dismay, fear, and apprehension as it steals across the face of yet another sailor as the pieces (no pun intended) suddenly fall into place in their minds. Yep, the Wimmen are taking over.

The real truth of the matter is that the Wimmen have actually been doing all this stuff for years -- humbly, devotedly, and lovingly giving credit to their husbands/boyfriends who have actually held the titled positions of credit. Does anybody really think that Ed Halter could have been Commodore without Pat just standing around in her two-piece suit making him look good? And what about Russell Painton? It's always been M.L. making the phone calls and arrangements. And we all know that Hap McCollum would never have lasted as Commodore if Carol hadn't been around to kick him and keep him awake. So, guys, think about it a while and I'm sure that you'll have to admit that you couldn't have ever done it without the help of your "other half." Of course, there are quite a few of you who have acknowledged, even publicly, that full credit was not yours alone. It's you guys that I'm worried about. You are the guys who have figured it all out: you couldn't do it without us, and it's great fun getting credit for all that work that you didn't have to do.

While this article is to offer congratulations to all the local Wimmen involved in yachting around here who have recently been elected to positions of leadership, it is also to warn you -- BE CAREFUL! The rest of the guys are gonna figure it out and we're gonna be stuck with all the work all the time! THEY will be the ones laying around the pool, not us!

Gail Bernstein sets the precedent by assuming the position of AYC's first female Commodore -- that's "Commadame" to you. The Nominating Committee went into a panic when they realized that M.L. Painton's appointment to the Board would make a dangerous imbalance of TWO Wimmen on the Board at one time. GASP! OH, NO! But they decided that if they closed one eye they could only see one female Board member at a time which would make it alright. Another step taken, Club management has reverted back into the capable female hands of Denise Wholey.

FAMOUS YACHTING WIMMEN (cont'd)

The Lake Travis Cruising Association (LTCA) now has Pat Manning at the helm for 1990. She prefers that her title be "Comma-duress," as that is more appropriate for the situation. I have been appointed to the position of SecreTeri for LTCA; no rude comment necessary about declining leadership. And you will notice that the largest fleet in the Club, the Keel Handicap Fleet, has Vicki Bremer as Fleet Captain. Cynthia Darwin is leading the Womens' Sailing Association. (I know, big deal; there weren't any guys to choose from, but so what. It's the numbers that count.)

As for myself at AYC, I have been the Fleet Captain for the Centerboard Handicap Fleet ever since I got a letter from Gail Bernstein some years back informing me that I had automatically assumed that position because she was dissolving my position as Fireball Fleet Captain along with the entire fleet. Interesting change, but I think what it meant was that nobody else wanted to do it. Well, the good news is that I will be turning over my title and job of Centerboard Handicap Fleet Captain this year. That's right, you won't have to read this drivvle anymore, except when I take the time to contribute an article worthy of reading, such as this one. My best wishes for success to all the Wimmen in the coming year. I'm sure that we will do an excessively excellent job since we know the guys are all waiting for us to step on our skirts. Oh, by the way, I guess I forgot to mention that Joe Thiel and Fred Stearns will be the co-Fleet Captains for Centerboard Handicap. Ha! Didja get that, guys? It takes TWO of you to replace ONE of us! Ha!

Another thought in closing, more Wimmen around means that Hap will not hang around Board meetings as much. I knew that would make all of you feel better. See you all soon on the race course.



1990 AYC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- 3 -- Race Committee Training Seminar
- 10/11 -- Spring Homecoming Regatta
- 18 -- Opening Day Ceremonies
- 18 -- Spring Series Race #1 (Centerboard)
- 24 -- Racing Clinic #1
- 25 -- Spring Series #2 (South Coast)

APRIL

- 1 -- Spring Series #3 (Keel C)
- 8 -- Spring Series #8 (Keel B)
- 14/15 -- Laser Easter Regatta
- 21 -- Keel Fleet Single-Handed Championship
- 22 -- Spring Series #5 & Buffet (Keel A/F)
- 28 -- Racing Clinic #2

MAY

- 5/6 -- Centerboard Regatta
- 12/13 -- Adams/Mailory/O'Day Club Eliminations
- 19 -- Centerboard Series #1
- 19/20 -- J-22 Circuit Regatta
- 20 -- Summer Series #1 (Ensign)
- 26/27 -- Turnback Canyon Regatta

JUNE

- 2/3 -- Coronado 15 District Regatta
- 3 -- Summer Series #2 (Catalina 22)
- 8/10 -- South Coast Fleet Championships
- 9 -- Centerboard Series #2
- 10 -- Summer Series #3 (J-22)
- 16 -- Centerboard Series #3 and Racing Clinic #3
- 17 -- Summer Series #4 (Keel D/E)
- 23 -- Centerboard Series #4
- 24 -- Summer Series #5 & Buffet (J-24)
- 29/July 1 -- Women's Sailing Camp

JULY

- 7/8 -- Governor's Cup Regatta
- 13/15 -- Men's Sailing Camp
- 14 -- Evening Series #1 (Centerboard)
- 21 -- Evening Series #2 (South Coast)
- 28 -- Evening Series #3 (Keel A & F)

AUGUST

- 4 -- Evening Series #4 (Keel C)
- 11 -- Evening Series #5 & Buffet (Keel B)
- 18 -- Luau
- 25/26 -- Jr. Roadrunner Regatta

SEPTEMBER

- 1 -- Family Day
- 8/9 -- Jr./Sr. Singlehanded Championships
- 9 -- Fall Series #1 (Ensign)
- 16 -- Fall Series #2 (Catalina 22)
- 22 -- SEISA McCarthy Cup
- 23 -- Fall Series #3 (J-22)
- 28/30 -- Capri 14.2 Nationals
- 30 -- Fall Series #4 (J-24)

OCTOBER

- 6/7 -- Men, Women, Jr. Team Championships
- 7 -- Fall Series #5 & Buffet (Keel D/E)
- 13/14 -- Fall Regatta
- 20/21 -- J-24 Circuit Regatta
- 27 -- Halloween Costume Party
- 28 -- Winter Series #1 (Centerboard)

NOVEMBER

- 4 -- Winter Series #2 (Keel B)
- 10 -- Winter Series #3 (Ensign)
- 11 -- Winter Series #4 (Keel D/E)
- 18 -- Winter Series #5 & Buffet (Cat. 22)
- 25 -- Keel Fleet's Wild Turkey Regatta

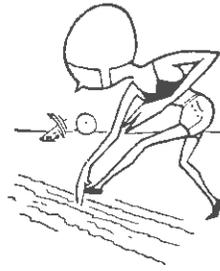
DECEMBER

- 6 -- AYC Annual Meeting
- 8 -- Annual Banquet
- 15 -- Children's Christmas Party
- 16 -- Keel Fleet's Red Eye Warm-Up Regatta
- 31 -- New Year's Eve Party/Brunch

JANUARY 1991

- 1 -- Red Eye Regatta & Breakfast





KEEL HANDICAP FLEET'S
SINGLE-HANDED CHAMPIONSHIP

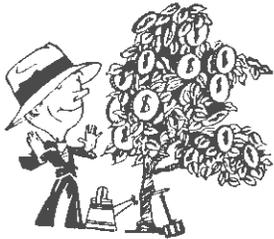
SATURDAY, APRIL 21

11:00 a.m. REGISTRATION

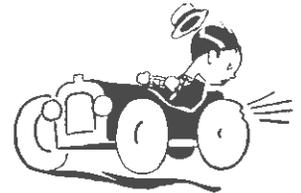
11:45 a.m. SKIPPERS' MEETING

1:00 p.m. FIRST WARNING GUN

Can you race your own keel boat without a crew to yell at? Can you pull all the right strings without someone to do it for you? Here's your chance to try!



THE MS 150 BICYCLE RACE
by Roy Crouse



It used to be just another day. Now it is personal. I'm going to ride in the MS (Multiple Sclerosis) 150 for our good friend Tim Erwin. With your show of support (sign up is on the bulletin board in the AYC clubhouse), we can all help Tim. I'll need your names by the end of March.

Won't you help?

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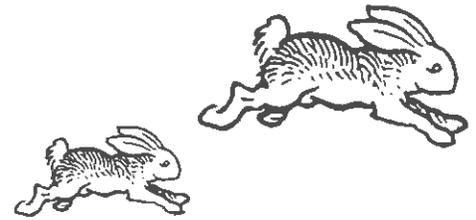
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Austin Yacht Club Laser Fleet #22 is hosting the:

Seventh Annual Easter Laser Regatta

April 14 and 15 (Easter weekend) 1990

Preregistration: Send twenty dollars to:

Fred Schroth
 1807-A Blue Crest (512) 447-7481 w
 Austin, Texas, 78704 (512) 447-6585 h

Schedule: This is a multiple race Saturday Sunday regatta. The race committee meeting is to be held at 9:00 Saturday morning and the sailing begins as soon as weather, wind, and practicality allow. Racing continues with appropriate lunch breaks until the committee decides to quit for the day. There is a free dinner after Saturdays racing. Sunday's racing begins at 10:00 and no race will be started after 4:00 pm.

History: An average of 40 boats have attended. The field always contains USYRU champions, collegiate all Americans, and one design class national champions. Strong winds have been the rule 75% of the days. The water and air are usually warm enough such that the fleet is split 50/50 between shorts and foul weather gear on the windy days.

Prizes: Open, junior, apprentice, masters, grand masters, and the usual chocolate bunnies and gag prizes.

Other: The regatta will be covered by the International Yacht Racing rules, the prescriptions of USYRU, and the Laser class rules.

fleet will have a championship for the year. A committee is working out the details of the championship. So encourage those new sailors and those who don't care for the hassle of spinnaker trim to come out and compete.

1990 Keel Fleet Events

The Keel Fleet is planning an active year. Plan to attend our usual racing events:

Wild Turkey Regatta
Red-Eye Warm_up Regatta
Red-Eye Regatta

This year we are planning to bring back the Singlehanded Keel Boat Regatta. The regatta is planned for April 21 so all of you who can race with no crew to yell at or blame, show up and have a good time.

Through careful budgeting, we have concluded that we can afford to have a party again this year. Don't expect Green Pastures again this year, but do expect a good time.

Frostbite Series

The 1990 Keel Fleet racing series has started with the Frostbite Series which finished on February 19. We had a total of 64 registered racers for the series. The series had none of those cold north winds for which it was named. It did have north, south, east, west, no wind and everything in between (and that was for each race). The maximum gust was maybe 8 knots. Those who survived the frustration and found wind when there was none to be found were:

Frostbite Series Results

"A" Fleet

1st - Steve Vaughan: Olson 30
2nd - Bob Tesch: J 29
3rd - Terry Meyers: J 29
4th - Mike Mayfield: Olson 30

"B" Fleet

1st - Tom Lott: Lindenberg 26
2nd - Mike Chambers: Olson 25
3rd - John Mandell: J 24
4th - Craig Holmes: J 22

"C" Fleet

1st - Bay Peterson: Cat 27
2nd - John Vance: Pearson 26
3rd - Pat Feagin: Merit 22
4th - Ray Shull: San Juan 7.7

"D" Fleet

1st - Linda McDavitt: SC 21
2nd - Cynthia Creamer: Ensign
3rd - Bob & Kathy Pillmore:
Ranger 22
4th - Hal Hayden: Catalina 25

"E" Fleet

1st - Steve Brown: J 22
2nd - Bob Goldsmith: Hunter 30

"F" Fleet

1st - Walt Dwyer: Pearson 26
2nd - Mike Allen: Catalina 25
3rd - Vic Manning: Pearson 26
4th - Jack Bremer: Catalina 27





KEEL HANDICAP FLEET
1989 FLEET CHAMPIONSHIP
THE REAL STORY

Lip Service. That's what was paid to the idea of a "Fleet Champion" when first proposed at the annual Keel Handicap meeting just over a year ago.

Comments like, "I'm not really trying to win anything, I'm just going to sail when I want to", soon led to, "Yeah, I didn't really pay much attention to it until I realized I had a chance to win!"

Seems like no one wanted to admit that they were "competing" for for the fleet championship...they were just sailing as usual. Sure, and I have some swampland in Florida for those guys!

Well, whether you folks were serious or not, the number of boats out on the starting line toward the end of the year increased noticeably. And, although it didn't matter to you if you won or not, there suddenly became a marked interest in the overall rankings.

Only one person, however, could take the top honor and that went to none other than the phantom of B Fleet, Claude Welles in his Cal 9.2, Caliente. And "hot" he was, finishing over 25 races usually in the top 3. He received the Bob Tesch Memorial Loving Cup (a beautiful antique silver cup with a lot of history of its own) at the annual fleet meeting held this past January. He also received a

"keeper" trophy for his den wall (to which he added steel beams to support all his trophies and awards.)

The top-ten sailors also received their awards at the January fleet meeting. That honored group included:

- 2nd (and C Fleet winner)
Eddie Calogero, SJ 7.7
- 3rd (and A Fleet winner)
Bob Tesch, J29
- 4th Bill Records, Pearson 26
- 5th (and D Fleet winner)
Bob Pillmore, Ranger 22
- 6th Mike Chambers, Olson 25
- 7th Steve Vaughan, Olson 30
- 8th Terry Meyers, J29
- 9th Dennis Awbrey, Hobie 33
- 10th John Vance, Pearson 26

Competition for the 1990 top sailor award is expected to be hot and heavy, now that all the pretense is gone. It got underway with the first race of the Frost Bite Series and will end with the Red Eye Regatta on New Year's Day, 1991.

So, all you would be All-Americans, Olympians, collegiate all-stars, arm-chair quarterbacks, etc. dreaming of fame and glory and having your name etched on a trophy for all eternity, here's your chance. It's not too late to join the Keel Handicap Fleet and become part of this cut-throat legion of tars who spend hundreds, yea, thousands of dollars on their boats, endanger themselves, their friends and families (not to mention total strangers) to win a twenty dollar trophy and bragging rights. Ain't it great!!!

ghostwritten for Bob Pillmore

THE FLEET AT C

by Tim Vicknair

Since our last Telltale, the major racing event has been the Frostbite Series. Isn't it supposed to be cold and windy for this series? So who said Mother Nature was predictable?

The series has been marked by light and variable winds. This has tested the meteorological skills of the fleet as well as the sailing skills.

Most memorable to me was the fourth race of the series. After changing the starting line orientation, the race committee started us toward K-mark. Bay Peterson and myself got a good clean start at the far end of the line. Clean air helped us put some distance on the fleet. However, the crowd at the committee boat got a boost when the wind filled in on their side of the course first.

At K-mark our fleet was catching the tailend of A- and B-fleet making for a crowded rounding. Most boats went back to the middle of the lake hoping to cover on the downwind leg to I-mark. DAVE WAHLBERG and I stayed right following a shore breeze. DAVE gibed away after passing the shoals on the right shore after seeing a shift in the wind and some new breeze. We stayed right and wound up next to STEVE SPADEMAN on his Olson 30 in front of all the fleets. This was short-lived and the new breeze did finally fill from the East. STEVE and I wound up with a nice reach to I-mark meeting all the fleets

in light air bringing the usual shouting and red flags.

Once the boats got half way to F-mark the wind had died severely. I retired early because of a previous engagement I had to attend. I hear RAY SHULL won it with JOHN VANCE coming in second. With no throwouts in this series, my retirement took me out of the competition.

Congratulations to EDDIE CALOGERO, our new C-Fleet Captain, and PAT CALOGERO and all the skilled C-fleet helpers for pulling off their race committee duty for the first time this year.

A PERSONAL THANK YOU NOTE: *Thank You AYC for all of your help and concern after my accident at the club. Immediately many people assisted. Since that time many more have expressed concern for my recovery which has been very good. Each inquiry and concern has meant very much to me.*

This event brings to mind the true spirit of AYC -- one of camaraderie and friendship. Truly this is a great organization, and I am proud to be a member and your friend.

Thank you for everything!

Very sincerely,

John Saunders

THE AGONY OF D-FLEET

by Hal Hayden

Here we are at the end of another typical AYC race series on Lake Travis... beautiful sunny weather for our tans, light and variable winds to test our "light air" skills, and low water levels to add excitement. So what's wrong here? We're talking about the FROSTBITE SERIES, folks, although you certainly would not have recognized it as such!

Now I realize that a Frostbite Series in Austin is never going to compare to the Chicago - Mackinaw race, but we ought to at least be able to pull out that high-tech foul weather gear we all had to have. Oh well... maybe it will snow for Turnback.

We did have some interesting races, and it's been fun to have some new members racing in the fleet. (OK, maybe I will be glad to see Linda McDavitt and Cynthia Creamer rejoin their one-design fleets...) I just wish some of these new guys would slow down a little! As promised in the last Telltale, those of us aboard Satisfaction found plenty of ways to turn an outstanding start into a dismal finish. No, we don't need any more suggestions, thank you: we still have enough ideas of our own.

Thanks to all of you for your enthusiastic help with our first race committee duty. Apparently we over-recruited because we had more than we needed with only one chase boat, but thanks for coming out.

Many assumed that we postponed the start to wait for a breeze

to fill in. Actually it was strictly a financial decision! Our Keel Fleet Secretary - Treasurer, Bob Pillmore, happened to be on the RC boat and he was still mulling over the fact that he inherited a \$700 deficit from those big spenders last year. Suddenly he realized that one or two boats preparing to start had not paid registration for the series. Some (if you can imagine) hadn't even joined the Keel Fleet for 1990!

"Stop everything!", Bob cried. "We've got to collect some money!" Never one to stand in the way of fiscal responsibility, yours truly immediately ordered the postponement signal. Bob went right to work - "Ahoy Catalina 22, would you like to register for this race? What's your account number? Hey, have you guys paid fleet dues? Remember that party last year?"

People were sculling away from the RC boat as fast as they could, but Bob was too quick for most of them. He raised enough money to cut the deficit in half in about 20 minutes, and we were ready to go. By this time, of course, the A-Fleeters were so anxious to get under way that they were all over early. General recall (that'll show 'em!)

Bob is available on a consulting basis, by the way, for anyone else needing help with their deficit problems. Maybe some of you business owners...



J-24 Fleet

by Phil Spletter

With the so-called winter season, local activities have been limited to the Frostbite Series. WIND SHIFT, SUPERMAN, and teams headed by BILL SMITH, TUCKER GARRISON, GLEN BYUS, and MIKE WELLMAN have been enjoying the gear ruster conditions and the pleasures of racing a Lindenberg 26 boat-for-boat. In addition to the warm Sundays, other harbingers of spring are showing up. For example, a very close source (that I loaned my boat to ... yeah, that's it!) informed me that during a recent warm and breezy weekday afternoon several other J-24's were seen soaking up a beautiful afternoon.

Another sure sign of spring is the Spring Regatta. Since this event is the weekend before the Ft. Worth Circuit stop, it would be an excellent opportunity for the roadies to tune-up before heading to FWBC. By the way, the circuit schedule was modified to collocate the next three stops (FWBC, Chandler's Landing, and Rush Creek) and ease travel logistics. Those three regattas will compose the Metroplex Cup Series as a subset of the overall Texas Circuit.

THUNDERSTAR, GRAND SLAM, mr. happy, PSYCHO, and SUPERMAN made the long haul to New Orleans the first weekend in February for the third stop of the circuit. Bad luck, etc., also made the trip. THUNDERSTAR broke a main halyard that probably cost them 1st place for the regatta, GRAND SLAM and mr. happy didn't check in

soon enough for the first race and were scored DNS at the expense of a 6th and 7th place finishes respectively. And after a mild Saturday a cold front blew through on Saturday night. That, combined with a sortie to the French Quarter, made the sailing conditions on Sunday very exciting including some incredibly FAST spinnaker reaches. As it was THUNDERSTAR took 7th, GRAND SLAM 8th, mr. happy 9th, and PSYCHO 11th.

1990 got off to a great start for PAUL FOERSTER and the team on GRAND SLAM when they won the J-24 Mid-Winter Championships, considered by some the toughest one-design event in sailing. CONGRATULATIONS!!

Around AYC, upcoming events include the first series of the year starting March 18.

Also, ROBBIE is contemplating a social function that promises to be a winner.

Finally, this year our fleet has Race Committee duty only twice and will host one Circuit stop which leaves time for more sailing!



UNDER THE COTTONWOOD

by Chuck Mott

The South Coast Fleet held its annual pot luck supper and business meeting on Saturday, January 13. During the business meeting, elections were held with PAT FEAGIN being elected Fleet Captain, RAY SHULL receiving another term as Treasurer, and Chuck Mott being elected as the Telltale tattler. The fleet expressed its appreciation to outgoing Fleet Captain BOB JOHNSON, Treasurer RAY SHULL, and Telltale tattler PAT FEAGIN for the excellent jobs they did in 1989. A special thanks goes to DUANE and NANCY DOBSON who once again provided the chili for the supper. As usual it was delicious and heartily enjoyed by all in attendance.

Several members of the South Coast fleet participated in the Frostbite Series and, as usual, the fleet was well represented during the presentation of the trophies. Most of the participants sailed on larger boats in order to avoid the usual wet and cold conditions (which never materialized) that are the norm for the Frostbite series. LINDA McDAVITT did sail her South Coast and earned first place in D-fleet. PAT FEAGIN, with BOB FREEMAN crewing, took third place in C-fleet on his Merit 22, while RAY SHULL took fourth in his San Juan 7.7. Also participating was CARL MORRIS on his Merit 25 with BUD BOUCHER and DUANE DOBSON crewing for him.

PAT FEAGIN and RAY SHULL would like to remind anyone who has not yet paid that the annual association dues of \$10 are due as well as a one time \$20 fee to go towards a new fleet trophy to replace the Metcalf Trophy.

Let's all welcome back South Coast Fleet members BOB and ALICE VASSALLO. They have moved back to town, and we look forward to seeing them at the series races.

There are still some South Coasts for sale. The price is right and so is the fleet. For info call Danny Lien (266-9430, Home) or Pat Feagin (258-6586, Home).

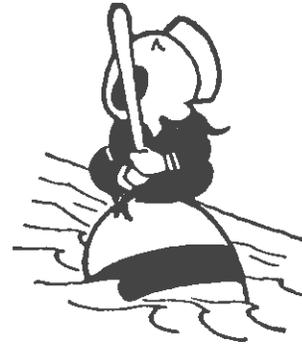
Let's have a great turnout for the Spring Series and show both an active and competitive fleet in 1990.



ENSIGN

by Dan O'Donnell

Ensigns started the 1990 season by electing new officers. BILL HAWK is Fleet Captain, DAN O'DONNELL is Secretary/Treasurer, and HAROLD NEEL is Measurer. MEL and ETHEL KUNZE graciously hosted the meeting when all this took place. Thanks to them.

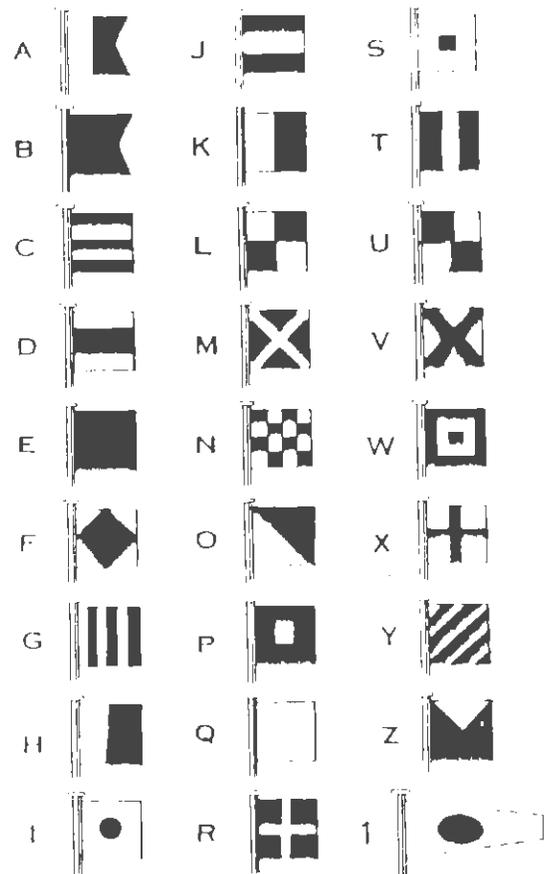


Another part of starting a new season is Ensign Class Association dues. The dues this year are a measly \$25.00. Mail a check made out to "ECA" to Ed Terrell, 23772 Amesbury Dr., North Olmsted, OH 44070. He is the ECA Executive Secretary. Or if it's easier, mail the check to Dan O'Donnell, 4300 Cliffwood Circle, Austin, 78759, and I'll forward all the checks to Ed Terrell. Either way, everyone needs to support the class association this year.

The grapevine has it that CYNTHIA CREAMER sailed FOXFIRE in the Frostbite Series and was running in solid first place as of the last race. LINDA McDAVITT aced the last race in light air and edged out CYNTHIA for first in the series.

The Spring Regatta and the Spring Series are almost on us. Get your boat ready and hit the line on March 11 for the Spring Regatta and March 18 for the first race of the Spring Series.

See you on the water.



SUNFISH! SUNFISH! SUNFISH!

by "The Silver Tongued Lizard"

Hey AYC! How many fleets can boast of a fleet size of 38 one design boats. The Sunfish aren't just for the dry sail area any more; they are the ultimate boat for 1990. With a draft of 6 to 24 inches, and this year's lake level down; we will still be racing while big boats sit at the docks. Come out; experience one design racing at its finest. Centerboard boats are one of the best ways to refine those racing skills. Give it a try; you might like it.

Anyone interested in a new Sunfish, a good used boat, or those who want to get rid of a Sunfish, we have a special factory deal in the works and a re-cycling program for used boats. If interested give me a call (288-1081).

This year's racing/cruising schedule begins on March 18 with series races. Centerboard Regatta on the 5th & 6th of May, Wednesday Night Laser/Sunfish series starting May 2nd through September 26th and Centerboard Series on 4 Saturdays. For those interested in traveling there is the new Texas Sunfish Circuit featuring 5 out of town races and 1 in Austin, plus the famous Down Town Sunfish Regatta, Friday night cruises and the annual camp out for Wurstfest Regatta on Lake Canyon. If that's not enough then let me know and we will develop some new ideas for the Sunfish fleet.

Our next fleet meeting is scheduled for March 24th. We welcome all interested or prospective Sunfish sailors. For more information about fleet activity, call 288-1081 and get on our mailing list.

Remember One Design racing at it's finest. SUNFISH! SUNFISH! SUNFISH!

CENTERBOARD NEWS

by Vic Manning

This year AYC will see the revival of the centerboard boats! On March 15th, LCRA starts releasing water to the rice farmers downstream. With the lake level at 655 and falling, and without rain fall, we won't have a lake for big boats to play in. A lot of people will be looking for centerboard boats. Don't worry there are plenty not being used.

Centerboard Regatta this year is on the 5th & 6th of May. A few new innovative concepts from the centerboard fleet are being recommended to the regatta and race committees. Ideas like: fleet splits; proper portsmouth handicap ratings for varying wind conditions; special centerboard courses; lots of quick fun races; trained race committee; and decisions based on changing weather conditions. One thing that remains is having qualified centerboard people on race committee. If you would like to volunteer please contact Steve Spademan or Howard Shirey.

The Saturday Centerboard Series starts on May 19th, and features 4 Saturdays. This years events will be lots of short races with a cook-out and discussions after the races. Races will be from 1 - 5pm.

Consider sailing in the regular series races that have centerboard starts. Currently scheduled races include the Summer, Evening and Fall Series races.

This years fleet captains are:
Centerboard Handicap: Fred Stearns
& Joe Thiel
C-15 Bob Musselman
C-14.2 Ann Ellzey
Laser Fred Schroth
Sunfish Vic Manning

C-15 FLEET #34

by Sallie Buchner

Welcome to the New Year! It's time now to shake off your boat covers and get your C-15's back into shape for an exciting new racing season. Along with the New Year will come some welcome changes to the fleet.

The year ended in style with plenty of fun and lots of laughs during the Christmas Party which was held at the home of BONNIE and KEITH LACKEY. The Election of Officers was held and we now have a change in the line-up:

Fleet Captain "Couple"/
Treasurer, BOB & CLAUDIA
MUSSELMAN
Secretary, SALLIE BUCHNER
Measurer, ROY SMITH
Assistant Measurer, STEVE
CAUFFMAN
Social Chairchick, ALICE
ROGERS
District V Secretary, BILL
SMITH
Coronado Comments Editor,
BRUCE FOSTER

The THUNDERDUCK Award this year goes to KIRK and JANIS LIVINGSTON for their finesse with on the water tactics during a race where, inches from the finishing line, in the lead, an argument ensued which prevented them from even finishing the race. The gag-gift exchange saw a "cat" T-shirt chase a "spider" wind-up toy hand to hand around the room. This had people literally "rolling on the floor." Thanks go to BONNIE and KEITH for a wonderful time.

This month, the big news is that we will be having our monthly fleet meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Sailboat Shop. Our first meeting was very successful and several upcoming racing events were discussed. Some dates to put on your calendars:

Centerboard Regatta: May 5-6
C-15 District Regatta:
June 2-3
C-15 Nationals in Ft. Walton
Beach, FL: June 18-23

These are three regattas you won't want to miss. So stay tuned for more details.

One final note: Congratulations are in order for two Special Deliveries to the C-15 fleet, due at the end of February. Outgoing Fleet Captain BILL SMITH and wife LESLIE are expecting their first son, and Assistant Measurer STEVE CAUFFMAN and wife TOYA are expecting their first daughter. Our thoughts and good wishes are with you.

That's it for this month.



LASER

by Fred Schroth



It's almost Easter time but first a few of us are going to Gulfport to sail in the mid-winter championships. We figure that the waves there are similar in size and shape to the Sometimes Islands of Lake Travis so we have been practicing by sailing just to the leeward side of them. After a few whacks in the head with the boom, and if you sail right around dusk the islands even appear to move a bit. We shall let you know how we did even if you couldn't give a \$%*#\$.

We have some fresh folks and new boats under a few of our older folks so there has been a big amount of talk during the winter about being more organized in 1990. No one has taken any real action yet so there is still that chance for the born leader in our midst to step forth and run the best fleet in the AYC. One or two phone calls and you can have all the responsibility you can handle. Three calls and we will give you the whole official chief head honcho and grand folk in charge supreme position.

Some of the Hap Arnold fleet newsletter Brit Hlista writers try Danny Wight cheap stunts Karen Van Hooser like Danny Lein throwing in Bill Hawk every name that Allan Johnson they can David Bernstein squeeze in Jonathan Baker to get Mike McClung more sailors Bridget Young out on the Dave McGuire race course. Well fellow Bill Levens sailors Bill Mitchell you will not

Greg Porter have John Schmidt to worry about Vernon Wong that Bill Smith kind of Ed Radzik trash Kelly Dailey from Ed Halter this Gypsy Rose Lee (just seeing if you're paying attention) source. The simple John Bartlett fact is Ryan Minth that Victor Mikeska we have Bonner Cordelle a lot of Matt Romberg more Kirk Livingston important Keith Lackey stuff to John Mandell put Perry Weller start Kathy Tucker listing a Mary Lou Brock bunch Al Alyn of Scott Cheney names. Imagine Hank Kleespies the Mark Gray responsibility Ron Panton of Jack Downing leaving Wil Smith one of Kozmo the Ken Sherman names Tom Shelton out? That Sylvia Guyton would Obie Smith not be Gary Schmidt acceptable Steve Pervier to Jim Henrickson even Bill Morak those John Mack who Bobby Harden rarely Mike Haggerty come Sam Humphrey out Joe Rymal or Doug Coleman perhaps Linda McDavitt are Gerry Fox too damn Deke DeKeyser far away. So Trenton Wann I will Terry Johnston not Susan Adair participate Ann Baylor in John Maddalozzo any Greg Garrett silly Bill Thorstad name Eric Frels listing Leonard Friedland because Paul Foerster it Paul Horton is Bill Howard not Robert Young going to Charlie Clarkson be Kevin Selfridge noticed Phil Schmidt anyway. Gee, if you are at Holmes reading this, Gage my writing. Be Sharp and look over it like a Hawk. It was a Balfour me to write but only if I got the whole Garri-son.

Capri 14.2

CARNAGE AND CANYON LAKE

by John Welch

You can't leave a lot of flesh lying in the hot sun all day, so you don't kill a pig and make sausage until the first frost. Only then, according to German tradition, do you have a Wurstfest ... eat sausage, drink a bunch of beer, and dance polkas to accordion music. I haven't seen any frost this year except in my ice box, but thanks to German immigrants who came to the New Braunfels area in 1845 we have a Wurstfest in Texas anyway. About 30 miles northeast of San Antonio, the Guadalupe River runs through New Braunfels. Upstream a few miles, the Army Corps of Engineers built a dam in 1964 to form Canyon Lake. As a part of Wurstfest, Lake Canyon Yacht Club hosts the annual Wurstfest Regatta around Halloween time. This race attracts some of the best sailors in the state. Fleet #6 in Austin was alerted to the event. This was the big one.

Martha, my crew, showed up at dawn Saturday for the journey south. We had met the weekend before and sailed up Sandy Creek at Lake Travis to visit a Lyle Hess designed British Channel Cutter that displaced 14,000 pounds. That made two monohulls she had set foot on but she knew catamarans and had good instincts. At Canyon Lake the C-14's, Flying Scotts, and Sunfish put in at Jacob's Creek Park. The yacht club was packed. At the

skipper's meeting we learned that only four C-14's had made it, and we would have to sail Portsmouth handicap. There were six pages of race instructions which included ten possible courses. Wow! Before the C-14's launched, Steve Shepardson, Anne Ellzey, Therese Beck, and myself discussed using reefed sails. The lake was already capping so they were the prudent choice. We vacillated until the last moment and then hung the big ones. We were in a fleet of 17 with boats like a 505, Flying Dutchman, and an E-Scow -- all of which were packing spinnakers. That 28-foot E-scow was scary. They probably had Buddy Melges himself on there. I knew they would have to give us time, and I was thinking it would be in terms of days.

Anne Ellzey wiped out her Windex on an oak tree before getting launched so I figured we would be even on that score until she pulled a new one out of her trunk! Oh well, the wind was blowing 15 and building, so knowing where it was coming from was taking on diminished priority. We had three races Saturday. I never could get a good start. A Flying Dutchman peeled me off the stern of the committee boat the first time, then I tried for the middle of the line and got sandwiched between another Dutchman and the E-scow. That was equivalent to sailing on the lee side of

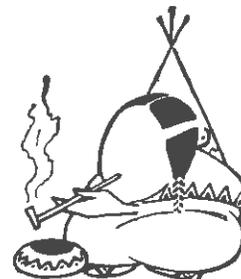
CARNAGE AND CANYON LAKE (cont'd)

an aircraft carrier. With all those nuts on the line I figured I'd take a port tack start at the pin end. That worked the best. We always had course "F" which started and finished in the middle of a windward leg. I was glad of that because I couldn't figure out how I was going to read six pages of race instructions in a ziplock bag while being drenched with spray in a gusty 20 mph wind. We had life jackets on and full foul weather gear. Doing the course was like spending Saturday night in an emergency room! Broaches and B2 knock-downs were common place. Rescue boats worked full-time. We couldn't even eat. After the first day we were pretty beat up but we enjoyed comparing notes with new and old friends at the Lake Canyon Yacht Club. I camped with the notorious Austin Yacht Club Sunfish Fleet which brought down 14 boats. We drank a lot of hot buttered rum, ate cookies, and swapped lies around the campfire until weariness set in. Then I set up my tent in the lee of a mesquite tree near the beach. The rhythm of the halyards slapping on the mast put me to sleep.

Sunday we had breakfast at the marina restaurant because it was blowing too hard to cook outside. Then I headed out to do battle with the Dutchmen. The wind was the same and the course was the same, but the previous day's carnage left more room on the line. Anne and Steve were back. The first race I saw the E-scow go

down and sink. It was over for him. Anne capsized at the leeward mark and scraped off the new Windex on the bottom. Thick mud trickled down her white mainsail upon recovery. The last race I got the best start with Anne two inches off my transom. We were dead even while approaching the windward mark so I decided to take her out on a starboard tack for the lay line. I hailed "starboard" but she hit us amidship. I let go of the tiller, grabbed the stem of her boat and threw it out of my cockpit. There was no gelcoat damage and I still had all of my teeth. On the reaching legs we had to move to the stern a bit. We were planing! The end broke off the whisker pole on the last takedown. We got a 1st place in that race and tied for 4th in the regatta with a Laser II. Craig Tapley in a 505 got 1st in the regatta and then there were those pesky Flying Dutchmen.

Martha was a great crew. Unfortunately, she pulled the ligaments in her right hand while working to release the jib -- a task that can be next to impossible except in light air. She left early for the ice packs. After picking up my sailboat embossed beer mug and girl-friend, we headed to New Braunfels to eat wurst. Another pig was dead. The carnage was over.



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