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## FROM THE COMMODORE . . .



Even though the sailing has been limited, December and January have been very busy months. Your 1991 Board of Directors has already put in a lot of time and hard work in preparation for another great year at AYC. The first time I served on the Board as Race Commander in 1985, I found myself chairman of a Race Committee with all brand new members. This year out of nine board members we have seven new members. Needless to say some of our work sessions have been orientation and training with Denise. The exciting part is that, with seven new board members, we have lots of enthusiasm and fresh, innovative ideas.

For the last several years our regatta participation has been declining. Dave Wahlberg and our 1991 Regatta Chairpeople are trying to turn that trend around. They have several new concepts and formats that are worth a try and just might succeed. In the past, three out of four of our major regattas have been long distance racing which is appealing to many of our keel handicap sailors, but not to our one-design sailors. This year Spring Regatta will host an Olympic line for one-design and level round-the-buoys racing and a cruising line for long distance handicap racing. We are going to resurrect the old California Cup to be presented to the overall winner of the largest class on the Olympic line. We might even try a staggered start on the cruising line so that once out on the course everyone will be racing even. The other major change in regatta format concerns our Governor's Cup Regatta. It will be hosted on two consecutive weekends with centerboard and junior classes the first weekend and keel classes the following weekend.

Even though Terry Meyers has served on the Board for many years he is untiring and still eager to give his best. Along with a great Membership Committee, Terry has already recruited some new active racing members. I would like to welcome Steve and Beth Blair and Jon Fitch to AYC.

Vicki Bremer has been very busy tabulating the volunteer survey information, updating the AYC Directory information, and getting ready for this first Telltale issue. In addition to her routine duties of taking minutes at our Board meetings and handling our correspondence, throughout the year Vicki will be working on migrating all of our documentation such as flyers, sailing instructions, and event handbooks to a single word processor used and supported on our club computers.

Putting together our budget is always a difficult process of *what ifs*. Roy Smith has spent many hours refining our 1991 budget, reviewing it with the board, and presenting it to our banker. By now you all know, either from attending the January Board meeting or reading your last AYC bill, the Board approved a slight increase in both membership dues and boat storage fees. The board feels very strongly that we need a positive P&L during 1991 and to do this a revenue increase was required. In order to keep the increases to a minimum, every board member has worked very hard to trim all the fat out of their operational expense budgets. As last year's Board can tell you, we will review the budget quarterly and stick to our over all plan throughout the year.

Ray Shull and the Race Committee have put together an excellent racing schedule. Five Racing Series are planned with five races per series. The calendar also includes six AYC regatta weekends, five AYC championship and USYRU event weekends, eight fleet-sponsored event weekends, and several UT regatta weekends. Juggling all of that into one year is quite a feat.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee, under Howard Shirey's direction, have surveyed the AYC estate to assess current status and needs for improvement. Just like my wish list at home, their's is longer than we have volunteers or money to complete. A few of the major improvements at the top of the list

include more trees (but no fake ficus), additional dry sail spaces, and a better work space area. Along with the entire neighborhood, we are fighting oak wilt and will continue to actively fight it, but Howard has also put together a plan to add several new trees that are not susceptible to oak wilt. If we plant several new trees every year, over time we will still have beautiful grounds even if we lose the oak wilt battle. With a waiting list for dry sail spaces, we have defined a plan to economically enlarge the dry sail area. The Buildings and Grounds Committee is also developing a plan to improve the work space area. This is a major undertaking and one that we will implement in phases over several years.

Even though we do not have any major dock construction planned for this year David Henderson and the Harbor Committee have been busy. We are planning on a 100% occupancy rate in the harbor this year, which means slip assignments must be transferred very efficiently.

I believe training is an important element in the future of our club. Barbara Hawn is starting from scratch and doing an excellent job defining the roll of Commander of Sail Training. First, she has pulled together a top notch Training Committee. They in turn have defined an extensive training plan that covers everything from CPR and water safety programs to beginner, intermediate, and advanced racing clinics and camps for both junior and adult sailors. We'll be the best trained sailors around!

On the social front we are also going to try a few new things this year. Martie Shirey will be serving as our Social Chairperson and has already recruited a great team to keep us socially on track. One goal is to improve attendance at our series buffets and trophy presentations. The buffet chairpeople will try to prepare high quality, but economical dinners so we can all attend and bring our crews. As the skipper of a J-29, I know how dinner tickets can add up! Additionally, the Race Committee will give me the list of trophy winners as soon as the scoring is complete without waiting for protest committee results. Trophies will be presented immediately and any awards that change due to pending protests will be corrected later on a one-on-one basis. We are also going to try a brand new social function this year. The last Friday of every month we are going to have an AYC happy hour, social hour, get together. I don't know what to call them, but I can explain the idea. They will be very relaxed casual gatherings. I told Martie, if they require a planning committee or membership reservations then they are much too formal. This idea originated at a Blue Gavel dinner. Even though I have not graduated to the ranks of a past commodore, occasionally they invite me to one of their dinners. At the last dinner, we talked about how to keep our older members active at the club. After ruling out racing functions and not liking the loud rock music at our big parties, it became clear that one of things we all enjoy is getting together for a drink, telling old sailing stories, and talking about how we beat Russell! So mark your calendars now! The last Friday of every month join us at the club for a relaxed social hour to share sailing stories, meet new members, and just plain have fun.

This should give you a good feel about what is in store for 1991. The board and many volunteers have been hard at work and are developing some great plans for another exciting year of sail boat racing at AYC.

One challenge to all our USYRU sailors, but especially our men sailors, then I will close. It is time to start planning for the 1991 USYRU Championship events. I know several women are already putting together a Soling team in hopes of making it to San Francisco Bay. As you know, AYC has been home to the Mallory Cup every other year since 1985. That means 1991 is the year to put it back in our trophy case!

See you at the club and on the race course. *Commodore Gail Bernstein*

FROM THE EDITOR . . .



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COVER PHOTO: A WELCOME HOME TRIBUTE TO OUR  
ANTARCTIC HERO, Dave Gage!!!  
*Photo taken by Ty Johnson*

# LET'S BOOGIE

FROM YOUR LET'S GET DOWN & PARTY  
PLANNER . . . Martie Shirey

It's 1991 and the social scene at AYC is coming alive. The event chairpeople have been chosen and the creative wheels are already churning to produce a terrific social year.

JAN THOMPSON and CANDICE CLARK are planning a fantastic Opening Day Ceremony for March 10. Both Jan and Candice are new members to the Club, so I hope you show them some good ol' AYC hospitality and friendliness by offering your help. And, of course, we all hope you plan to attend our Opening Day festivities.

This year we're going to try something different -- something relaxed, something informal, something fun. On the last Friday of each month (from February through October) at 7 p.m., we're gathering at the clubhouse for spirits, munchies, and sea stories. These get-togethers will be informal, self-supporting, and non-chaired events intended to introduce new members, get reacquainted with old friends, and swap sailing adventures or whatever. Someone once said, "Sailing is long periods of boredom interrupted by moments of sheer terror," and we all have these "moments" we'd like to share. So bring yourself, your best stories, a munchie, and \$3 for beer and wine (a bargain!) or BYOB. Soft drinks will be available.



A gala "kick-off" is planned for our first Friday of the month party, February 22. PENNY HERNDON-FINUF and I are hosting a Wine and Cheese Tasting Get-Together. So in lieu of a charge, just bring a bottle of your favorite wine to share (the cheese will be provided). We don't have a name for our Friday parties yet, so we are going to have a contest to name it. The person submitting the winning name will receive one free night in a cabin. BUT YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN. So come on out and join us on the 22nd.

Because it's still a little early to be planning menus, I don't have any details of the Spring End-of-the-Series Buffet scheduled for April 14. But I'm sure SALLIE BUCHNER and HOPE LOCKRIDGE will plan some gourmet treat to tempt our palates. So watch for more details . . .

And let's have some fun!!!



FROM THE RACE COMMANDER . . . Ray Shull

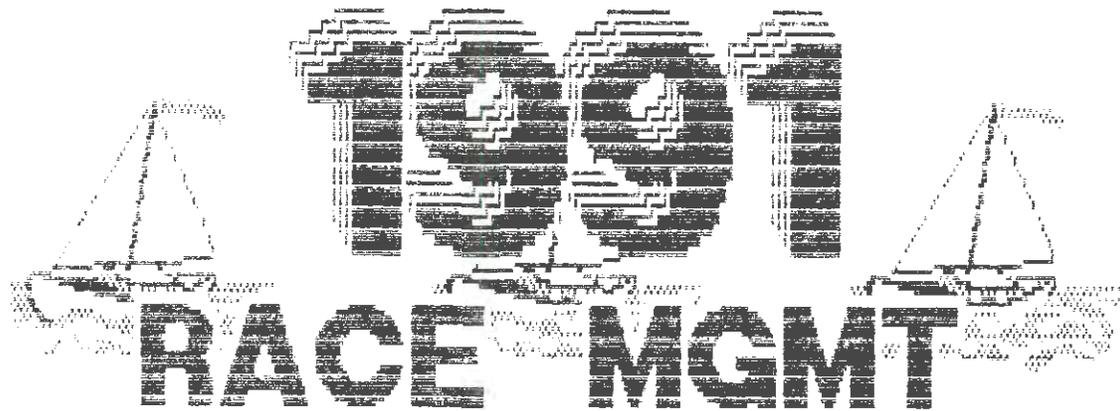
**RULE'S QUESTION:** Suppose two boats are sailing downwind to a mark which both must round as a mark of their course. Boat L is to leeward and behind boat W. However, Boat L is sailing faster than Boat W and is rapidly overtaking Boat W. Boat L is doing this by sailing on a higher course and has jibed several times on her downwind course. Boat W is sailing a rhumbline course to the next mark. Boat L establishes a leeward overlap on Boat W and is on the same tack as Boat W. Boat W hails L "Mast Abeam" and "Don't come up; i'm on my proper course." Boat L responds by hailing "I'm sailing my proper course and you're the windward boat so you keep clear." The boats slowly converge with neither boat altering course until they collide with the bow of Boat L hitting Boat W approximately midships. No major damage is done except to the vocal cords of both skippers as they explain to each other why the other one should not be allowed to occupy the same lake until they learn the racing rules. Who do you think was at fault, or was either boat at fault? Answer below.

Most of you I'm sure can answer this question and can probably quote the rule that applies along with several appeals that relate to this situation. If, however, you aren't sure of the outcome, then you may want to attend the Race Management Seminar on Saturday, February 23, at 9 a.m. where these and other aspects of proper race conduct will be discussed. Not only could you learn how to manage a race from the committee perspective but you could pick up a tip or two that might save you embarrassment and points on the race course.

The 1991 race calendar has also been finalized and approved by the AYC Board. I'm looking forward to a year of racing events that offer something for nearly everyone. One of the highlights is that we're making Governor's Cup a two weekend event with a Centerboard weekend and a Keel weekend. This will allow the die-hards to race two Governor's Cups in the same year for the first time in recorded history.

In addition to creating a schedule, budget, and other items required to let everyone race at AYC for this year, the PRC has been busy insuring the boats, marks, electronics, and other equipment will be available and functional when needed. Speaking of the PRC, the people who remain from last year are ANN BAYLOR, KIRK LIVINGSTON, and BOB FREEMAN. The new members who agreed to join this crew of masochists are JACK BREMER, MIKE CHAMBERS, BILL HAWK, PAT MANNING, and JIM SMITH. A special thanks to all these dedicated people.

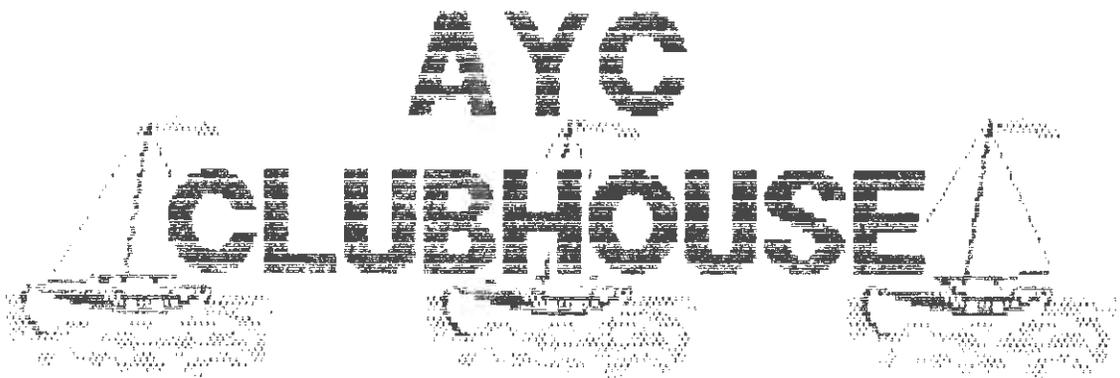
(Answer to the Above: Boat W is at fault for failing to keep clear of a leeward overlapped boat sailing its proper course. See Appeal No. 127.)



**SEMINAR**

**SAT FEB 23**

**9:00 a.m.**



**\*\*\* LUNCH PROVIDED \*\*\***

## REPORT FROM THE SAIL TRAINING COMMANDER

With the adoption of the new board position for Sail Training comes opportunities for formalizing and expanding educational water safety, recreational sailing, and competitive racing programs at AYC. Various committees have been hard at work planning clinics, classes, and curriculum.

### 1991 COMMITTEES

#### CPR and Water Safety

Elizabeth Gee  
Vic Manning  
Jan Thompson

#### Women's Camp

Claudia Foster  
Hope Lockridge  
Michal Wann

#### Race Clinics

Richard and Ann Hlista

#### Adult Learn to Sail Clinic

Shirley Slaughter

#### Junior Program

Jim Baker  
Barry and/or Twila Bowden  
Randy Glass  
R. B. Klug  
Kirk and/or Janis Livingston  
Vic Manning  
Terry Meyers  
Mark Rylander

#### Advisors for Training

Linda McDavitt  
Terry Meyers  
Shirley Slaughter

#### Special Projects Relating to Junior Program

John Bartlett  
Bonner Cordell  
Deke Dekeyser  
Norma and/or Danny Lien  
John Saunders  
Trenton Wann



The number and quality of our educational programs are dependent upon the number of people willing to participate, organize, teach, repair, cook, construct, travel, lobby, type, publicize, etc. There is still plenty of room on committees. Don't be bashful; give me a call and I'll find a place for you. In addition, please feel free to relay your ideas to committee members about programs you would like to see developed. **THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING!**

In preparation for the official sailing season, please take advantage of two types of educational offerings - **CPR Classes and Race Clinics**. Details regarding registration and programs appear elsewhere in the Telltale. Elizabeth Gee, AYC member and EMS technician, will be instructing the CPR training. These classes are being offered early (February and March) so that we all can be "heart" prepared and knowledgeable in this particular lifesaving technique of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation. Richard and Ann Hlista have organized the three Race Clinics (March, April, and May) which will feature many of our local "rock stars" as well as out-of-town experts. **Mark your calendars!!!**

UPDATE ON CAROLINE'S CRY ROOM

by Lanelle Montgomery

Thanks to everyone who supported the Indian Summer Regatta, our fund raiser for the Cry Room to be built at St. Matthews Episcopal Church in memory of Caroline Howard. The final amount raised was \$711. That amount, along with contributions from other sources, puts us within \$500 of having the full amount (\$15,000) needed to build the room!! We hope the church will allow construction to begin after the first of the year even though the total amount needed has not been raised. The goal is to have the Cry Room completed by 4/19/91, the 2nd anniversary of Caroline's death.



ADULT CPR, 4 HR COURSE

Saturday, Feb. 16, 1991

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Cost \$10.00)

Sign-Up Deadline: 2/6/91  
(Make reservations with AYC  
office, 266-1336)



ADULT/CHILD/INFANT CPR

8 HR COURSE

Saturday, March 16, 1991

9 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Cost \$15.00)

Sign-Up Deadline: 3/6/91  
(Call AYC office, 266-1336)

(Bring a Brown Bag Lunch)

FROM THE VICE COMMODORE . . . Dave Wahlberg

### Regatta Improvements

For the last four or five years our regattas have shown a steady decrease in attendance. There are many factors involved in this decline, some of which are not within our control. Two important factors which we can have an impact upon are cost and boredom.

It appears that regatta attendance has declined in direct relation to the gradual increase in entry fees, T-shirts, and meals. Without losing the quality of our regattas, we will begin to reverse that trend this year.

Boredom is the other factor we hope to eliminate. It has been about eight years since anyone has made any significant changes in the format of our major regattas. Because the Spring, Turn-back, and Fall Regattas have all involved long distance races which are essentially the same and which emphasize boat speed rather than boat handling and tactical skills, we're making some changes. The Spring Regatta will be essentially a round-the-buoys one-design and level racing format. By reducing the number of boats necessary to constitute a fleet, we hope to have one-design fleets of J-29, Olson 30, Hobie 33, San Juan 7.7, Pearson 26, San Juan 24, Catalina 25, Catalina 27, and others in addition to our usual one-design fleets. Boats which do not make one-design fleets will race level in very narrow (6 to 9 second) PHRF splits or, if they don't fit into this format, may race a more traditional long distance race. The California Cup will be awarded to the winner of the largest one-design or level fleet.

The Governor's Cup Regatta will be split into two weekends -- one for centerboards and one for keel boats. The centerboard weekend will also be the AYC stop on the Texas Jr. Sailing Circuit. With this change we will avoid the problem of running two courses in the main basin which will yield better racing for everyone. For those two-boat sailors who always have to make the tough decision of whether to race their centerboard or keel boats for Governor's Cup, this year the decision is easy -- race both!

Finally, we are discussing the idea of opening the Fall Regatta to multihulls as a way to introduce AYC to more sailors.

We know you're going to like our promise of decreasing regatta costs as much as possible, and we hope you like some of the format changes we've made. Although we don't claim to have produced the perfect format for everyone (an impossible task!), we do think the changes we've made reflect more on the positive side of the scale. Regatta attendance this year will be the final test, however, providing Mother Nature cooperates too.



# FRESH at A.Y.C.

NEW AND IMPROVED!! REGATTA FORMATS!

## Spring

Ring around the buoys

ONE DESIGN  
Round the  
buoys racing



PHRF  
Long Distance  
Course

APRIL 20-21

California Cup to winner in  
largest one design class

## Turnback

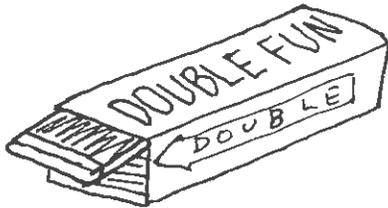
May 25-26



It's a classic... no  
change in format

## GOVERNOR'S CUP

Double your pleasure ....  
Double your fun ....



Sail both weekends of  
Governor's Cup

Centerboard weekend -

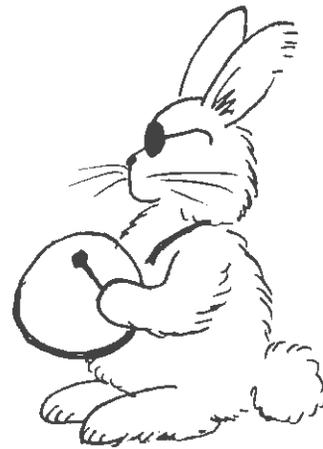
June 29-30

Keel Weekend

July 6-7

## FALL

Keeps on going and going...

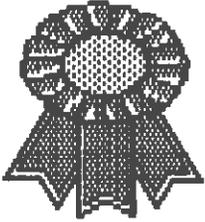


"I'm  
Not the  
Easter Laser  
Regatta Rabbit!"  
Regatta Dates  
March 30-31

Same as last year,  
to Lakeway and back  
with Lakeway Trophy

October 12-13

## AYC RACE CLINICS



Are you an intermediate to advanced skipper who wants to fine-tune his/her skills by learning from world class experts? Want to win more on the local level, more at regattas, and more at higher levels? Then AYC's Race Clinics are just for you -- skipper and crew alike!!

Following in the excellent trail blazed by Howard Shirey, AYC is continuing its Race Clinics. Several of our local and regional SUPER STAR sailors have volunteered to conduct "on shore" and "on the water" clinics geared toward intermediate to advanced skippers and crew. Formal presentations, seminars, question and answer sessions, and "hands on" input from a champion on your boat are all parts of the planned format. If you are a serious sailor, these clinics are a must.

- March 23 ..... Race Clinic 1 - SPEED  
(tuning, sails, crew management)
- April 27 ..... Race Clinic 2 - STRATEGY  
(tactics, protest preparation)
- May 18 ..... Race Clinic 3 - ON THE WATER  
(starts, roundings, teamwork -- your boat, your crew)

Each clinic is one full day of learning from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (light lunch included). Clinics 1 and 2 are on land. Bring a notepad, a sharp pencil, a sharp mind, and a rule book.

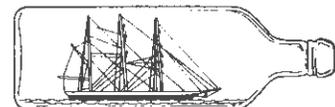
Clinic 1 is chaired by SCOTT YOUNG along with our own expert sailmaster JOHN BARTLETT. They will cover boat tuning, crew management, and sails, sails, sails.

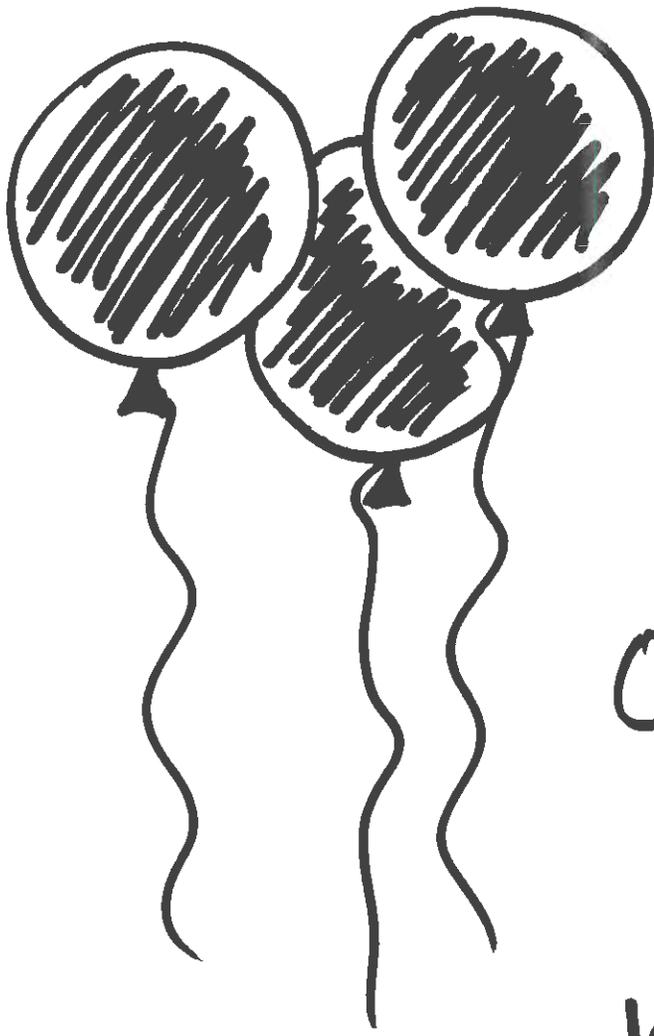
BOB GOUGH, Senior USYRU Judge, will compliment Scott at Clinic 2. Together they will cover tactics from all aspects including how to prepare for winning a protest.

Clinic 3 is the practical exercise of all you learned before. Using your own boat and your crew, an all day on the water exercise will emphasize starts, roundings, and teamwork. Each boat will have the opportunity to have one of our SUPER STARS on board. What better way to see and hear from the experts! You will need the entire next day to recover.

These clinics are designed to take your already good racing skills up several notches. Sign up early; we may need to limit attendance. Make your reservations with someone in the AYC office at 266-1336. Each clinic is \$10/member, \$25/non-member.

Richard J. Hlista





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presents:

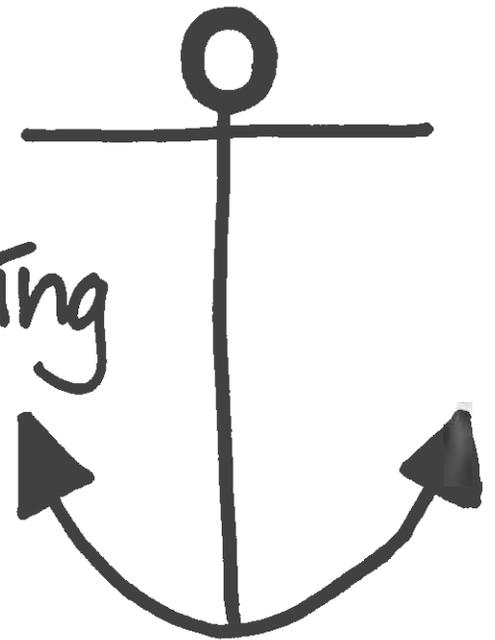
opening day  
1991  
march 10

agenda:

11<sup>00</sup> a.m. - ceremony

12<sup>00</sup> p.m. - skipper's meeting

1<sup>30</sup> p.m. - first race



brunch will be served

**FROM YOUR BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMANDER ...**  
Howard Shirey

Another sailing season is just around the corner and the clubhouse and grounds are looking better than ever thanks to BRUCE FOSTER and the 1990 Buildings and Grounds Committee. I think I speak for the entire membership when I say "Thank you for a job well done." We appreciate the hard work and dedication to making AYC a better place to be.

I feel fortunate to be associated with the energetic and dedicated people comprising the 1991 Buildings & Grounds Committee. They are JIM CASTO, BRUCE FOSTER, TOMMY KOZLOWSKI, DANNY LIEN, NELSON MIKESKA, MARY MARCIA MOTT, DELLA PEARSON, JOHN SAUNDERS, and PHIL SPLETTER. We have been working very hard getting estimates for the budget and planning projects for 1991. This group is really excited about the coming year. If you notice anything around the club that needs doing, let one of us know.

**\*\*\* WORKDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED \*\*\***

By the time you receive this Telltale one workday, Feb. 9, will be over. If we missed you then, there is still time to join the fun and frolic March 2. We work hard but have a lot of fun at the same time. We need crews to do a brush patrol on the waterfront and point, to stripe & renumber the the dry sail area, to clear weeds and brush in the trailer parking area, and to refinish chairs in the clubhouse. There is plenty to do so pick your area, bring gloves and whatever tools you have to make your job easier, and join us.

**C O M P O S T   W A N T E D**

Don't you just hate having to haul those bags of leaves to a landfill where you pay to dump them? You worked so hard raking and bagging them, it just doesn't seem right to pay to dump them. AYC has the answer!! Bring your leaves and grass clippings to our compost pile. Since you are coming out here anyway, just bring a bag or two -- **LEAVES & GRASS CLIPPINGS ONLY PLEASE!!!!** -- with you and ask someone in the AYC office where the official dumping spot is. (We don't have a specific spot staked out yet.) Please, **NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE** or anything that would attract rats, mice or other undesirable creatures. We also ask that you empty the bags into the pile, and then toss the empty bag into one of our trash cans. Again, **LEAVES AND GRASS CLIPPINGS ONLY ... PLEASE.**

See you around the Buildings and Grounds. Gone sailin'...

## 1991 AYC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### February

9, Bldgs & Grnds Work Party  
10, Frostbite #4 (Keel D)  
16, Adult CPR Clinic, 4 Hrs.  
17, Frostbite #5 (Keel E&F)  
22, Friday Social  
23, Race Comm. Seminar

### March

2, Bldgs & Grnds Work Party  
10, Opening Day/Spring #1 (CBD)  
16, Adult/Child CPR Clinic  
17, Spring #2 (Keel A)  
23, Racing Clinic #1, SPEED  
24, Spring #3 (SC-21)  
29, Friday Social  
30/31, Easter Laser Regatta

### April

6/7, SEISA Team Championship  
7, Spring #4 (Keel B)  
13, USYRU Eliminations  
14, Spring #5 (Ensign) & Buffet  
20/21, Spring Regatta (PRC/AYC)  
26, Friday Social  
27, Racing Clinic #2, STRATEGY  
27/28, SC-21 Nationals

### May

1-Sept., Sunfish/Laser Evenings  
4/5, Ctrbrd Regatta (PRC/AYC)  
11/12, J-22 Circuit (J-22)  
18, Race Clinic #3, ON THE WATER  
19, Summer #1 (Cat. 22)  
25/26, Turnback Canyon (PRC/AYC)  
31, Friday Social

### June

2, Summer #2 (Keel D)  
9, Summer #3 (J-22)  
10-14, Jr. Day Camp-Competitors  
16, Summer #4 (Keel E)  
17-21, Jr. Day Camp-All Levels  
23, Summer #5 (J-24) & Buffet  
23-28, Jr. Overnight Camp  
28, Friday Social  
29/30, Gov. Cup/Centerboard &  
Jr. Circuit (PRC/AYC)



### July

6/7, Gov. Cup/Keel (PRC/AYC)  
7-12, Jr. Overnight Camp  
15-19, Jr. Day Camp-Beginners  
20, Evening #1 (Keel F)  
21-26, Jr. Overnight Camp  
26-28, Women's Sailing Camp  
26, Friday Social  
27, Evening #2 (Keel A)

### August

3, Evening #3 (SC-21)  
10, Evening #4 (Keel B)  
10, Roadrunner Jr. Club Champs  
17, Evening #5 (Ensign) & Buffet  
17/18, Adult Learn to Sail Clinic  
24, LTCA/AYC Overnight Race  
30, Friday Social  
31, Family Day

### September

8, Fall #1 (Keel C)  
14/15, AYC Singlehanded Champs  
15, Fall #2 (Cat 22)  
21, Keel Singlehanded Champs  
22, Fall #3 (Keel D)  
27, Friday Social  
29, Fall #4 (J-22)

### October

5/6, AYC Team Championships  
6, Fall #5 (J-24) & Buffet  
12/13, Fall Regatta (PRC/AYC)  
20, Winter #1 (Keel E)  
25, Friday Social  
26/27, J-24 Circuit (J-24)

### November

3, Winter #2 (Keel F)  
10, Winter #3 (Keel A)  
17, Winter #4 (Keel C)  
24, Winter #5 (CBD) & Buffet

### December

1, Wild Turkey Regatta (Keel)  
5, AYC Annual Meeting  
7, Annual Awards Banquet  
14, Children's Christmas Party  
15, Red Eye Warm-Up (Keel)

### January 1, 1992

Red Eye Regatta (Keel Fleet)



# The University of Texas Sailing Team

We, the members of the University of Texas Sailing Team, would like to thank the Austin Yacht Club for allowing us to call AYC home. The members and staff of the club have made us feel very welcome and your support has made it possible for us to sail competitively at the college level. In addition, we would like to thank the following members for inviting us as your guests to the Annual Banquet: Walter and Charlene Allan, Ann Baylor, David and Gail Bernstein, Jack and Vicki Bremer, Mike and Gail Mayfield, Terry and Pattie Meyers, Russell and M.L. Painton, Bob Tesch, and Dave Wahlberg. Thanks again!

Ryan Eric Mink

Craig & Florencia

Suzanne Borg

Paige Brooks

Ravi Subramanian

Stephen Burke

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## DOUG KERN EARNS TOP SAILING HONORS

The U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) announced that the No. 1 ranked U.S. Soling team of Kevin Mahaney, Doug Kern, and James Brady has been chosen Male Athletes of the Year in Yachting by the Olympic Yachting Committee of the U.S. Yacht Racing Union.

Doug has been sailing for 17 years, since age nine and is a native Austinite. In 1990 Soling class competition, Doug finished 1st in the Pacific Coast Championships and second in the world championships and national championships. In 1990 match racing, he finished 1st in the Ficker Cup and Knickerbocker Cup. These don't include the many kudos Doug has earned throughout his sailing career.

We're proud of you, Doug, and wish you continued success in whatever you do.

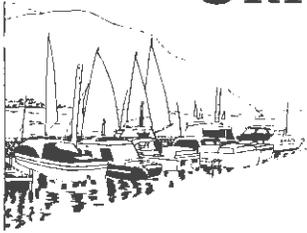
### TELLTALE'S ABOVE & BEYOND COLUMN . . .

Stephanie Roy has graciously agreed to be the writer of good news in our "Above & Beyond" column this year. So if you have some news you'd like to share with your friends at AYC, please call Stephanie so that she can include it in the next Telltale. *All the news that's fit to print* in the Above & Beyond column includes things like job promotions, weddings, school honors for your children, community honors, special vacations, etc. And DON'T BE BASHFUL!!! We like to know what our AYC friends are doing when they're not racing on Lake Travis.

**1991 Telltale Deadlines** -- (Write 'em down!!)

March 15, May 10, July 12, September 13, November 8

# University of Texas Sailing Team



"Better Living Through Racing"

by Ravi Subramanian

Friends don't let friends graduate. A noble thought, but one that is difficult to put in practice. This past December, Ryan Minth graduated after many years of college. Oh well, his eligibility ran out anyway. In addition, Suzanne Borg, finished her last semester of college sailing, but is still a team member until she takes Calculus. Both, however, are still active. We'd like to thank them for being and remaining a part of the UT Sailing Team.

In any case, the result is a changing of the guard. I will continue on as AYC representative, but will be taking on the role of Captain as well. Together with Jay Allen, our President, we plan to keep the UT Sailing Team as active in the spring as it has been in the fall. In summary:

## September 15: UT Clinic at AYC

400,000 students attended this go fast lecture and on-the-water drills seminar. Ryan Minth bluffed his way through tactics, boat-handling, speed, and rules. As he said so tactfully, "I'm not advocating cheating or anything, just using kinetics to enhance your sailing." These words of wisdom come from several decades of college sailing which have ended with his recent diploma.

## September 22: McCarthy Cup at AYC (420s)

For the second weekend in a row 400,000 students descended upon Austin for a weekend of sailing and socializing. Actually it was only eight schools. But we really did run a full rotation – that's 28 races – in one day. Special thanks go to Jim Baker and "Handsome" Hank Kleespies for the on-the-water judging that made it possible. Admist the blur of races A&M won followed closely by Southwest Texas.

## September 29: SEISA Singlehand Champs at Spring Hill (Lasers)

Ryan singlehandedly loaded two Lasers, singlehandedly rented a truck, singlehandedly drove to Mobile Yacht Club, singlehandedly sunk his single rudder, singlehandedly went for one brief swim/rescue mission, singlehandedly rigged his boat, and ended up fourth. All by himself.

## October 6-7: SEISA Sloop Champs at Loyola (J-22s)

Ryan, Curtis Hutchinson, Rachel Plant, and I drove to New Orleans to race J-22s. Two fleets sailed qualifiers on Saturday and we qualified first, doing no wrong. Wound up third overall by doing no right on Sunday. I can't go into much detail because Ryan made Rachel and I sit below for most of the race. The view was nice anyway.

## October 13: Ensey Memorial at Baylor (420s)

Ryan and crew Stephen Burke got 0th place in A-division. Officially it was 1st place, but they were just too far ahead of the 2nd place boat to call it that. In B-division, Craig Plocica and Jay Allen took turns steering. We finished 3rd overall.

#### October 27: Baldwin Wood Memorial at Tulane (FJs)

Probably this space would best be filled by discussing the name of the regatta. Baldwin Wood was an engineer that developed a pumping system that enabled New Orleans to stay relatively dry despite its relation to sea level. This trivia was presented in detail at the skipper's meeting, so we felt that observing this miracle of engineering was more important than sailing fast. Ryan sailed A-division with Kim Nolan and I sailed B-division with Craig and Jay.

#### November 3-4: Frozen Hate at SMU (420s)

One of the great things about college sailing is the enthusiasm of the competitors – they just don't seem to want the sailing to end. For this reason we considered ourselves fortunate to have the seven hours of sailing enhanced by seven hours protests. Yeah, right. Just like Doug enjoyed getting his Blazer rear-ended later that night because Ryan forgot his ID. (no one was hurt)

Last year Ryan and I won this regatta. In hopes of continuing this potential tradition, we even went so far as renting Bill & Ted's Great Adventure, just like last year. Unfortunately, it didn't work; Spring-Hill took first and we finished second. The important thing was that we qualified for Timme's. Ryan sailed with Sung Oh and Doug Tindall and I sailed with Suzanne Borg and Rich Wasyliko.

#### November 10: SEISA Fall Women's at A&M

We won. They wouldn't let me sail. Darcy Brooks and Wendy Lewis sailed A-division, while Kim Nolan and Paige Brooks took first in B-division. Maybe if I wear a dress they'll let me race.

#### November 17-18: College of Charleston Fall Invite (420s)

A tough regatta sailed in many knots of current. Quote of the weekend, five minutes into the windward leg: "Hey Craig, what's the starting line doing way over there?" Ryan sailed A-division with Sung and Rich (3rd). I sailed B-division with Craig (7th). Fifth overall. The team found it very funny that I couldn't find my (parents's) house in Atlanta. P.S. Don't speed in Florida.

#### November 23-25: Timme Angston Memorial at Chicago Yacht Club (Dyers)

Cold (kold) – sailing and swimming in and around ten foot Dyer Flyers (misnomer) on, and somewhat under, the surface of Lake Michigan on Thanksgiving weekend. wind 5 knots with gusts to 35. seriously. from any and all directions. Ryan with Sung (7th), Me with Craig (11th), 10th overall out of 18.

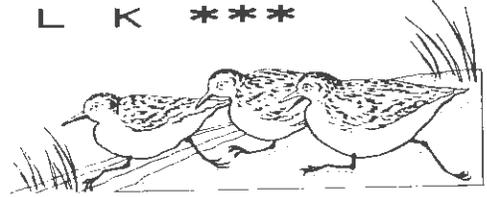
#### December 27-28: USF&G Sugar Bowl Regatta at Tulane (FJs)

A national event where we were severely humbled. Ryan sailed A-division with Kim Nolan and I sailed B-division with Suzanne, Steve, and Jay. Maybe I should flog my crew less. The weather, however, was great and we completely missed the ice-storms, earthquakes, and tornados that hit the South before Christmas. Our womens team fared better, with Darcy Brooks and Sabrina Morgan placing fourth overall out of seven. Without a B-division entry.

That's about it. Some of us even managed to attend class between the mid-week practices and the too-long roadtrips. Take care and we'll see you all on the lake!

## A FLEET NEWS

by Gail and Mike Mayfield



Well, the purple sages should have sailed into the sunset by now, but --- we're ba-ack! In fact, we know that's why we were "chosen" again - we have a good view of the fleet from the ba-ack!

Looking ba-ack on the fall racing (some of you may not remember that we didn't have the last Telltale of 1990, but we didn't), the things that stand out are the close finishes and the number of different skippers taking home trophies. It's clear that the purple boat needs to ask the whole fleet to slow down (just a little, please!). Barring that, we'll just have to get faster.

In the shortened Fall Series of three races JIM SMITH, certainly with some help from his rock star crew, dominated with two bullets and a third, giving him first place for the series. Two J29's duelled with each other during the series, ending in a luffing battle to the shoreline in the last race. (Actually, we were glad these two were duking it out and leaving us alone - mostly!) Their competitive spirit and sailing skills earned BOB TESCH and TERRY MEYERS second and third place in the series, respectively.

The Fall Series race canceled due to lack of wind left the bulk of the purple boat crew relieved, having spent the previous evening/night/morning "racing" the Overnight Race in similar conditions. While the

entrants in the spinnaker class were few (three to be exact), there is no truth to the rumor that the LTCA has renamed the spinnaker event the Olson30 Overnight Challenge Cup. The purple boat spent a good portion of the evening discovering how to sail in "really light" air, i.e., don't believe the instruments at the top of the mast; and, in the daylight we were able to see that our conservativeness in closing the shoreline also was a costly error. Meanwhile, the "other" two Olsons duked it out throughout the night, with STEVE (my depth sounder never read more than 7 feet) VAUGHAN taking the lead for the last time and winning the first place trophy.

The Fall Regatta found a new group of trophy winners. The racing and the finishes were tight in all three races. RUSSELL PAINTON was forced to miss the Saturday races because of an auto accident involving two of his crew. However, RUSSELL came out to sail Sunday and let everyone know he was back by taking first. In the first race, TED SMITH won the Olson 30 tacking duel to Lakeway (but not by MUCH!) and was first on corrected time also. With a third and a fourth in the next two races, TED earned a first place trophy in the regatta. DAVE BALFOUR's first in the second race helped him to his second place finish overall.

## A-FLEET NEWS (cont'd)

Winter series was characterized by wind: lots of wind, barely (or not enough) wind, and WINDWARD MAGIC. GAIL BERNSTEIN took the first place trophy with bullets in two of three races. The other "race" was the barely or not enough wind race, won by STEVE VAUGHAN, who took the second place trophy for the series.

Continuing the diversity of winners in A-fleet, DENNIS AWBREY brought home the first place trophy in the Wild Turkey Regatta. If you want to know what happened in this race, see DENNIS, as one Purple Sage was AWOL and the other was checking out the action in C-fleet with Scardamalia (TED - your boat is sl.. - I didn't say it, I mean nice and roomy inside!).

Speaking of party boats, the sages have been informed that A-fleet "traditionally" has a party. Let us know your ideas. (Also, at the last keel fleet meeting there was some discussion about the last A-fleet treasurer - rumored to be living high on the hog in the Caribbean. Do we really have such a position? We could stand retiring in the Caribbean!)

That's more than enough for now,

Your humble,  
Purple Sages



## THE AGONY OF D-FLEET

by Ty Johnson

CONGRATULATIONS, I'm the new D-Fleet Captain and you're not.

It all started out simply enough.

Figured I'd just drive out to the yacht club and mess with my boat. See if the trusty old Atomic-4 would fire up. Then sit around and think about all the neat stuff I ought to get and maybe even clean some of the black slime off the bottom of my full-figured hull. I think the cold water nummmmmbed my brain.

No sooner had I wandered into the annual Keel Fleet meeting, when M.L. ambled over and suggested that I was just the guy she was looking for, real Fleet Captain material. The agreement among the D-fleet'ers in attendance was unanimous. A truly overwhelming victory.

Talk about overwhelming. Any Frostbiters can testify to the true bluster factor on race two. That's what we were, overwhelmed all up and down the lake. I'd pay good money to see a photo of our death roll and wild windward broach. But we did have four tons of cold fiberglass surfing on a wave in a thirty-plus puff.

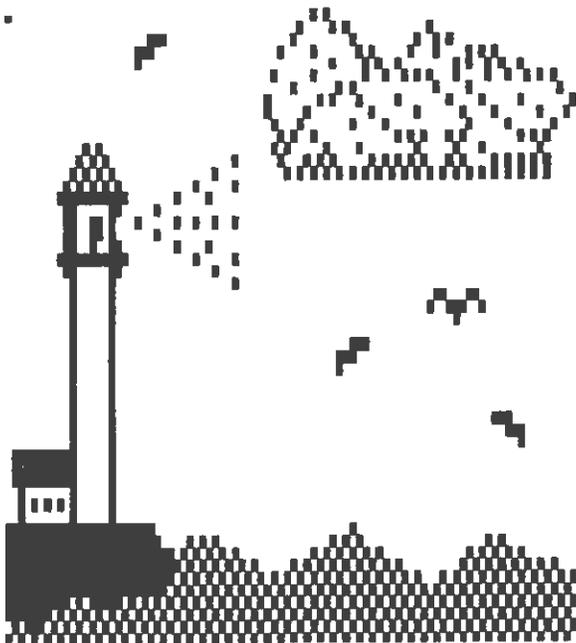
Actually, I think captaining will work out great. I get to make a lot of phone calls and talk with everybody. Try and find out just who "we" (the PHRF 216 and over crowd) are. And even ramble on about all kinds of stuff in the Telltale.

## D-FLEET (cont'd)

I know that we can encourage boats to race with spinnakers. The more the merrier as far as I am concerned.

I know several of you because I get to watch the back of your boats zoom off into the distance. If there are any of ya'll that don't know me, well ... I'm Ty Johnson. The guy that sails the old Pearson Renegade. Feel free to call me up at work (445-3685, Statesman Photo Dept.) or home (478-2705) if you want to sign up early for Race Committee or sign up your friends.

Check ya later ... Ty



## J-22 FLEET NEWS

by Debra Phillips



This is the first (or last) note you will receive from this J-22 Fleet Captain.

I would like to thank SHIRLEY SLAUGHTER who organized the J-22 fleet meeting at La Tapatia and CLAUDIA FOSTER who helped Shirley call the fleet members.

The purpose of the fleet meeting was to elect fleet officers. Of course, the entire proceedings began with the usual pre-election promises of undying loyalty and devotion to the fleet captain. DOUG WOODWARD generously offered Nancy's assistance with the J-22 Circuit scheduled in May. And for the record, I made no promises whatever.

After margaritas, Mexican food, and musical chairs, fleet responsibilities are affixed to the following people:

Captain, DEBRA PHILLIPS  
Treasurer, BILL MITCHELL  
Secretary, STEVE BROWN

All of the above will be slow to anger, will be thick of skin, and will encourage J-22 fleet members to organize social, sailing, or mutinous activities. You are further encouraged to cheerfully give BILL MITCHELL your \$10 annual fleet #11 dues.

Welcome to new fleet members BONNIE and KEITH LACKEY who are now partners with the Foster's and to VICKI and JACK BREMER who bought the Wight/Roberson boat now named *Flashdance*.

Finally, enjoy your J-22 by using it.

## J-24 FLEET NEWS

(From the front lines in Saudi Arabia ...)

Presiding over the fleet in '91:

Captain, KIRK LIVINGSTON  
Treasurer, PHIL SPLETTER  
Secretary, MIKE WELLMAN



Mike Wellman, who would normally write the article for the Telltale, has been shipped out on active duty in the Gulf War. This arti-

cle is being submitted by various ghost writers, so accuracy of the facts presented cannot be confirmed.

KURT CARSON has been enjoying winning in B-Fleet on his new yellow and green J-24. Although not officially named by Kurt, the boat has been called many names by other B-Fleet competitors including "Out of Control," "It's Not Snot," and "Rerate."

DANNY LIEN has been keeping up with his tradition of rebuilding boats in the work area. He is currently working on a home kit for J-24's and can be seen late at night piecing together his red and white J-24. Hopefully, we will see Danny on the race course by the end of the century.

DAVE BROADWAY will be sending out various fleet newsletters throughout the year. You fleet members have already received your first one in which Dave describes a contest for naming our Circuit Regatta held here in October. Please call Dave if you did not get a newsletter or want to be included on the fleet mailing list.

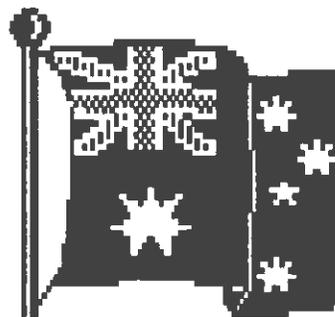
JANIS LIVINGSTON will be our social butterfly for '91. Janis is planning a lot of fun activities for the fleet starting with after the opening series race on March 10. The fleet will be providing soup and ham sandwiches, so please bring your own beer and come join the fleet after the race. For more details call Janis.

Many local boats are gearing up for the remainder of the 1991 Circuit. Dates and places for upcoming races are:

March 16-17, Ft. Worth  
April 13-14, Dallas  
May 25-27, Dallas  
July 20-21, Houston  
Sept. 21-22, Corpus Christi

For more details about the Circuit, call ERIC NELSON.

We are all sending our best wishes to MIKE WELLMAN for a quick and safe return home!!



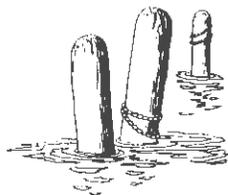
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**WE MISS YOU!!** So from all your AYC friends (especially those folks in B-Fleet who stand a chance at winning now!) ...

*Have a g'day mates.*

## ENSIGN NEWS

by Dan O'Donnell



This is the time of year to be thinking of bottom jobs, new gear and new sails. CYNTHIA CREAMER has been doing more than just thinking about it, though; she is sailing in the Frostbite Series and is doing well so far.

This is also the time of year to be thinking about Ensign Class Association dues which are only \$25 this year. You can mail a check for \$25 to V. Edward Terrell, 23772 Amesbury Dr., North Olmsted, OH, 44070. He is the ECA Executive Secretary. You can make it easy by mailing a check made out to Ensign Class Association to me, DAN O'DONNELL 4300 Cliffwood, Austin, 78759, and I'll take care of the rest. Or you can mail me a check for \$25,000, and I'll mail you a postcard from Belize. Do it any way you want, but just DO IT.

The Ensign Fleet held a meeting on January 18 at BILL and KELLY HAWK's house to elect officers and announce the 1990 Fleet Champion. The new officers are really the same old officers as last year: Captain, BILL HAWK, Sec'y/Treas., DAN O'DONNELL, and Measurer, GEORGE DAHMEN.

TOMMY KOZLOWSKI won the 1990 Ensign Fleet 30 Championship hands down and was duly congratulated.

Last year saw a couple of Ensign sailors return to the water. HAP ARNOLD appeared regularly, and we hope to see even more of him this year. DICK CLARK sailed the weather-shortened Winter Series, and it was a pleasure to see him back on the water.

The grapevine has it that HAROLD NEEL made it to the Florida Keys and is spending a warm, sunny winter there. hopefully, he'll be back in the Spring.

Now you can go back to thinking about bottom jobs and new sails and such. There is not much time left until Opening Day and the Spring Series though.

## CATALINA 22 FLEET NEWS

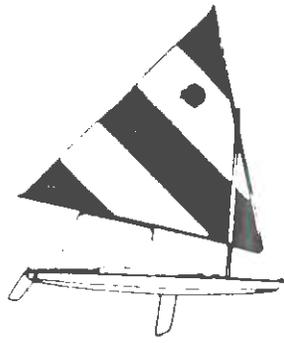
by Bill Word

As your new Fleet Captain, I would like to welcome you to the new year. It's time for us to begin getting our boats back in shape for the coming racing series, i.e., all of us who are not participating in the Frostbite Series. I expect this to be a banner year of excellent competition in the C22 with more boats on the line than any of our already very successful years. So let's get out there and scrub the decks, oil the teak, and prepare the bottoms even better than we have before.

The first day of the Spring Series is March 10, and I would like to see a record number of C22's on the line. The white shape goes up at 1:30.

One more thing I want to mention is the Spring Regatta (4/20-21) will be a one-design regatta this year. This is an open regatta with 3 or more boats making up a class which means that C22's even from the cruising fleet could join and race with their 110's as a separate class. We should easily have 3 separate classes. Also, we're being asked to help with the evening meal for this regatta. Details later. See you on the lake ...

Sunfish Fleet 70



.....by the golden cheeked warbler

Cap'n Shirley "Godmother" Slaughter made me an offer I couldn't refuse. "Be somebody, get your name on the by-line, and write like a silver tongue lizard"! "For what?", I had to ask. "Well, for starters, if it's on time - and if it's good -- you get to live." Just kidding, Cap'n Shirley.

Tim Erwin's little brainchild, Sunfish Fleet 70, just keeps getting bigger and better. Sunfish seem to be everywhere, dry sail spaces are full, and it's getting tough to find those "garage sale" bargains. This was the setting for the annual Sunfish Academy Awards meeting last December when we wrapped up 1990 by rewarding accomplishments, heroic feats and minor felonies.

Our emcee, "Trader" Vic Manning kept the audience in suspense, never announcing when the 1991 fleet officers would be elected. No one would dare leave the room lest they be "duly appointed" to the responsibility of keeping the cash-filled envelop that has served as Della "I volunteer" Pearson's fleet treasury. This reporter jotted notes fast and furiously, but could catch only half of the awards bestowed by the academy for the "Sunfish Year in Review". Here's a look back at 1990.

Best performance during September's championship series went to Claudia "Fleet Champ" Foster who regained the chevron from "Crocodile" Claude Welles. The male lead was tough to call with Gary "Most Improved" Cooper and Tom Presswood close on her stern. The "Best Director" award was shared by Annual Banquet hosts Jennifer and Richard Fadal. "Best Junior" performance in a skippering role was won by Rebeka Lien.

Strong supporting roles were provided by our "Blue Duck" hunters--John "Freefall" Saunders for bringing Acapulco cliff diving to Lake Travis; Rod "Hangman" Ethridge for constipating the Wurstfest Laser fleet at a busy leeward mark (and suffering the consequences); and Roy "In big debt to Nelms" Crouse for becoming the "wear your lifejacket" poster child for 1990. I can understand how a very deserving John Bagley snatched the prestigious feathered rat award away from these nominees. What I can't figure is, with his imminent qualifications, why he doesn't have a Sunfish?

Wurstfest deserves a special mention. Tom "Pointman" Presswood carried the banner for the Austin fleet, followed closely by Jim "Mailman" Deeter and Vic Manning. Tom's top 5 finish is the fleet's best so far in this competitive regatta. Long after the results are forgotten, people will still be talking about the strange astronomical sightings on Canyon Lake that November. Seems there were numerous witnesses to, not one, but THREE FULL MOONS bobbing about the lake on Friday night. Even stranger was their definite blue tint. Noted astronomer Vic "My moon was blue too" Manning said the cold water was the culprit. Bruce "Quack Man" Foster provided the campfire entertainment with tapes that could never be mistaken for the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Everyone told stories about Mike Strange since he wasn't there to defend himself. We missed his pistachios too! And SueAnn "Keep Austin Beautiful" Brady-Crouse was complimented on how nice Austin was while the Sunfish fleet was at Canyon Lake.

1991 promises more (and better) of the same. Tim's monster keeps growing with new fleet members Keith & Bonnie Lackey, Louis & Alice Rogers, Kathy Comer, Steve & Toya Cauffman, and Joanne Weberlein. 1991's Wednesday night format should appeal to any and all Sunfishers, so forget the crew and come on out!

C-15



...by Claudia Foster

1991 got off to a great start with an after Christmas party at the home of Bill and Leslie Smith. A short business meeting ensured that the bulging fleet treasury would be hid in a capable mattress this year. Volunteers were properly coerced and 1990 trophies were awarded.

Keith & Bonnie Lackey and Wade & Cathy Bingaman were elected co-fleet captains and yours truly secretary. Wade Bingaman won the fleet blooper "Thunder Duck" for playing bumper cars in the dry sail area. And a great big thanks was given to Bob & Claudia Musselman who served as fleet captains & treasurers for 1990 and Sally Buchner as secretary. Great Job Guys!

1990 awards went to Claudia and Bruce Foster as fleet champs. Steve & Toya Cauffman won the champagne for being most improved. It was a great year for the entire fleet. Dave & Diane Zbasnik bought the Livingston's "Rope Trick". We also welcomed in three new "junior" members -- Steve & Toya Cauffman's Brendi; Bill & Leslie Smith's Jeff; and our latest arrival Brian over at Keith & Bonnie Lackey's place. Louis & Alice Rogers are expecting number 2 in June. Obviously there's more to the C-15 fleet than sailing.

We're looking forward to the 1991 racing season. Some boats will even make the Spring series, a perfect time to try out those new wet suits Santa brought. See you on the wire!

## CAPRI 14.2 FLEET NEWS

by John Welch & Bob Jones

One California sailor said, "This is the most fun Nationals we have ever been to." And that about sums up the successful light air six-race event held at AYC late last September. The eleven boats participating quickly learned to watch for course changes and mark movings because of the light air.

Having survived the Nationals -- with our own STEVE & MEREDITH SHEPARDSON winning 1st in Gold Fleet! -- we're ready for a new year. But we didn't just hibernate all winter. We had a gourmet *eat-until-you-pop* Christmas party organized by ANNE ELLZEY which was held at the clubhouse of the Bent Tree apartments. And we're not talking jello here folks. It was supreme! Questionable games were played with lengths of string that really brought the fleet closer together than ever before.

Our first monthly fleet meeting for 1991 was held on a cold rainy Thursday night (not an omen for racing weather to come I hope). It was highlighted by a tape on chartering in the British Virgin Islands. Those big white yachts made us all drool, and those hot white sandy beaches caused Claude's VCR to meltdown at one point. We'll get there someday.

The first two races of the Frostbite Series have been almost as much fun as we had in C14's during the last Governor's Cup. Yes, keel boats were seen broaching just like dinghies, and you can actually get wet! Guess we'll stick with them until it gets warmer.

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