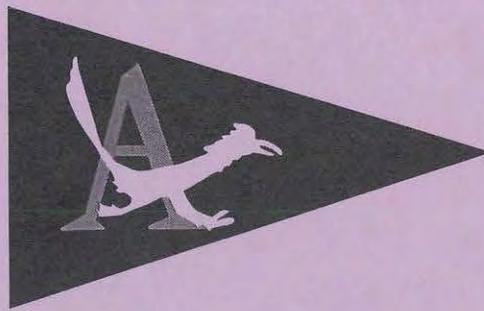


Telltale

**Austin Yacht Club
October-December, 1998**





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Sunfish	Dayna Mosier

FROM THE COMMODORE - - - - Voldi Maki

Thanks to Marty and Tim for working on an extra Telltale this year. This will allow us to publish pictures of the events of the last few months in a more timely fashion and to thank those who made the events possible. The new board:

Rob Wilson	Vice Commodore
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Tim McKenna	Secretary
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Tom Groll	Buildings & Grounds
Leo Anderson	Fleet Commander
Jo Anne Welles	Sail Training

and I will guide the activities of AYC for the next year. The directory describes the jobs of each of the board members. Each of the board members will require help from the membership to carry out their assigned tasks. If you wish to volunteer to help please call the appropriate board member and they will help you participate. The board member can also help implement your suggestions and comments.

Since the year has just begun, very few of the committees which help the board have been filled. Many of the positions listed in the questionnaire sent out in October had no or few volunteers. You still have a chance to fill one of these positions. Desire is all that is required. You will find many people who have done the job before will explain what needs to be done and will help organize. Volunteering for these committees is the best way to meet people and feel part of the club.

The board will meet January 28 to approve the budget and the racing schedule for 1999. During the time before the board meeting we will working to develop the plan for the year. Suggestions for the racing schedule should be made to your fleet captain. Other suggestions should be made to the appropriate board member.

I hope to see all of you out racing and having fun at the social events this year. So far the only agenda of the new board is to develop a schedule of events for the benefit and fun of all the members.

Farewell to the outgoing Board

*Lanelle Montgomery, Commodore
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Dane Ohe, Race Commander
Jerry Rabun, Fleet Commander
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Commander*



Welcome to the incoming Board

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Upcoming Events

December 31, 1998	New Year's Eve Party
January 1, 1999	Red Eye Regatta
February 16, 1999	Frostbite Series Begins

Telltale Deadline

March 5	Spring Quarter
June 4	Summer Quarter
September 3	Fall Quarter
December 3	Winter Quarter

From Pat Kimbrough- - Historian

A number of members have asked about the origin of the anchor in front of the Club House.

Four time Commodore Frank McBee was instrumental in getting the Holloway Wire Rope Co. to donate it to the Club.

Holloway Wire Rope Co. was the company that furnished the cable that anchored our original docks.

AYC RACING RESULTS

FALL SERIES

Keel B:
Rob Wilson - Ultimate 20
Mike Chambers - Olson 25
Tom Lott - Lindenberg 26

Keel C:
John Allison - Santana 20

Keel D:
Guy Stewart - Ranger 29

Catalina 22:
Pete Harper
Larry Hill
Ted Owen

Ensign:
Jim Shelton

J24:
Dave Broadway
Phill Spletter

South Coast 21:
Ray Shull
Pat Fegin
Scott Walsh

Center Board Handicaped:
Deke Dekeyser - Sunfish
Troy Lawson - C15
Bill Smith - C15

DOUBLE HANDED CHAMP

Keel A:
Bryan Bayendorffer - Melges 24
Dave Balfour - J80
Phil Spletter - J24

Keel B:
Dave Speed - SC21
Tom Groll - Ensign
Mark Bradford - S2 7.3

Keel C:
Woodul, F - T-Bird
Jerry Rabun - Bucaneer 210
Walter Dwyer - Perason 26

WINTER SERIES

Keel A:
John Mandell - 11 Meter
Jamie Edwards - Olson 30
Steve McKinley - F28R

Keel B:
Claude Welles - Cal 9.2
Steve Brown - J22
Mike Chambers - Olson 25

Keel D:
John Vance - Impulse 21
Bob Perry - Fun 23

Catalina 22:
Pete Harper
Jim Deeter

Ensign:
George Dahamn
Tom Groll

J24:
Steve Gay
Barbara Hawn
Scott Walsh
Ray Shull

WILD TURKEY REGATTA

Keel A:
Bryan Bayendorffer - Melges 24
Ray Shull - J29

Keel B:
Claude Welles - Cal 9.2
John Bowden - J22

Keel C:
Scott Walsh - SC21
Larry Hill - Cat 22
Vick Manning - SC21

Keel D:
G. Wolf - Holder 20
Pat Kimbrough - T-Bird
Steve Brown - J22

Keel E:
Charles Pope - SC21
J Grzinich - Cat 22
Tom Groll - Ensign

FALL REGATTA

Keel A Non Spin:
Grant Wolf - Holder 20
Brenna Murdock - J29
Steve Wesson - S2 6.7
Pat Kimbrough - T-Bird

Keel B Non-Spin:
Nancy Trafton - Cat 25
Al Gearing - Cat 22
Gabe Ayson - Cat 25

Keel A Spin:
Dave Balfour - J80
Mark Sunday - Melges 24
Ray Shull - J29

Keel B Spin:
John Bartlett - J22
Rob Wilson - Ultimate 20
Dan Wilcox - J22

Keel C Spin:
Steve Gay - SC21
Dave Wahlberg - Kiwi

Ensign:
Dean Snyder
George Dahmen
Jim Baker

Catamaran:
Jim Casto - Nacra 5.5
Doug Kemp - Pridnle 19

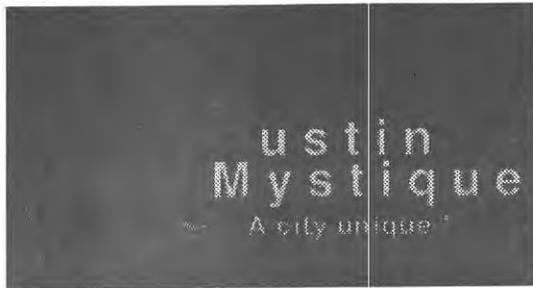
Portsmouth:
Jeff Arnold - 505

Sunfish:
Vick Manning
Pat Manning

Thistle:
Jim Kinkade
Larry Laborde
John Mitchell

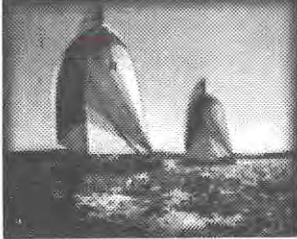
Lakeway Trophy:

Phrf:
Dave Balfour - J80
Portsmouth: Tied
Bruce Foster - Sunfish
Jim Casto - Nacra 5.5



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**BIG SAIL
in Austin!**

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Austin Yacht Club - Fall Regatta

feature story

**Austin Yacht Club's
"Fall Regatta"**

THE BIG SAIL
is happening at AYC !

Since as early as 1953, the passions and dreams of sailing men have flourished within a group now know as the Austin Yacht Club. Known earlier as the Austin Sailing Club, these racing enthusiasts have built their club into a family-like group of friends, ranging from national and regional title holders, to a couple of Olympians added-in just for Texas "braggin rights". Sail with us as we enjoy a great day of racing with the men and women of A.Y.C. at their>**Fall Regatta**<

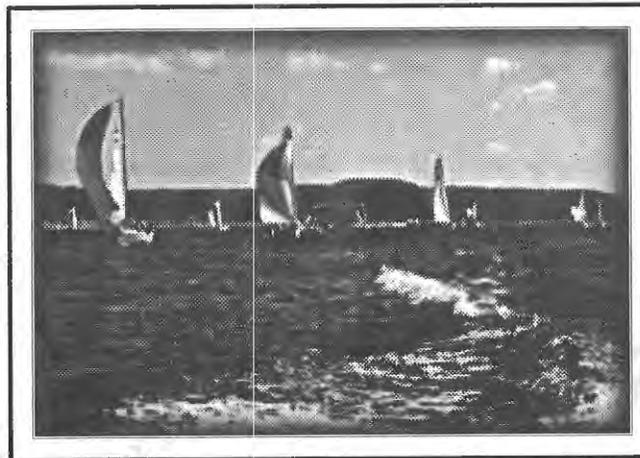




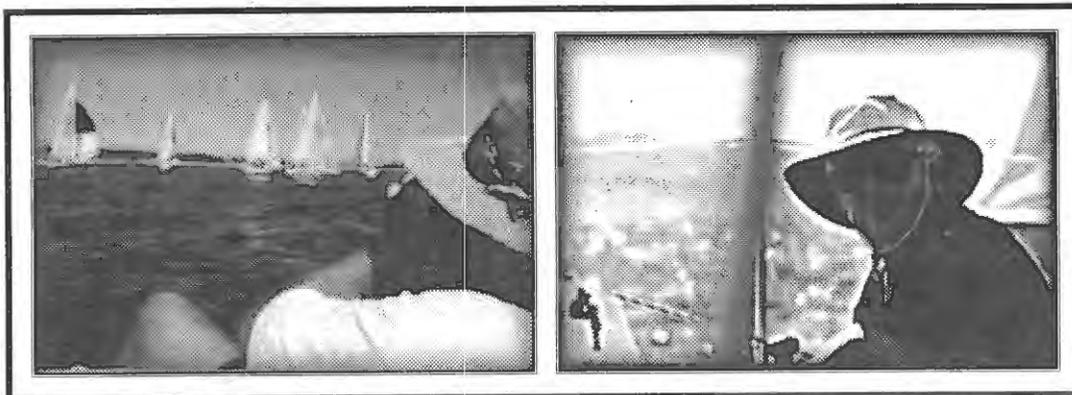
Ask the men and women of the Austin Yacht Club what they're all about, and they'll tell you, in no uncertain terms, they're about sailboat racing. "No polished brass or varnished mahogany," just a middle class group of people that value friendships and good family fun.



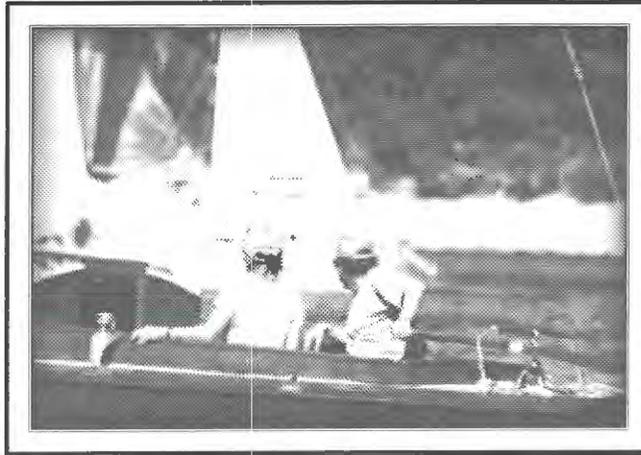
The Austin Mystique recently rode along on "Chase One" for a photographic glimpse of what this racing group is all about. We tried to capture that spirit in our essay below.



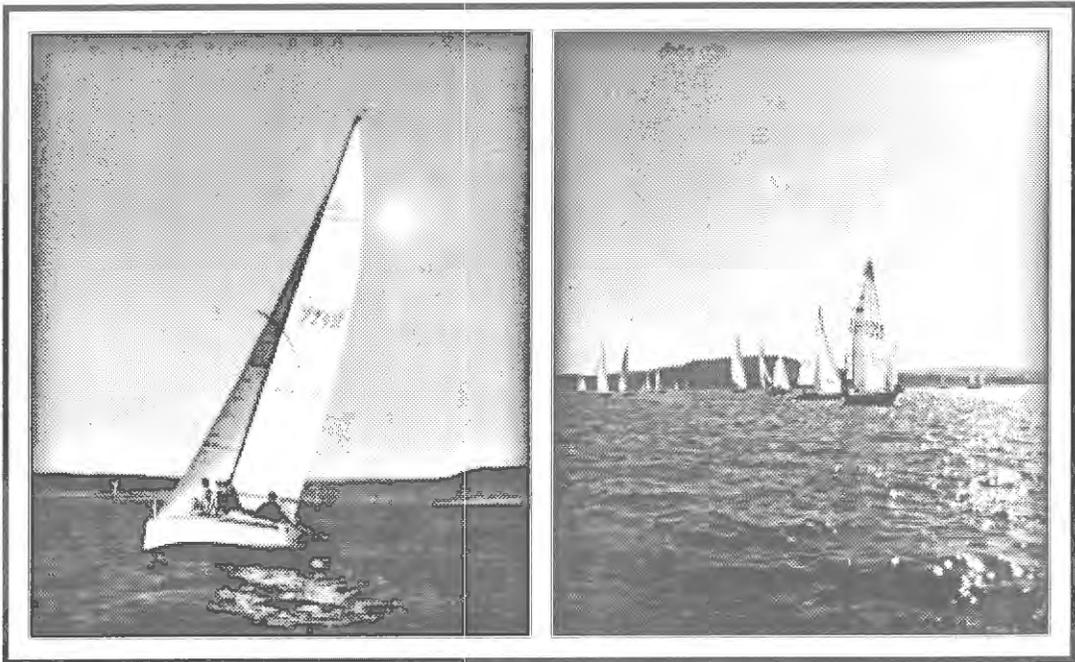
They swiftly sailed their ships ... like portraits in the wind.



Observers watched their favorites .. while Captains plotted their win.



Tacking right .. tacking left, the competitors start their run.



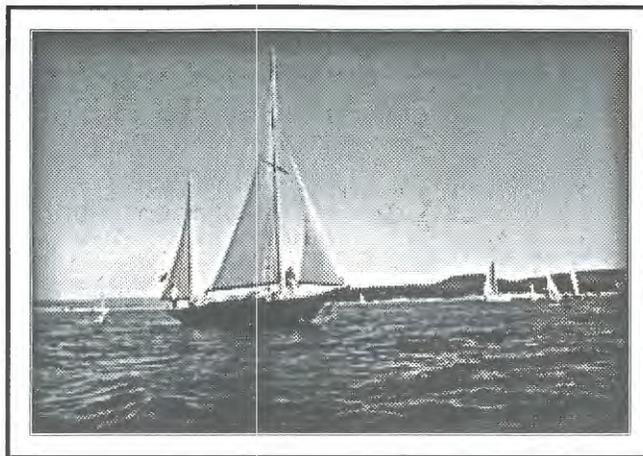
Swiftly, steering their ships as they sailed on toward the Sun.

**The buoy was rounded
at half-way point, with the
promise of clear-air sailing.**



**No time to ponder boats in front,
or which ones may be trailing.**





**But, soon there was no prevailing wind ...
... this lull issued challenge to crews.**



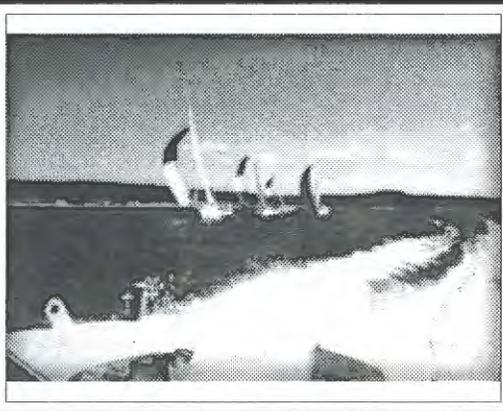
**So a strategy meeting made course corrections,
and the committee boat dispatched the news.**

**When winds returned, we sped
ahead, the race again underway.**



**We all headed for the finish line,
our trophy ... a beautiful day.**

"Portraits in the Wind"
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A Beacon to Our Club

by Lanelle Montgomery

As some of you may already know, the original mortgage on the Clubhouse and office will be retired mid-way through next year. During one of the Board's budgeting meetings where this fact was raised, we began to think about those original founding members who had the foresight to purchase this property, build the clubhouse and organize the Austin Yacht Club. Taking this step was not without financial risk to each and every one of these members. One of those members, Frank W. McBee, Jr., was especially instrumental in this endeavor and continued for many years to provide his invaluable leadership, both as Commodore on three different occasions and as a highly respected member and advisor to the Board. He has been described as a beacon to this club by virtue of this leadership and support. In recognition of this fact, a brass plaque has been attached to our Club's beacon (the sign on the point) to express our gratitude to him. We presented this award to him a couple of months ago, and he seemed very pleased. He even got a kick out of the thought that the plaque would occasionally be under water!



Standing, L to R:
Sue Price, Sue Brandt McBee, Lanelle Montgomery,
Russell Painton, Tommy Kozlowski, Voldi Maki,
Tom Romberg.

Sitting L to R:
Clift Price, Bill Griffis, Mary Louise Griffis, Francis McIntyre

Frank McBee and Lanelle Montgomery

1998 Junior TSA Circuit

by Lanelle Montgomery

1998 was a long year of racing for the junior racing team members. There were fourteen regattas in the TSA Circuit in addition to all of the ladder events, the Sunfish North Americans and miscellaneous racing events. Our team members are definitely taken seriously when they enter an event!

Two new members of the Team qualified for the end-of-the-year trophies by competing in at least seven races. Matt Arnold had never even sailed on his own prior to attending AYC summer camp this past summer, and Jacob Wheat had sailed for only a part of the prior season. At Houston Race Week, an Olympic qualifier, they competed against 27 other novice racers. Jacob won two of the races and Matt the other! Boy, were they surprised! They moved up to their age appropriate class after those races and have continued to do well. Matt even won the Ol' Man of the Sea Regatta in Blue Fleet. Congratulations to our newest Circuit Qualifiers. Evan Ross, a new student member at AYC, has also competed in a few regattas this year, though not enough to qualify for the Circuit. However, he got the taste for winning at the Corpus Christi regatta, and I expect to see more of him.

Several of our Junior Racing Team members changed boats and/or classes this year. Stephen Gay moved from the Laser Radial class to the Full Rig class. Ryan Harden and Danielle Ellenbrook moved from Optimist Red to Laser Radials. Earl Gerloff and Alice Stearns each moved to the next Optimist level. For most of the year, the winds blew at the higher end of comfort and sometimes blew in the uncomfortable range, especially for those at the lower end of the weight scale. But, everyone hung in there and learned to make the best of it.

The Laser Radial first place spot was hotly contested until the final race. Patrick Reynolds (who was the only person in the circuit to race every regatta this year) and John Bowden both raced well, and after an entire year of racing, the score was tied between them. However, the tie breaker went to John for first place overall. Congratulations to you both!

In the end, all the AYC Juniors made an impressive showing. The overall circuit results for the AYC team were as follows:

- Stephen Gay - 7th place - Laser Full Rig
- John Bowden - 1st place - Laser Radials
- Patrick Reynolds - 2nd place - Laser Radials
- Phillip Stearns - 3rd place - Laser Radials
- Ryan Harden - 4th place - Laser Radials
- Lauren Foster - 7th place - Laser Radials
- Danielle Ellenbrook - 12th place - Laser Radials
- Earl Gerloff - 4th place - Optimist Red
- Chris Reynolds - 9th place - Optimist Red
- Alice Stearns - 12th place - Optimist Red
- Jacob Wheat - Optimist green/blue
- Matt Arnold - Optimist green/blue

The 1999 season opens again this year in Austin with the Roadrunner Regatta on March 27-28. Hope to see you all there!

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TEAR OUT AND PUT WITH YOUR 1998 DIRECTORY

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Boat - SC21

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Boat - Sunfish - Gulf Coast 20

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Boat - Cat 25

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Work Phone # 867-8483
Boat - J22

Harbor Committee 1998 Year in Review

by: Jerry Rabun

Whew! Boy, am I glad that's over. Last night we held the annual membership meeting and elected a new slate of officers for 1999. Leo Anderson will be your new Fleet Commander and I trust that you will give him the support he needs in the year ahead. Leo is a veteran member of the Harbor Committee and should do an outstanding job.

My thanks to the following members who served on the Harbor Committee this past year:

Cynthia Creamer
Rebecca Waddell
Terry McDermott

Bill Wheat
Joe Roddy
Fred Stearns

Leo Anderson
Greg Buck
Ken Whiteside

Please take the time to personally thank these fine folks. My thanks also go out to those of you who helped with the various dock and work parties that were held this past year.

Since we spent a lot of time chasing sometimes "precipitous" lake level changes, we were not able to complete some of the projects that I had originally planned for the year. Early in the year our efforts were directed toward getting our facility billing in order and adding a section to our statements to show slip numbers for which members were being billed. We were able to finally install permanent anchoring for the Training Facility. Wetslip Dock 2 was refoamed. This event was, unfortunately, scheduled on absolutely the hottest weekend of the year. For that, I apologize to those of you who had to endure the heat. I'm still trying to regrow a toenail on my left foot that was mashed off during this project.

As you know, because of low water and rapidly falling lake levels, docks 4, 5, and 6 were moved to the point in August. Then, wouldn't you know it, the lake stopped dropping. In late August, these docks, as well as other AYC property suffered a fair amount of storm damage. Much of this damage was repaired on September 2 by staff and volunteers. Significant underwater and other structural damage was sustained by many of our docks. Damage which has yet to be repaired and will require the services of a welder. Except for \$1000.00 deductible, most of the damage is covered by our insurance and, at this writing, a claim is pending.

The wetslip docks were moved back into the cove in October. The last dock to come back in was the boardboat dock in the South cove. That was moved back in on November 20 and as of now all of our docks are in their "normal" positions.

I want to thank the membership for allowing me to serve on the board for the past year. It is my hope that you will give your new Fleet Commander the support he needs in the year ahead. We (AYC) are blessed to have such a great facility and it will take the continuing efforts and volunteerism of our membership to maintain it.

Again, thanks, best wishes, prosperity, and great sailing for the new year.



Mary Sikora enjoying herself at the Annual Banquet

AYC Christmas 1998



1998 Children's Christmas Party with Santa, Bruce Foster and Santa's helper's Chris Reynolds and Danielle Ellenbrook



1999 Board of Directors L to R:
Lanelle Montgomery, Past Commodore; Voldi Maki, Commodore; Rob Wilson, Vice Commodore; Tim McKenna, Secretary;
Twila Bowden, Treasurer; Mary Sikora, Race Commander; Jo Ann Welles, Sail Training Commander and Leo Anderson,
Fleet Commander. (Not pictured Tom Groll, Building & Grounds Commander)



John Bartlett enjoying himself at the Annual Banquet
(which way does the center board on a sunfish go?)

C FLEET NEWS

by

Doug L & Tommy G.

Well, AYC series races are over for this year, and new Keel-Fleet captains are in place, so we decided to write a joint newsletter from the new and old C-fleet captains.

Hey! Who are you calling old, you got hats older than I am.

This year has been a good year for sailing, even with the low water during the summer. We want to thank all the fleet members for a good turnout to help on race committee duty and beer can food in July. Thanks also to Tommy G for outstanding work and trophies for the single-handed race. Your help was much appreciated.

Well it took a lot of blood, sweat and beers to wear out that many gloves.

By the way, C-fleet has Wild Turkey race responsibility for 1999. Lets make it a blast.

And Doug no sampling the trophies this year.

Our biggest challenge for the coming year racing will be participation. We had series races this year with no boats on the line and no trophies, so, come on out. We can help by contacting fleet members during the week to encourage participation and crew information. We can also talk with each other prior to the race. One time this fall, three boats were here with short crew and windy conditions. We all raced but decided to go non-spinnaker and had a great time, still racing as C-fleet.

I remember that, and you're right it was pretty much fun and a lot easier to drink beer without a chute to worry about.

You may have noticed--Bob Farmer found a good deal on a J-29 he couldn't resist, so guess he will sail A fleet soon.

Well you know what they say about guys with big boats, Sorry Suzanne.

Fleet splits and courses for 1999 will be same as this year, so lets encourage some D-fleet boats to try spinnaker.

Just kidding guys you can still drink beer, down wind. So come give it a try Dennis.

Please let us have your E mail address. This is a great way to communicate and encourage participation.

Ya, and Roy can keep sending those pictures he downloads at night.

Thanks again to all and hope you all have great holidays.

*And the best present of all, no more of Tommy's dumb TellTale articles.
Best Wishes for a fun and exciting New Year*

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SUNFISH FLEET 70 ENDS THE RACING SEASON WITH A FIESTA/ HALLOWEEN BASH AT AYC CLUBHOUSE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1998

BY Dayna Mosier, Fleet Captain 98'

Pumpkins and witches awaited guests and members who attended The Sunfish Fleet 70 end of the year awards party which took place Friday, October 23, 1998 at the AYC Clubhouse. Members and guests arrived around 6:30- 7:00p.m. and departed around 10-10:30 p.m. After a mini cocktail hour and plenty of festive food, we got down to some serious Sunfish bizness.

First, nominations for 1999 officers were announced. I nominated **Vicki Stones** for Fleet Captain, and the unanimous vote was YES! As tradition goes, I **Dayna Mosier**, will be race commander. **Cynthia Casto** will be returning to office as the 99' treasurer. This should improve our accounting. I do not know who will do the newsletter, since I have done it for the last three years. Little response to the newsletter was ever received, except a thank you from Debbie Phillips, so perhaps it will be eliminated for the future.

After the new posts were filled, members discussed some of the oportunites for 1998. Many of these arise out of current issues for 1998. Collections were the number 1 issue. When the attendees heard that I was \$200 in debt, (because the budget only left me with \$130 to do the trophies, the engraving, and buy all the necessary supplies for the party), a hat was passed around, and everyone donated money back. **Tom Boren**, for the second time this year, gave a \$100 bill. I was completely surprised and touched when the hat was passed back to me. People really do care. I think the problem this year was mostly with communication. The roster includes many people who no longer sale. One good house cleaning with this should put us back into a reality budget! Out of the gracious contributions, \$25 will go to support one UT Junior Sailor. This will allow him/her to go the the Awards Banquet in December for free.

The trophies looked like very tall brandy sniffers, embedded with dark purple coloring. Very ccclectic! These were purchased at Garden Ridge Pottery one rainy afternoon. At Things Remcbered, each glass (or Goblet) was personally engraved for each of our winners. Total cost of engraving was \$135. If you need more artsy fartsy work like this, note that Things Remembered is located inside Lakeline Mall near the Food Court.

TROPHY WINNERS!

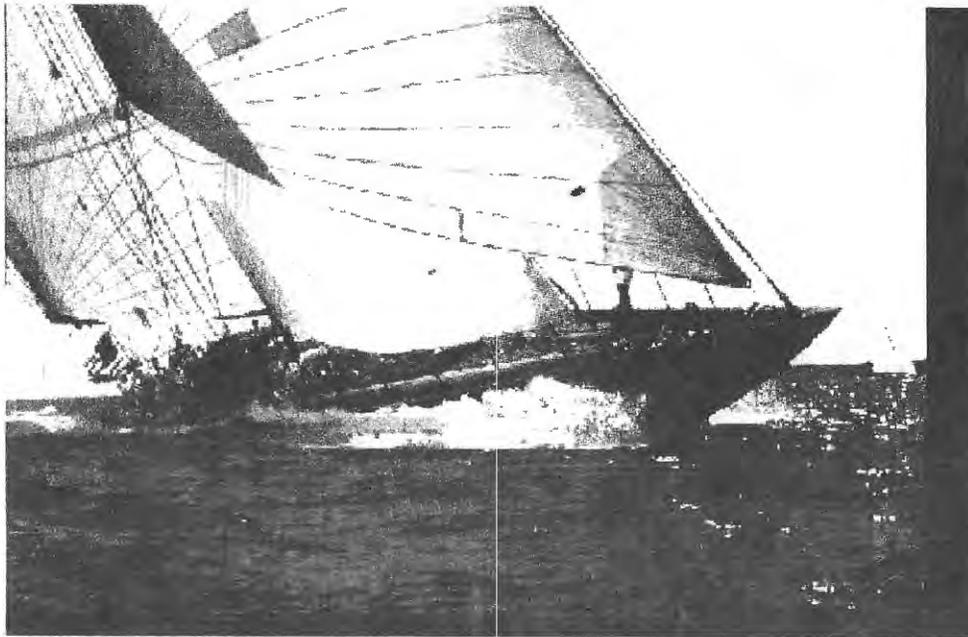
Top Overall Sailor: John Bartlett
Top Woman Sailor: Joanne Weberlein
Most Completed Races: Kevin Reynolds
Most Improved: Undecided
Energizer Bunny: Paul Brandner

CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS FOR THE NEW YEAR

■ Bank balance	(9/10/98)	\$168.64
■ Deposit	(12/01/98)	
	From dues	\$ 45.00
	<u>From Collection</u>	<u>— \$200.00</u>
	BALANCE	413.64
	Subtract for Juniors	\$ 20.00
	<u>Subtract for Expenses (dayna)</u>	<u>\$229.57</u>
	BALANCE	164.07

Thanks to everyone for making 1998 a super sailing season!

See you in 1999. Dayna



D Fleet News

Congratulations to Guy Steward who will be D Fleet Captain for 1999. Guy and JoLynn have already begun their duties by making arrangements for the Red Eye Regatta that D Fleet is in charge of this year. I ^{'s}sure that you will give them your full cooperation when they have to call you to ask for volunteers.

The 1998 Winter Series was won by John Vance and his wife Louise who have managed to keep the Faith and add to their hundred trophies of past years. Yours truly with crew of Elena Perry & Mary and Tom Mosher took second place.

The Wild Turkey Regatta was the last event of the year; and the winners in the non-spinnaker fleets were: D Fleet Wolfe, Kimbrough and Vance; and in E Fleet Pope, Grzinich, and Groll.

In the last "Telltale" (July-September, 1998) there were three situations presented in which some rule interpretation was necessary. We didn't get any official response, so here is what I think.

The first question was whether or not Lulu had to do a 720 penalty turn after hitting Walter while rounding a mark even though Lulu clearly had the right-of-way.. It seems that the answer is yes, even though Walter is the keep-clear boat, Lulu has to do the penalty turns if she made contact.. The leeward, right-of-way boat must do everything possible to avoid hitting the keep-clear boat, even if she has to hit a mark to avoid hitting another boat. Of course, Walter, the windward keep-clear boat must also do his 720. It's like driving a car; you can't hit somebody, just to prove that you have the right-of-way. (See Rule 14 and its 1998 modifications.)

The second situation saw Lalo come up to a close haul on Whitney while they are reaching for the mark. Even though Lalo is the leeward boat and has right-of-way, if he establishes his overlap from clear astern, he cannot take the windward boat above his proper course, in my opinion. (See Rule 17.1)

The Laser who thought he was on a starboard tack because the wind was coming over the starboard side when sailing by the lee (even though his sail was on the starboard side of his boat) hasn't read the definitions carefully. "...when sailing by the lee or directly down wind, her leeward side is the side on which her mainsail lies."

Thanks to all who sailed in D Fleet this year for your participation and your generous contributions of time and effort to make it a great year with lots of activity in our fleet. Best wishes to Guy and JoLynn Stewart for the 1999 season.

Yours truly, Bob Perry

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