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**(COVER PHOTO COURTESY OF TY JOHNSON --** May 4 Center-board Regatta -- After rounding the weather mark, Fred Schroth (left) has "words" with Doug Kern (right). Schroth was heard to say, "Just wait until tomorrow when there's enough wind to blow a dog off his chain." And there was a bunch of wind of Sunday, and Schroth got two 1st places!

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## *From the Commodore ...*

Summer has arrived! I can tell because it is 9:40 AM, the fog has not lifted, there is currently no wind, and there is no forecast for wind. With the start of Race Clinic #3 postponed for an hour (We still have not given up hope for wind!) I decided a good use of my time would be to write my Telltale article. I am only a week late, but I have a good excuse. At least I think so and after a year and a half of my excuses nothing phases Vicki any more!

I took a week of vacation and sailed TORC with Rick Smith on his J-36. It was a fun and educational week! Several other AYC members headed for the coast in hopes of fining wind in their sails and salt spray in their teeth. Russell, Voldi, and David Gage also raced with Rick. The First Guy could not take vacation, but raced with us the last Saturday. We finished second in class and sixth in fleet. The famous *AYC Olson 30 Syndicate* were present again this year and put on a great showing. They were first in class and second in their fleet. Eric Nelson and Greg Garrett raced on a Tartan Ten, but you'll have to ask check with Eric for their results. Everyone I talked with had a great time at TORC Race Week, but you don't have to go to the coast for fun and excitement. There is plenty right here in our own back yard!

On the racing course... The Spring Series provided five excellent weeks of racing with the lake up and plenty of wind. The Nelsons, with Robbie doing all the work and Eric taking all the glory, organized a great Spring Regatta. The SC-21 fleet hosted their Inter-galactic Championship. Tim & Linda Irwin and John Saunders put in a lot of hours on the Centerboard Regatta and it was a first-rate event. The J-22 Fleet also hosted their Circuit Regatta.

On the social front... Sallie Buchner and Hope Lockridge cooked up a great feast for the Spring Series Buffet and the April *White Flag Friday* gathering drew about 30 to 40 club members.

On the educational front... Two CPR safety classes and two Race Clinics have been completed. Richard and Ann Hlista are in charge of the Race Clinics and have done an excellent job. Terry Meyers can testify to the benefits of attending the clinics. After he and his crew attended the first Race Clinic, they won the Spring Series with all bullets. On top of that, a second place was their throw out.

As I mentioned in an earlier Telltale article, with seven new board members this year, we have lots of new ideas. The Spring Regatta race format was one. We had both an Olympic course and a cruising course for the Spring Regatta. As with most new ideas, there were both good points and bad. In general, the regatta went well and I think it is a format we can mold and build on in future years. The *White Flag Friday* gatherings we host the last Friday of every month is another new idea. As we try new formats and events throughout the year, let us know what you think, how you liked them, and any constructive suggestions you have on how to make them better.

David Henderson had been approved by the USYRU Race Management Committee as a USYRU Senior Race Officer. I want to make sure everyone is aware of David's efforts and accomplishments. I also want to let everyone know how proud I am overall of AYC race management skills. As I travel around judging and racing at other clubs, it becomes very clear that AYC, in general, provides excellent race organization and management.

I was asked recently how to remember the gate combination. I had two suggestions. One, come to the club more often! The more you use the gate combination the easier it is to remember. Two, stop by the office and purchase an automatic gate opener. The gate openers continue to work even when we change the gate number pad combination.

See you at the club and on the race course.



Gail  
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# LET'S BOOGIE

FROM YOUR SOCIAL CHAIR ... Martie Shirey

First, I'd like to thank HOPE LOCKRIDGE and SALLIE BUCHNER for chairing the very successful Spring Series Buffet. They did a super HOT job -- serving hot tamales, ensalada, queso, chips and salsa. If you didn't eat, your really missed out. Thanks again.

The next buffet for the Summer Series on June 23 will be chaired by SUSAN ADAIR and PAUL and WENDY HUNN. The grapevine has it that they are serving some great Bar-B-Q from Mikeska's. We all know how good Mikeska's food is so make your plans to stay after the last race and join us.

As you know, we have added a monthly social time to the AYC activities on the last Friday of the month -- called White Flag Friday. The format is being changed effective May 31. It was felt that the members might better enjoy bringing their own drink and a snack to share. So, *there will be NO charge*. Just show up and share sailing stories (or other stories for that matter) with friends. Soft drinks and beer will be available. BYOBB&B -- Bring Your Own Bod, Bottle, and Brownies (the only snack I could think of that begins with "B," but bring any kind of snack) to the next White Flag Friday, May 31.

See ya there!!

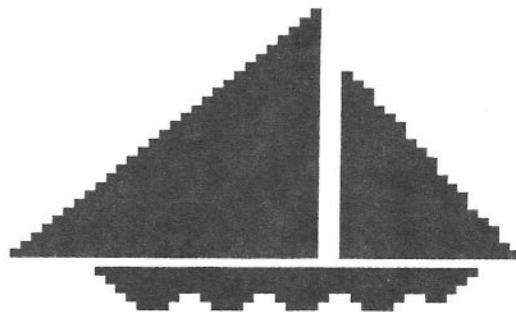
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## SUMMER SERIES BUFFET Sunday, June 23, 1991

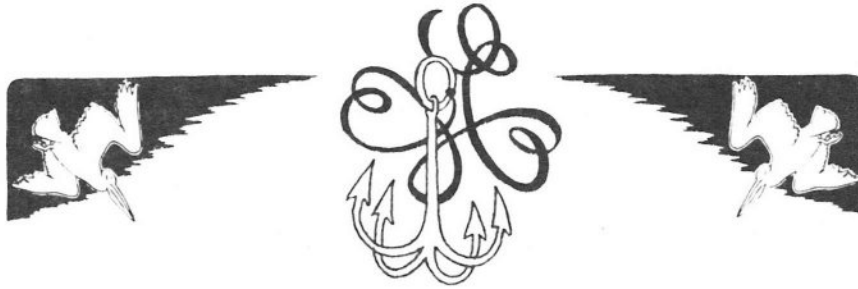
Barbeque catered by Mikeska's:

**\$5.25 per person**

Brisquet, Chicken,  
Potato Salad, Cole Slaw,  
Beans, Bread, Sauce,  
Onions, Pickles, and  
Jalapenos with Iced Tea  
and Beer.



Please RSVP by June 20 by calling 266-1336.



## FROM THE RACE COMMANDER . . . Ray Shull

The last two months have been filled with plenty of racing of just about every type. The Spring Series, Spring Regatta, Centerboard Regatta, SC-21 Class Championship, J-22 Circuit, and the start of the Wednesday Night Series should have provided just about any racing format you could desire. And coming up we have the Summer Series, Turnback Canyon Regatta, Governor's Cup Regatta, a new Multihull Series, and the continuation of the Wednesday Night Series. With the continued good lake conditions and warmer weather I look forward to some of the best racing conditions of the year.

The above events wouldn't have been held without the efforts of a large number of people that volunteered for race committees, protest committees, and scoring committees. I want to extend a special thanks to everyone that has helped out in these efforts during these events. I'm always amazed at the willingness of our members to unselfishly donate their time so that we can all enjoy the sport of sailboat racing.

I would also like to remind everyone that check-in prior to racing in the Sunday series is required. Compliance with this requirement has been noticeably better but a few people still forget to do this every Sunday. Just remember that the race committee doesn't know you intend to race unless you inform them and tell them which fleet you're racing against.

And finally, there have been several additions to the inventory of race equipment that we have. First we have a new motor on Chase 1. This new motor now completes the transition from oil/gas mix motors to oil injection motors. This makes all the tanks interchangeable and should allow more consistent motor lubrication. Additionally, we now have three bright orange ball buoys. These are much easier to spot than the faded ones and give us two backup buoys if needed. Also, we have purchased two hand-held VHF radios to be used as backup radios and portable units when required. These additions should help us conduct the races more efficiently. These additions should complete our major purchases for the year.



## CENTERBOARD REGATTA RESULTS

May 4-5, 1991

### LASER (9 boats)

1. Doug Kern
2. Hank Kleespies
3. Fred Schroth
4. Scott Cheney

### CAPRI 14.2 (4 boats)

1. John Welch
2. Suzanne Bradford

### M-20 (3 boats)

1. Tom Romberg

### CORONADO 15 (10 boats)

1. Bob Musselman
2. Rick Sharp
3. Jim Casto
4. Claudia Foster

### FLYING DUTCHMAN (3 boats)

1. Gary Schwantz

### E-SCOW (3 boats)

1. Don Whaley

### PORTSMOUTH HANDICAP (3 boats)

1. Richard Hlista, Thistle

### SUNFISH (20 boats)

1. Curtis Tarpley
2. Bill Gerloff
3. Jim Rehage
4. Jim Uroda
5. Danny Lien
6. Dave Hilfer
7. Pat Manning
8. Vicki Bremer
9. Fisher Key

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## EASTER LASER REGATTA RESULTS

March 30-31, 1991

### LASER (24 boats competed in seven races)

1. Paul Foerster (1,1,2,1,1,1,2) -- 8 pts
2. John Bartlett (2,5,1,6,5,6,1) -- 25.5 pts
3. Fred Schroth (6,3,4,5,6,4,8) -- 36 pts
4. Marcus Maher (9,4,6,2,8,7,5) -- 41 pts
5. Bryan Calk (3,6,7,4,3,8,12) -- 43 pts
6. Hank Kleespies (4,9,12,11,2,2,3) -- 43 pts
7. Chris Junge (11,2,5,3,DNF,3,4) -- 51 pts
8. Steve Inman (5,7,10,8,4,13,9) -- 56 pts
9. Bill Levens (8,8,3,10,7,18,7) -- 61 pts
10. Carter Perrin (7,7,9,7,11,15,16) -- 72 pts

## 1991 SPRING SERIES RESULTS

### A-FLEET (9 boats avg.)

1. Terry Meyers, J-29
2. Steve Vaughan, Olson 30
3. Bob Tesch, J-29
4. Gail Bernstein, J-29

### B-FLEET (6 boats avg.)

1. Pete Reinhart, Moore 24
2. Rick Sharp, J-30
3. Mike Chambers, Olson 25

### C-FLEET (9 boats avg.)

1. Dave Wahlberg, Kiwi 24
2. Eddie Calogero, SJ 7.7
3. John Vance, Pearson 26
4. Bay Peterson, Catalina 27

### D-FLEET (4 boats avg.)

1. Perry Weller, S2 7.3
2. Paul Frels, SJ 24

### E-FLEET (7 boats avg.)

1. Vern Harris, Hunter 26.5
2. Dick VanHooser, Merit 25
3. Bob Goldsmith, Hunter 28.5

### F-FLEET (4 boats avg.)

1. Tim Vicknair, Spirit 28
2. Mike Allen, Catalina 25

### J-22 FLEET (7 boats avg.)

1. Claudia Foster
2. Steve Brown
3. John Saunders

### J-24 FLEET (10 boats avg.)

1. Tucker Garrison
2. Bill Smith
3. Kirk Livingston
4. Phil Spletter

### SOUTH COAST 21 (6 boats avg.)

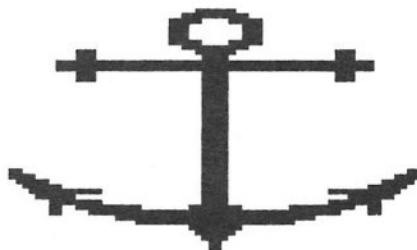
1. Ray Shull
2. Duane Dobson
3. Bob Freeman

### ENSIGN FLEET (4 boats avg.)

1. Tommy Kozlowski
2. George Dahmen

### CATALINA 22 (10 boats avg.)

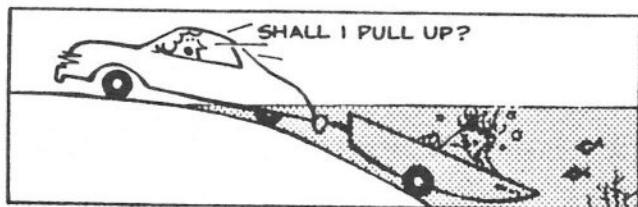
1. Walter Allan
2. Calin Popescu
3. Bill Morack
4. Bill Word



### **RACE CLINIC #3 CANCELED**

The weather did not cooperate for the "on-the-water" Race Clinic #3 on Saturday, May 18. And because of the difficulty in rescheduling this event during a free weekend with the availability of qualified instructors, this event has been canceled.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused those of you who planned to attend.







## University of Texas Sailing Team

by Ravi Subramanian

College is books, beer, and late-nights. Sailing is boats, beer, and late-nights. College Sailing, is therefore (by the additive property of language) books on boats, more beer, and more late-nights. Unfortunately, the past month has been more of college and less sailing as we've geared up for the finals which are currently in full swing. I guess that's the price we pay for the right to use "But, I'm still in college!" as an excuse. We have not, however, been completely shut in with our books.

On March 23rd eleven of us drove to Dallas for two different regattas. Joe Sircely, Paul Severin, Kim Young, Sung Oh, Jay Allen, and myself attended a SEISA Dingy Qualifier hosted by the University of North Texas at the Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club on Lake Louisville. I sailed A-division with Kim and Sung sailed B-division with Joe. There was no wind but the tanning competition was fierce. A&M drifted slightly faster around the buoys leaving us with second place.

Meanwhile, our women's team was drifting about on White Rock Lake. The SEISA Women's Championships were hosted here by the SMU and the Corinthian Sailing Club. Darcy Brooks and Kathryn Hammond sailed A-division and Sabrina Morgan and Kim Nolan traded-off skippering B-division. Sherry Niemann tanned on shore. In the last race of the day Kim became involved in a protest with University of West Florida, with whom we were tied for first. The winner of the protest would take the gold, and the SEISA berth for nationals, with the loser settling for third place behind the girls from Tulane. Have I built this up enough yet? We won and will be sending a women's team to nationals in New Orleans at the end of May.

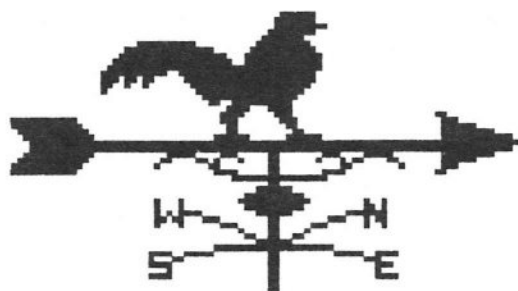
Two weeks later, on April 6th, we hosted the SEISA Team Racing Championships here at AYC. Competition included Tulane, A&M, Southwest Texas, Baylor, Louisiana State University, Rice, and the University of North Texas. The weather held until the last race when we sailed against Tulane in a torrential downpour. What the heck, sailing's a water sport anyway. In any case, Tulane took top honors closely followed by A&M, taking the two SEISA berths for nationals. Special thanks to Bills Hawk and Levens for running race committee at the last minute. Also, thanks to Tripp Alyn, Hank Kleespies, and Bob Nelson (DCYC) for judging the event.

Finally, on April 20th and 21st we roadtripped to New Orleans for the SEISA Dingy Championships. I sailed A-division with Kim Young and Kathryn Hammond while Jay Allen and Stephen Burke took turns steering in B-division. Jay's crews were Courtney Purvin and Stephen. Christine Martincheck, a graduating senior, crewed for Stephen in her last collegiate regatta. We'll miss her. Paul Severin relaxed on shore waiting for the wind to blow just a little bit harder until SMU took him for a few races. No reason he should be the only dry one. Final standings were Tulane first, A&M second, and Spring Hill College (Mobile, Alabama) taking third. We finished a solid fourth, holding a safe lead over SMU, Loyola, UNT, and Baylor. It was a great way to end the spring semester, with plenty of wind and Pontchartrain chop to make everyone work for their finishes (or their DNFs).

Well that's another exciting year for the UT Sailing Team. No one sailed as much as they would have liked to, but then again no one's grades were perfect. That's college sailing. Maybe if they called it sailing college it would make things easier. Thanks for everything and see you over the summer.

# SPRING REGATTA RESULTS

April 20-21, 1991



## HANDICAP RACING

### Lakeway Centerboard

Tom Gunderson, M-20

### Lakeway Keel

Tommy Kozlowski, Ensign

### Centerboard Handicap (2 boats)

1. Tom Gunderson, M-20

### Non-Spinnaker D (7 boats)

1. Steve Bangs, Merit 25
2. Dick VanHooser, Merit 25
3. Richard Whitehill, Cal 27

### Non-Spinnaker E (9 boats)

1. Ken Miller, Catalina 25
2. Tom Cummings, Irwin 25
3. Mike Allen, Catalina 25

### Spinnaker C (5 boats)

1. Tommy Kozlowski, Ensign
2. Bud Boucher, SC-21

### Spinnaker B (9 boats)

1. Rick Sharp, J-30
2. Erhard Sudermann, Ben 30
3. Pete Reinhart, Moore 24

### Spinnaker A (3 boats)

1. Russell Painton, J-29

## ONE-DESIGN RACING

### California Cup

J-24 Fleet

### Sunfish (5 boats)

1. Bruce Foster
2. Pat Manning

### Coronado 15 (6 boats)

1. Bonnie Lackey
2. Bob Musselman

### Capri 22 (3 boats)

1. Leo Anderson

### J-22 (4 boats)

1. John Bartlett/Vicki Bremer
2. John Saunders

### Catalina 22 (5 boats)

1. Walter Allan
2. Steve Pervier

### J-29 (2 boats)

1. Terry Meyers

### J-24 (10 boats)

1. Eric Nelson
2. David Broadway
3. Kirk Livingston

### Pearson 26/SJ 7.7 (3 boats)

1. Imre Szeklyhidi



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### ADULT HAPPENINGS

#### **Women's Beginning Sailing Camp**

July 26-28, 1991, limited to 40 students. Announcement and registration appear elsewhere in the Telltale. Camp staff includes: Camp Administrator, Michal Wann; Head Instructor, Claudia Foster; Food Organization, Hope Lockridge.

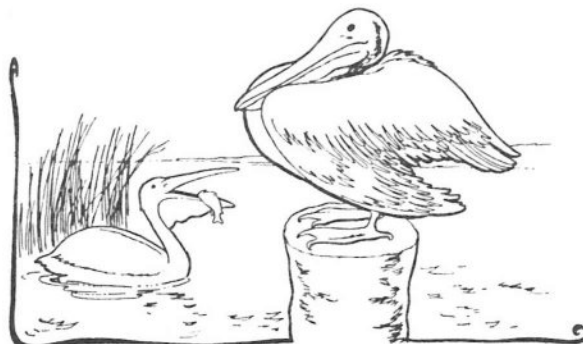
#### **USYRU Level 1 - Dinghy Instructor Course**

AYC will host a USYRU Level 1, Dinghy Instructor Course taught by Bob Forest of Corpus Christi on June 6, 7, 8, and 9, 1991. While this course will certify instructors and counselors for current AYC training programs, approximately four spaces for individuals who want to become a Level 1, Dinghy Instructor will be available. (AYC is making every attempt to train its own junior and adult AYC members as counselors, instructors, and assistants. This training not only upgrades the quality of our camps and clinics, but also provides a growing base of educated informed sailors around the club.) If you want to become certified for future employment either at AYC or elsewhere, are currently involved in leadership roles with the Boy or Girl Scouts, etc., or if you wish to upgrade your teaching skills for personal knowledge, please call the AYC office at 266-1336 and request additional information. Instructor candidates must be 18 years of age and hold a Standard First Aid/CPR card from the American Red Cross. Cost is approximately \$150.

#### **Adult Learn to Sail Clinic**

August 17-18, 1991, limited to 20 students. Announcement and registration will appear in the next issue of the Telltale. This clinic is for adults who wish to learn to handle a small boat and to practice basic water safety techniques as they relate to sailing. The size of the clinic is limited so that personalized attention for each camper will be maximized.

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### JUNIOR HAPPENINGS

#### **Wednesday Night Coaching Clinic**

Junior Sailors are invited to race your Laser or Sunfish (organized racing begins May 1 at approximately 5 p.m. until dark). Opportunity to be coached by Doug Kern and other nationally recognized sailors with follow-up chalk talks in the clubhouse.

#### **Sailing Camps - Day and Overnight**

Announcement and Registration elsewhere in Telltale. Camp Staff includes: Camp Director, Beth Bronk; Head Instructors, Linda McDavitt and Joanne Weberlein; Senior Counselors, Jonathan Baker, Brian Wann, and Kim Young; Junior Counselors, Sarah Baker and Fisher Key.

#### **Texas Yachting Association - Youth Circuit**

Ten regattas - your six best will be scored - for Junior Sailors (eligible to race until the end of the calendar year in which a junior turns 21 year of age) in Optimist Dinghies (4 age groups: 7-8 years, 9-10 years, 11-12 years, 13-15 years), Sunfish (3 age groups: 9-12 years, 13-16 years, 17-21 years), Laser Radials, Lasers, Laser II's, and 420's. Schedule as follows:

Apr 13-14 - Rush Creek Spring Dinghyfest (Lake Ray Hubbard, Dallas)  
May 11-12 - Seabrook Two's a Crowd (Houston)  
Jun 8-9 - Fort Worth Boat Club  
Jul 13-14 - Texas Corinthian Junior Regatta (Houston)  
Jul 16-17 - Lakewood Yacht Club Junior Regatta (Houston)  
Jul 19-20 - Houston Yacht Club Junior Regatta  
Aug 10-11 - Austin Yacht Club Roadrunner Regatta  
Sep 14-15 - Chandler's Landing Indian Summer (Ray Hubbard, Dallas)  
Oct 5-6 - Corinthian State Fair Regatta (White Rock Lake, Dallas)  
Nov 2-3 - Canyon Lake Wurstfest (San Antonio)

#### **Pre-camp (less than 6 years) Introduction to Water Safety and Optimist Dinghy**

Saturdays, July 13 and July 20, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Parent and child attend together, both dates. These two classes will provide an introduction to water safety and boat familiarity through "fun" activities. Vic Manning and Barbara Hawn will instruct. \$10 covers lunch costs for parent and child for both dates. Limited to 15 children. Call the AYC office, 266-1336, to make a reservation.

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## AUSTIN YACHT CLUB JUNIOR SAILING CAMP -- 1991

The Austin Yacht Club will offer a series of week long sailing camps for Austin area youth between the ages of 8 and 16 beginning June 10 and continuing through July 26 (or August 2, if sufficient demand exists). Registration is open to the public. Activities will be geared toward an appreciation and joy of water sports, with emphasis on basic sailing skills, water safety, and boat care. Three overnight camps (a fourth will be held if sufficient demand exists) and three day-commuting camp sessions will be offered. Camps will be for all skill levels (except for racing preparation camp and beginning level camp) and campers will be divided into groups according to skill. No sailing experience is required, although a swimming test will be conducted at the time of registration to determine swimming proficiency.

In addition to the swimming proficiency test, all campers will be required to wear Coast Guard approved life jackets at all times on the water.

A ratio of one instructor to every five campers will insure close supervision.

Completely fill out the Student Registration Form on the facing page and return to the Austin Yacht Club with a \$50 deposit to reserve a camper's place. An AYC member will have the deposit charged to his/her account. Mark alternate camp dates in the event that the first selection is filled. Once the student registration form has been received and processed, a confirmation letter and packet of other camp materials will be sent to the camper. The camp director may call to clarify information on the application before confirming the camper's acceptance to camp. A CONFIRMATION LETTER SENT TO YOU WILL INDICATE ACCEPTANCE TO CAMP. Parents are encouraged to visit the AYC grounds or call the general manager at 266-1336 with questions. Camp registration will close June 1, 1991. After that time, campers will be admitted as space is available.

### ATTENDANCE IS LIMITED TO 24 CAMPERS PER SESSION

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**DAY CAMPS** ..... **\$150 PER SESSION**  
June 10-14 (Racing Prep)      June 16-21      July 14-19 (beginning)  
Day camps will not provide meals or lodging. Group registration is encouraged to minimize transportation problems. The June 10-14 camp is for campers interested in racing only (contact Jim Baker at 474-5813 prior to registering) and the July 14-19 camp is for beginners.

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**OVERNIGHT CAMPS** ..... **\$250 PER SESSION**  
June 23-28      July 7-12      July 21-26  
July 28 - August 2 (if sufficient demand exists)  
Overnight camps will use club cabins from Sunday evening until Friday morning. Meals are included in the camp fee.

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**\*\*\* 20% DISCOUNT TO AYC MEMBERS \*\*\***  
**\*\*\* 2ND CHILD OR ADDITIONAL WEEKS, \$20 OFF \*\*\***

# AYC JUNIOR SAILING CAMP STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM

Camper's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

In case parents cannot be reached, who should be contacted? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER FOR THE AYC JR. SAILING CAMP: (Please indicate first and second choice.)

- \_\_\_\_\_ June 10-14, Day Camp, Race Preparation for circuit sailors,  
Contact Jim Baker prior to registration at  
474-5813
- \_\_\_\_\_ June 16-21, Day Camp, All Levels
- \_\_\_\_\_ June 23-28, Overnight Camp, All Levels
- \_\_\_\_\_ July 7-12, Overnight Camp, All Levels
- \_\_\_\_\_ July 14-19, Day Camp, Beginning Levels
- \_\_\_\_\_ July 21-26, Overnight Camp, All Levels
- \_\_\_\_\_ July 28-August 2, Overnight Camp, All Levels (if sufficient  
demand)

Tuition: Day Camps .....\$150 per child  
Overnight camps.....\$250 per child

20% discount for AYC Members  
2nd child or additional weeks, \$20 discount

A DEPOSIT OF \$50 IS REQUIRED WITH THIS REGISTRATION FORM. ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED AND PLACEMENT WILL BE ACCORDING TO DATE THAT REGISTRATION IS RECEIVED. AYC MEMBER'S ACCOUNT WILL BE CHARGED.

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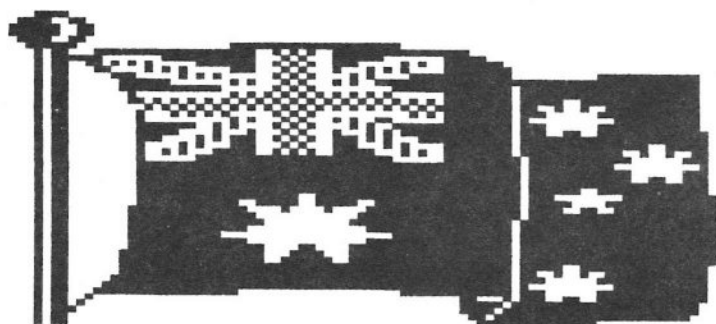
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## SAILING DOWN UNDER

*(pronounced syleing dow nunda)*

by Claude Welles

On arriving in Sydney, the first thing I did was to head for the water which is not too hard to do considering that it is everywhere. Sydney harbor is very much like Lake Travis in that it is surrounded by tall hills and has arms and fingers that extend in all directions. It is also not too much larger than Lake Travis. The main difference is that it is surrounded by a city of 4 million people, and traffic on the harbor is a function of the population. There are sailboats, ships, ferrys, and every other type of watercraft. Imagine trying to plan tactics on a windward leg in flukey air only to find that the QEII is coming to town to take on supplies and passengers and will be going right through the middle of the race course. Considering the size of the city, though, the large ship traffic is less than you might expect. Of greater concern to sailors is the ferry boat traffic which is continuous in almost all parts of the harbor, and a couple of sailboats have actually been sunk in collisions in the last few months.

Since we arrived here in early January the only conditions that I have seen are summer and fall. On the harbor in summer, the wind is up and down, but typically the sea breeze comes in around noon and blows 15-20 often increasing all afternoon. These conditions put a premium on boats which can carry maximum sail area up into these wind ranges and can be depowered easily at the upper limits. The best harbor racing boats are fractional rigged light to medium displacement boats on which crew weight is more important than lead in the keel for stability. Does that sound like anything we have at AYC? A J-29 would be the perfect Sydney harbor race boat, and the accommodations would be positively luxurious compared to what I have been sailing on. A Hobie 33 would be a lot of fun too.

All my sailing so far has been at the yacht club about a mile from where we live which means that I can walk to and from in 15-20 minutes. This is good considering that sailing in Australia equates with drinking massive quantities of beer before, during, and after the race, and driving would be hopeless on the way home. Also, all of my racing has been in the mid-week (Wed. p.m.) series -- more social than serious. These races are run on the arbitrary handicap system which is exactly as it sounds -- arbitrary as hell! Boats of the same type can start as much as ten minutes apart (the handicap is applied at the start, and the

## SAILING DOWN UNDER (cont'd)

order of finishes is the final result), and it is true skipper handicap, not boat handicap. I have been sailing on a thing called an Adams 10 -- ten meters long, huge cockpit and no cabin. These are considered to be the keelboat thoroughbreds by the locals, and anybody who is serious about going fast has one. We race against boats of about 24' to 58' on any given race day, and are frequently the scratch boat in the fleet. The courses are very similar to the AYC keel handicap courses, not standard triangles, gold cup, etc.

*Fast is fun* is definitely the way Aussies look at their sailing. The 18-foot skiffs are considered to be the epitome of sailing, and their racing is televised weekly during the season. These are the wildest things you ever say -- kind of like a big International 14. They are 18 feet long with a bowsprit of another 10-12 feet, hiking racks, and a crew of two gorillas plus a driver. They routinely do 20-25 knots off the wind, and the helmsmen have very little control when the boats are at full chat in a breeze -- concentrating mainly on keeping the speed up and the boat on its feet. These are sailed professionally, and the hulls are ultra high tech costing \$50-60K each. There is also a 16-foot skiff which is a little less radical and is considered to be the junior training boat for the 18's. Lasers are popular as a junior trainer and singlehand racing boat. Sunfish are unheard of. The popular keel fleet one-designs are Hood 23's -- a heavy old design not unlike a small flat top Cal 25 -- definitely out of the main stream of current interest, but affordable, J-24's, Etchells 22's, Dragons, and of course Adam 10's. Solings are considered too light and unsuited to local conditions though there are a few around. The first J-44 recently arrived and apparently kicked some butt in one of the offshore events, but there are no other J-boats here. If I do get a boat, most likely it will be a J-24, an Etchells, or a Laser.

The offshore season is just now winding down on the east coast with the last of the action seeming to be concentrated farther north (where it is warmer of course). There are lots of medium to long distance races, with the biggest being Sydney to Hobart in December and Sydney to Mooloolaba in Queensland in March. Both are 4-6 day races though the race south is supposed to be the more grueling of the two with big waves and lots of wind in the strait between the mainland and Tasmania. I hope to be able to get a ride next year in one or more of these offshore events.

As for America's Cup activity, so far there is not much beyond designing and fund raising. There are no Australian America's Cup boats in the water though the first is to be launched in a couple of weeks. The builder is located just a couple miles from our house, but they say security is very tight so I doubt that there is much chance for an American to get in to have a look. The local recession has definitely reduced the number of potential players in that arena as there are just two teams this time, and one has not even started a boat yet. So, barring a design breakthrough on the first attempt, I wouldn't look for much Aussie success this Cup series though they are optimistic and experienced. If there are any AYC members who might be interested in visiting "down under," let us know. There are still plenty of openings available here at the Welles Hilton.

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MR. "K" GOES TO HOUSTON ...



HANK KLEESPIES, AYC's 1990 Jessie McIlroy Smith Trophy winner and sailor extraordinaire, reaches *Above & Beyond* the world of sailing. HANK received an Advanced Design Fellowship from the UT Space Research Ass'n to work at NASA in Houston and Cocoa Beach, FL, for 10 weeks starting June 3. He said he'll be returning to Austin, and we'll hold him to that!

## A-FLEET NEWS

by Gail & Mike Mayfield

AYC A-fleeters invaded the Texas coastal waters in early May for the Texas Off-Shore Race Circuit (TORC). GAIL BERNSTEIN and RUSSELL PAINTON joined former A-fleeter RICK SMITH on his J-36 for the overnight race from Corpus Christi to Galveston. The three Olson 30's again formed a syndicate to race OBSESSION. Crew members JIM HENSON, MARK JENSEN, and STEVE VAUGHAN, JR. joined skippers MIKE MAYFIELD, TED SMITH, STEVE SPADEMAN, and STEVE VAUGHAN. (Reportedly, AYC's ERIC NELSON was crewing on a Tartan 10.) Since this article is being written before the completion of TORC, we'll have to wait until next time to provide the results.

Spring Regatta proved an especially challenging event for BLOWN ASSETS and its crew which was a conglomerate of crew from all three Olson 30's. Unfortunately, they didn't designate a navigator for the first race: in the lead near Lakeway they sailed right past the finish line. Apparently AVALANCHE also forgot to bring a navigator because they followed the Olson. BLOWN ASSETS expressed frustration, and a few unrepeatable words, in the third race when they were fouled near the finish line by a boat from another fleet. What a weekend!

Congratulations to RUSSELL PAINTON for taking A-fleet's first place in the Spring Regatta long distance event. We received conflicting reports

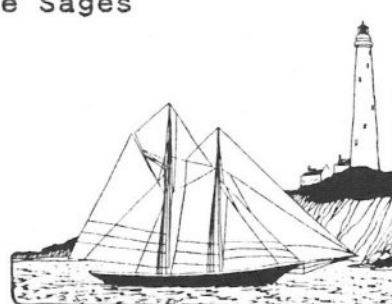
regarding the results of A-fleet's round-the-buoys competition: one source said GAIL BERNSTEIN finished second from the front and the other source said TERRY MEYERS finished second from the last. Both crews seemed to enjoy this form of racing for a change.

Many thanks to the following folks for assisting with race committee duties: JIM SMITH for serving on the Permanent Race Committee; BOB ALLISON for doing both Spring Regatta and the second day of the Centerboard Regatta, and ED RADZIK for doing the first day of the Centerboard Regatta.

Rumor has it that an A-fleet couple has purchased a C&C 37 for jaunts to the coast. But not to worry, the PAINTONS plan to continue racing at AYC.

Last but not least, *Welcome Aboard* to the newest member of A-fleet: SEAN MICHAEL SPADEMAN joined the crew March 31. The prospective foredeck crew and the proud Mom & Pop are all doing well.

Your humble,  
Purple Sages



## C-FLEET NEWS

(From the viewpoint of PATIENCE)  
by Louise and John Vance



First, a biased description of some races in the Spring Series:

Spring #1: Totally blocked on this. It was Opening Day, and WAHLBERG must have WON BIG (WWB, note WWA below).

Spring #2: We had a gear failure and collision on the starting line, so got to watch the fun from the dock. Good winds out of the North. Here comes EDDIE (STREGA) streaking by the point under chute. Here comes DAVID (CAVEAT) positioning for a pass like an Indy car. BAY PETERSON and WALT DWYER are close behind with BAY's downwind speed making it appear that he will pass them all by K-mark. Final results: WWA (Wahlberg Wins Again).

Spring #3: Port tack is heavily favored at the start. Most of the fleet tacks immediately to port after the start. We follow EDDIE CALOGERO around the windward I-mark, with WAHLBERG and PETERSON close. The breeze fades, and PATIENCE fades with it. The wind shifts back south late in the race, and DAVID takes a flyer to Cypress Cove on the second beat. Ha! He's tanked! No, wait! A wind shift, or incredible boat speed, or SOMETHING brings him across the whole fleet to I-mark. Meanwhile, DWYER sails brilliantly from behind to pass us on the final leg to the finish. WWA.

Spring #4: EDDIE sails a beautiful race in puffy winds to win, saving his time by 43 seconds over DAVID. WALT DWYER does it to us again on the final leg,

nosing us out by 5 seconds at the finish line.

Spring #5: We sail a perfect race and finish less than a minute behind CAVEAT who has a spinnaker foulup at the last mark. WWA.

Enough race stories. In the *can you top this?* category, the latest go-fast trick in C-fleet is to pump up your crew with incentives to win races. In the recent race clinic at AYC, SCOTT YOUNG suggested that skippers provide crew trophies. Well, we took the suggestion and now all four of our crew (AYC neighborhood sailors) have plaques to commemorate our trophies. Early this year DAVID WAHLBERG gave his crew sailing bags made from a CAVEAT sail (magic stuff). And now EDDIE CALOGERO has provided STREGA racing shirts to his crew. Don't knock it, it works! Yes, crews have egos too.

Say, have you seen the Pearson 26 being prepared for racing in the AYC work area? The bottom looks fast, especially the keel. We hear that a gal named CANDICE is going to give us all a run for the silver!

Finally, we would like to thank DOUG LAWS for his very sportsmanlike response to an unfortunate collision on the race course. Sailors like DOUG make this a civil and fun sport.

## D-FLEET NEWS

by Ty Johnson



*Hello out there. This is your Captain speaking; listen up now!*

Way up our lake, somewhere past Cat Hollow but not quite to Cow Creek, there waits a Country & Western band. As if that alone was not enough to send all of you D-fleeters scurrying for your Turnback Canyon Regatta registration forms.

Just think, over 20 miles of twisting, turning sailing adventure. You can personally view such exciting places as Slaughters Slough and Calcasieu point. You can pray for puffs and wish for wind lines.

One of those wise old (uhm) A-fleeters once took me aside to share some of his wisdom. "Ty," he says, "never sail Turnback in a D-fleet boat. First, it takes you all day to get there; you might never get there. And second, if you do arrive there's no place to park." Almost sounds as bad as a Saturday trip to the Mall.

This sailor, who shall remain nameless but who has been known to speak harshly about what wind shifts have done to him personally, must think tearing up the lake in a light blue J-29 is the only way to have fun.

I will admit that a light air day can spell trouble for "us" handicap heavyweights. Not to mention those pesky Ensign/South Coast 21'ers and their (how shall we say this) humongous, no I think Gargantuan is a good word to use when contemplating their handicap. So don't be logical. Enter the race. Happiness is just a state of mind. I plan to sail my luxury ride, cockpit cushions and all, in the '91 Turnback, and I hope y'all will join me at the line on the 25th.

PERRY WELLER and I would like to thank BOB PILLMORE for staying home, more often than not, so far this year. I do not know what PERRY has done with his hardware (1st place in the Spring Series) but mine (1st place in the Frostbite) is gathering dust on top of my piano, thank you very much.

I was much encouraged to find out that a strong crew combined with a little skill (as opposed to no skill) in driving the boat is much more important than a bunch of Gee-Whiz stuff. Also, it helped to have a bunch of wind.

Thanks to LOUIE SOEFJE for helping out on race committee duty in the Centerboard Regatta. Speaking of RC duty, here is what is coming up. D-fleet has RC on the 2nd of June (Summer #2). I have to work on that Sunday, but BOB PILLMORE has come to my rescue and volunteered to take over as PRO. We will need up to ten folks to run the race, so plan on helping on June 2nd. I will do what I enjoy most, calling each and every one of you. If you want to volunteer and beat the rush, call me up.

I have here a list: This list contains the names of members of the D-fleet: MIKE ALEWINE, MARK BRADFORD, TOM CUMMINGS, PAUL FRELS, HAL HAYDEN, STEVE HENNIGH, TY JOHNSON, BOB PILLMORE, LARRY RATLIFF, NELSON REYNOLDS, LOUIE SOEFJE, PERRY WELLER. If your name is not on this list and you are a member of the fleet (or would like to be) please let me know you're out there.

That's it for now ...

Captain Ty



# J 22

## FLEET NEWS

From Under the Tumtum Tree  
(continued)  
By Steve Brown

You will remember from last time our hero had just been shot!.....as he lay in a pool of blood, the sultry redhead, with a smoking gun in her left hand, bent over him and whispered "I'll let you live if you ....." But wait, more J-22 news is breaking, we'll return to the buxom redhead soon!

Our fleet had very good turnout for the Spring Series averaging five boats. The outcome of the series was not decided until the last race with three boats all having firsts, seconds and thirds making for close racing that last day. And the winner is FOSTER with Brown in second and Saunders in third. It should be noted that David and Judy stuck it out, sometimes with just the two of them in very strong winds, and finished every race. You don't have to fly the chute to have fun on the water, especially in this boat. No gorillas needed! Sometimes they can help though; right John? 800 pounds indeed!

The Shreveport circuit stop was cancelled due to flooding. If there had been a regatta our fleet would have been well represented with at least three boats going. When asked what he thought about driving

all that way for nothing Bill Mitchell shot back "Nothing, hell, it cost me 200 bucks in gas and stuff." Voldi, Debra and Bill drove all that way on Friday, turned around and drove back, so they could race at AYC on Sunday. These guys really love to race!

The next circuit stop is AYC May 11 and 12. It will be history when you read this as my deadline in May 10. I bet we do well though.

The Spring Regatta reinforced something I already knew. The bigger the boat the less fun they are! I'd rather go to the dentist than work a 150%. Helming a big boat is OK but crewing leaves something to be desired. The smart people (those that raced J-22s) had great winds and plenty of great racing. Bremer/Bartlett took first with Saunders in second. Did I see some of ya'll get up on a plane? It was kinda hard to see from way back there.

If you have read this far you must like J-22s, so have I got great news for you or what? Good used boats are starting to show up on the local market. Contact me or any fleet member for details.

Whoops! Where does the time go?

I know I promised more on smoking guns and redheads but soon is a relative term, folks. 'Till next time see ya on the race course!

## J-24 FLEET NEWS

by Michael Wellman



Well, it's finally happened. At last, I get to write one of these articles on my own without the support of my ghost writers. I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Telltale during my LOA. I know it's a dreaded job that was taken with some trepidation, but I appreciate your help while I was playing soldier.

By the time this article gets to you we should be half way through the Summer Series. If the Spring Series is any indication of what to expect it should be a good one. We had 16 boats that competed during the Spring Series. There were 12-14 boats on the line of most races with an average of 11 boats for the Series. Pretty good considering there were two Circuit Stop weekends during the Series. There was a good mixture of old and new boats. There were even a few old boats that we haven't seen in a while out on the water, including PSYCHO. Rumor has it that PSYCHO will be out for the Summer Series without Fred. Fred wants to sail his Laser and may let his boat out to some guest skippers. I guess that makes PSYCHO the "Tonight Show" boat of the fleet.

If you haven't made it out this year or if you haven't waited around after the race, we have started a new tradition you should be aware of. After the race the fleet is gathering for beer and munchies (provided by the fleet). It's a great time to get together and talk about what happened on the water and meet some of the new members in the fleet.

The turnout for the Spring Regatta wasn't as high as we hoped (after having such a large turnout for the Spring Series), but it was good enough for the

J-24 Fleet to win the California Cup (awarded to the largest One-Design Fleet). We had 10 boats registered. Some skippers who couldn't make the regatta (due to more important things like soccer games and birthday parties) were able to find replacements so their boats could be on the line. There were also a few skippers who had problems getting a crew together. DANNY LIEN drafted his family as crew, proving the age old saying, "the family that sails together stays together." At least 'til the spinnaker comes out. But the sailor of the regatta had to be TUCKER GARRISON who sailed with a crew of ONE. He and John McBride performed as well if not better than some of the boats with full crew. As for the regatta, we had good weather and competition on both days. Most races there were only a couple of minutes which separated the first and last place boats. A special thanks to ROBBIE and ERIC NELSON and their helpers for putting on a great regatta.

KIRK LIVINGSTON and DANNY LIEN have put together an interesting format for a Fleet Championship. This will be open to all fleet members. The boats, not the skippers, will be scored. The scoring will take place over five events. The 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sundays of the Fall Series, the 1st Sunday of the Winter Series, and the Fall Regatta. If all five events are completed there will be one throwout allowed. Trophies will be awarded to the top finishers as well as a "Silver Fleet" award to the skipper who places best and has not received a trophy during the '91 season.

Watch in the fleet newsletter for announcements about the social gatherings we're planning this summer.

## **SOUTH COAST 21 NEWS**

### ***Under the Cottonwood ...***

by Bob Freeman

At the race management seminar we had five SC-21 skippers present and one other dropping in. This in and of itself says a lot about the desire of our fleet members to try and learn how to be better and more competitive sailors.

Opening Day of the Spring Series on March 10 was a good windy day to start the new year of sailing for the SC-21 fleet that welcomed BOB and ALICE VASSALLO back to active AYC events. RAY took the series with 6 aces, and DUANE grabbed 2nd place with 2 aces while BOB FREEMAN, BOB JOHNSON, and CHARLES POPE were 3rd, 4th, and 5th. We rounded out the series with an 8-boat start which is just great. Keep up the good participation.

In March we had Race Committee duty and, thanks to RAY's direction, we were flawless. But it was a dull day without DUANE's wit, wisdom and kindly comments to the competing sailors.

This year we had our SC-21 Nationals on a weekend which helped skippers find crew. There were 8 boats on the line and, for two days, all our skills were tested as we got winds of every speed and from every direction. RAY "720" SHULL took 1st, followed closely by BUD BOUCHER in 2nd, and DUANE DOBSON in 3rd. Let's make Shreveport jealous next year by encouraging all SC-21 owners to race their boats and not do crew duty. Our fleet captain, MARY MARCIA, and her crew gave a good showing by easing out CHARLES POPE for 7th place.

Remember our Summer Series starts on May 19 at 2:30. Let's go for a 10-boat start. See you on the line.

## **ENSIGN FLEET NEWS**

by Dan O'Donnell

The Spring Series and the Spring Regatta are now history, and TOMMY KOZLOWSKI walked away with the heavy hardware in both events. GEORGE DAHMEN has been giving KOZMO a run and is coming on strong. The series and regatta results are reported elsewhere in this issue.

The Ensign fleet now has its own picnic table thanks to GEORGE DAHMEN, SAM HUMPHREY, TOM GROLL, and friends. It is a nice redwood table, and it is under the big oak tree east of the pool. We'll have a picnic on June 2, which is the 2nd Sunday of the Summer Series, to christen the new table. Plan on sailing the Series races that day and meeting under the old oak tree for a picnic afterward (bring your own fixin's) and to burn in the Ensign insignia on the table. The weather should be warm and pleasant, and the water will be warm and inviting by then. So don't miss the premier Ensign social event of the season. See you there.

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#### **AYC SUMMER CATAMARAN RACING SERIES**

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For more information, or to loan a boat or find a boat, call Jim Casto at 261-3122.

## CATALINA 22 FLEET NEWS

by Bill Word



The C-22 fleet was well represented in the Spring Series, as requested. Some of us actually started the year off correctly by treating the bottom of our boats with new bottom paint. I know for a fact that CALIN POPESCU painted his bottom (boat bottom, that is) and was properly rewarded by being almost uncatchable, even without a spinnaker. For those of you that did not come out and race with us, shame on you. For the more than eleven boats, which was our average, that did join in on the racing saw plenty of wind most of the races. The final results were: #1 WALTER ALLAN, #2 CALIN POPESCU, #3 BILL MORACK, and #4 BILL WORD.

As requested, our fleet was responsible for preparing and serving the Saturday dinner for the One-Design Regatta this year. We cooked and served 225 hamburger dinners complete with all the trimmings. Thanks to all of the C-22 volunteers that made it all go so well.

Another minor activity of the One-Design Regatta was the racing, which was great. Our fleet had six boats race. One of the boats that is not spinnaker rigged decided to race the optional long distance course. The other five opted for the Olympic courses. There were five Olympic course races in all. By the end of the third race, the boat that I was crewing on had last place sewed up. But most of the races were very close from first to fifth place. We lost one by the length of a bow pulpit. HOWARD was really po'ed. The following sailors won a trophy: #1 WALTER ALLAN (this is getting monotonous!), and #2 STEVE PERVIER.

Our next race will be the Turnback Canyon Regatta on May 25-26. There's not excuse not

to have your boat in tip-top shape for this one. As far as our next series race, we have committee duty on May 19 for the Summer Series, so our first race in this series will be on June 2. We will be going around the buoys, so plan for two races on this one. See you out there!

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## CENTERBOARD FLEET NEWS

by Fred Stearns

It seems like I just finished writing the last one of these, and here's the deadline already. That must be right since the Spring Series has ended and two regattas have gone to their successful conclusions.

I missed the Spring Regatta as I had to be out of town. All the reports that I heard were good, even if there was some confusion over the starts. It seems that the winds made it a lively Sunday. I do know that it was breezy on Lake Summerville.

The Centerboard Regatta was a big success, over 50 entries. The Handicap fleet took a beating because of the popularity of one-design classes that weekend. DON WHALEY finally had some one-design competition for his E-Scow. Maybe DAVID WAHLBERG and PETE REINHART can get enough practice in before Governor's Cup to take the trophies. KEVIN SELFRIDGE finally got back into an M-20 to join TOM ROMBERG and TOM GUNDERSON. Even the Flying Dutchmen had their own fleet. Saturday was memorable for the thunderstorms and the front which caused the afternoon races to be canceled. Sunday was chilly with a 20-28 mph wind. There were a lot of sailboats that needed sail numbers on the



## CENTERBOARD FLEET NEWS (cont'd)

centerboards for identification. Can you imagine trying to right a turtled E-Scow?!

The Summer Series will have started by the time you read this. It will be interesting to see how many Centerboards will participate. This would be a great time to get more practice on the E-Scows.

I'll see you on the lake. I'll get that spinnaker up this summer if only to stop y'all from giving me such a hard time about it!

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## LASER FLEET NEWS

by Fred Schroth

We had a couple of regattas and a bunch of Wednesday night races. And that means some folks won and some just had fun. Details about the above can be gathered at the AYC bar from DEKE for a Budweiser and a cigar. DEKE will undoubtedly embellish the story in his favor, but if you really cared you would have been there anyway.

Upcoming Events: Anytime you feel like taking your boat out, take it out. If somebody else shows up you can have a race. Groups over three get a keg, T-Shirts and permanent trophies for the mantle.

Dot MARGARITA Wednesday: As a general rule, the south and central Austin Laser sailors meet at Chuy's after the races. HANK and DOUG get all the girls. FRED and KEN get all the chips. Sunfishers are invited but they can't act too dorky.

Fleet Travel Plans: If you are leaving town, please let us know

so we can borrow parts off your boat while you are gone.

Fleet Dues: Sail on Wednesday.

Fleet Don'ts: Stay home on Wednesdays.

Hubbies Hunk Alert: It will be safe to let the wife sail her Laser with the gang in June and July. HANK will be in Houston working for NASA. (Traveler's Alert: He's taking the Laser with him and nothing on the Dutchman is worth borrowing.)

Serious Note: Huh?

Final Note: We are planning to have a fleet for the Governor's Cup Centerboard weekend. We can all sign up Saturday, June 29, and make life miserable for JANIS and her registration helpers. She expects that of us anyway.

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## CAPRI 14.2 FLEET NEWS

by Steve Shepardson

Summer is almost here and the C14.2's are back. Last month Fleet #6 celebrated its 5th birthday with a good turnout at Pace Bend Park where there was plenty of food and light breezes. A special thanks to MARK BRADFORD for the homemade ice cream and to ANNE ELLZEY for the cake.

Brunch at Lake Georgetown. How many tortillas did we have left over?

We had only one brave soul, MARK PALERMO, dare to take on the C-15's head to head in the Spring Regatta. Kudos to you, guy. Those radial cut sails may be fast but ... Come on back! I think you will have more fun racing other C-14.2's.

## CAPRI 14.2 FLEET NEWS (cont'd)

Congratulations to JOHN WELCH and crew, (man overboard) Cesar, for the first place finish in the Centerboard Regatta. SUZANNE and MARK BRADFORD in Scars and Gripes finished a close second.

MERI wanted to practice righting the boat so I figured out a new way to capsize Doololly at the gybe mark. The water was a little cooler than we expected, not too cold but not warm enough for my Spring bath, so we got up and sailing as quick as we could. But not before the JONES' and the BRADFORDs had sailed by. Did I hear laughter?

The wind is fair, the water is warm, and it is time for the Summer Series. Let's go sailing!!

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## SUNFISH FLEET 70 NEWS

by Manana Iguana

Sunfish season's open ... no license is required! Just bring your boat on Wednesday evenings to see printers, salespeople, bakers, carpenters, engineers, circus clowns, teachers, and even lawyers vie for the same three-foot section of a hundred-foot starting line. It's an awesome sight to see the fleet emerge through DEKE DeKEYSER's cigar smokescreen. This season's inaugural race was won by TOM PRESSWOOD, as was the second, and the third. But TOM fell for the old "that's the last race" ploy by a couple of crafty Sunfishers and watched the next two from the clubhouse.

The season's first regattas drew Sunfish like fire ants to picnics. After the first day of the Spring Regatta STEVE CAUFF

MAN, PAT MANNING, and BRUCE FOSTER were in a three-way tie for first. The wind favored the heavy on Sunday as BRUCE nailed down the win with PAT in second. Centerboard Regatta was the next big test. With about 20 boats, the Sunfish fleet was the largest. Sunfishers were about the only ones still smiling as the wind topped 25 mph on Sunday and many of the round-bottom boats sported vertical centerboards. CURTIS TARPLEY brought home the winning silver with BILL GERLOFF and JIM REHAGE following in 2nd and 3rd. Congratulations to everyone who braved the wind Sunday and crossed the line ... you all rate trophies.

Fleet 70 Sunfishers were found in a couple of above and beyond activities in the Gulf waters this April. CLAUDIA FOSTER ventured to Mobile Yacht Club's annual Dauphin Island race. This 400 boat, 40 mile race features an overnight raft-up and party that's almost, but not quite, as spectacular as our own Turnback. CLAUDIA raced with the defending champion, all-female team aboard a superfast C&C 34R "CC RIDER." The team defended its title and kept the Semmes Trophy. Look for a report in Sailing World and an interview with skipper Susan Kursweg.

Cap'n SHIRLEY snuck away for an "ultimate" vacation by attending a Sunfish Race Week Seminar in the Florida Keys hosted by Scott Kyle (two-time world champ) and Bob Findley (past North American champ). Twenty-eight people from New Jersey, Indiana, Illinois, Texas, and Florida brought their boats to endure (and enjoy) intense, short drills with over 200 starts, 400 mark roundings, and more than 600 tacks and gybes over a period of 5 days. Instructors were excellent, working the class through six hours on the water and three hours of chalk talk

## SUNFISH FLEET NEWS (cont'd)

each day. SHIRLEY saw the course advertised in the Windward Leg. The \$550 tuition includes meals and a marina motel with all the usual amenities. Bring your own boat and be ready to have a great time -- and achieve that "good kinda hurt" that comes with Sunfish-erobics. P.S. SHIRLEY says we all know the kind of people there. Like Sunfishers all over the world, they're friendly, full of fun, and the best folks you'll meet anywhere. Hmm ... does sound familiar.

See y'all Wednesday. If you haven't paid your 1991 \$10 dues, bring some money, poultry, or jewelry to Cap'n SHIRLEY or ROBBIE NELSON. Manana ...

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## CORONADO 15 FLEET NEWS

by Claudia Foster

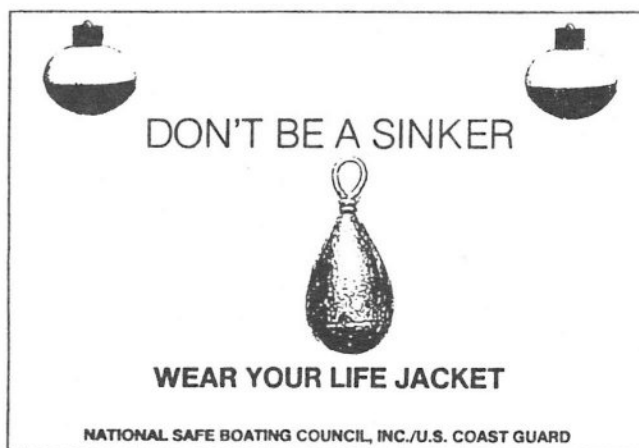
April has come and gone, but it was a very busy month for C-15's. We tuned up for the season with two Saturday practice sessions. Five C-15's drifted and planed in the Spring Regatta. Places changed in a flash; competition was keen and the final standings weren't decided until the final race. KEITH & BONNIE LACKEY took first followed by BOB MUSSELMAN & crew JON FITCH. The one-design format for the regatta was great and the C-15'ers hope to see it again next year.

Next stop was the Centerboard Regatta for twenty brave souls trying their darndest to keep ten C-15's "sails up." Those that braved every race deserve a special mention. BOB MUSSELMAN & JAN "Big O" THOMPSON, JIM & CYNTHIA CASTO, and RICK & BEVERLY SHARP went from start to finish. New C-15'er JON FITCH and crew STEVE PERVIER only

missed one race (and STEVE used the time to trapeze on a Flying Dutchman!). DAVE and DIANE ZBASNIK would have stayed on the water except for breaking their rudder (twice!). While all this was going on, we saner wimps watched the screaming gybes and death rolls from the relative safety of the point. When everything was put away, BOB MUSSELMAN took first, RICK SHARP took runner-up, JIM CASTO was third, and CLAUDIA FOSTER took fourth.

Looking ahead, we'll have C-15 District Championships coming up in Houston's Clear Lake. Get ready for some starboard roundings on June 8 & 9! Later in the year we'll host "Cheap Thrills" and bring the Wednesday Sunfish/Laser format to prime time Saturday and Sunday. Anyone interested in borrowing (or buying) a C-15 for this event just call co-captains KEITH LACKEY or WADE BINGAMAN.

See you on the wire!





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