

April 2000

Monthly Newsletter

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## AYC Business Hours

Tuesday - Friday  
8:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Saturday & Sunday  
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Closed Mondays

### Closed Club Holidays

New Year's Day	1 January
Easter Sunday	23 April
Independence Day	4 July
Thanksgiving Day	23 November
Shopping Day	24 November
Christmas Day	25 December

## From the Commodore

Change at the AYC continues. Jay Shaffer left to pursue a music industry related job and I am pleased to announce that Cynthia Eck will be working in the office starting immediately. Cynthia was born and spent much of her early life in Germany. Her family now lives in Austin where she has been working for a credit union. Please join me in welcoming Cynthia to the AYC.



Last month I posed the question to the AYC membership "What can be done to encourage you to participate more?" I want to thank those that replied with suggestions. One respondent said that the club needed to be more visible and suggested that we could do more in the way of public relations. This year we don't have a media relations person and I would gladly accept a volunteer for this position. Another suggestion was to have more in the way of learn to race programs to help instill confidence in those people who would like to participate but are a little uncomfortable with their racing abilities.

We will have a "basics of racing" seminar on Friday evening preceding the Spring Regatta. We will also be looking for opportunities to do more of this as the year goes forward. Still another suggestion was specific to the fleet captains. It was stated that the most successful fleets are those with energetic and enthusiastic captains who functions like "cheerleaders" and push participation by the members. John Vance has been thinking about the problem of participation for some time and suggests that we should have a change in the handicap system that takes into account the abilities of the sailors. I would like to see some discussion of his ideas. Perhaps we could try this with the beer can races or set up a special fleet for those that would like to try racing this way in our series races. I have included John's comments below so you can see what he has in mind. If you would like to comment or volunteer to be our media relations person please contact me at 346-6925 or [rwwilson2@mmm.com](mailto:rwwilson2@mmm.com).

## Opening Day Photos by Pat Kimbrough.



## Racing Scheduled

### April

1<sup>st</sup> ..... UT Alumni Regatta  
 2<sup>nd</sup> ..... Spring Series #4  
 9<sup>th</sup> ..... Spring Series #5  
 15<sup>th</sup> ..... Spring Regatta  
 16<sup>th</sup> ..... Club/US Sailing Ladder Events  
 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> ..... Easter Laser Regatta  
 29 & 30<sup>th</sup> ..... SC21 Regatta  
 29 & 30<sup>th</sup> ..... SEISA National Qualifier

### May

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> ..... Women's Sunfish NAs  
 13<sup>th</sup> ..... KHF Single Handed Race  
 14<sup>th</sup> ..... Summer Series #1  
 20<sup>th</sup> ..... KHF May Race Day  
 21<sup>st</sup> ..... Summer Series #2  
 29<sup>th</sup> ..... Women's Event

### June

6<sup>th</sup> ..... Summer Series #3  
 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> ..... Turnback Canyon Regatta  
 17<sup>th</sup> ..... Summer Series #4  
 25<sup>th</sup> ..... Summer Series #5

## Summer Series RC Duty

### May

14<sup>th</sup> ..... Race 1 ..... Keel Fleet D  
 21<sup>st</sup> ..... Race 2 ..... SC-21

### June

4<sup>th</sup> ..... Race 3 ..... J-24  
 18<sup>th</sup> ..... Race 4 ..... Catalina 22  
 25<sup>th</sup> ..... Race 5 ..... Keel A



## AUSTIN YACHT CLUB JUNIOR SAILING 2000

### Sailboat Deck Washing Fundraiser

Get your boat cleaned up and help AYC Junior Sailors raise money for additional sail training boats. Decks will be washed during April and May. Please mail or fax this coupon to the AYC Office.

✂ (cutline)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ AYC # \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Location: Dock # \_\_\_\_\_ Slip # \_\_\_\_\_

Length (feet): \_\_\_\_\_ X \$2.00/ft = \_\_\_\_\_

Once the work has been completed, your AYC account will automatically be billed. Please note, this is a service the Junior Sailors are providing, therefore it is not a tax deductible donation.

## KHF Events Added to Race Schedule

Single Handed Race ..... 13 May  
 Double Handed Race ..... 26 August  
 Wild Turkey Regatta ..... 18 & 19 November  
 Red-Eye Regatta 2001 ..... 1 Jan 2001

## Welcome Aboard

By Voldi Maki

### New Senior Members:

- Mike Smith and Elizabeth Hickson have been racing since the 1960's. Mike has racing experience through the Annapolis Yacht Club sponsored races on Chesapeake Bay. He has also sailed in many AYC events as crew. They have two children who are also interested in sailing.
- John Howard and Carolyn Barten have sailed in several keel boat events. John has competed in many multi-hull races in the area. He is interested in crewing in AYC races, helping with race committee and making new friends at AYC.
- Lewis Price is the son of one of the founding members of the club. He has been racing at the club since 1967. He plans to race in the Ensign Fleet.
- Francis "Chip" Ducrest currently races at the Corpus Christi Yacht Club, but is moving to Austin. He has raced extensively on J-22's, J-24's and a J-36. He owns a Merit 25 and will race that boat at AYC.

### Senior Member Reinstatements:

- Stephen Burke was an active member in the J-24 fleet until 1997 when he was stationed out of the country on business. He has returned to the Austin area and wishes to start racing his J-24 again.

### Leave of Absence:

- Kelly Clark has requested a leave of absence because of a temporary assignment of his employer. He expects to return to Austin within a year

### Resignations:

- Joe Erwin, Allan Hawkins, and Douglas DeCluit.

### Membership Count

Senior ..... 389  
 Associate ..... 19  
 Junior ..... 2  
 Leave of Absence ..... 3  
 Honorary ..... 7  
 Life ..... 21  
 UT Sailing Team ..... 13  
 Total ..... 454

## Sunfish News

by Frank Woodul

Daylight Savings Time starts Sunday April 2, so we will have an extra hour each Wednesday for our clinics and our practice sessions. Don't forget Saturdays at 1:00 PM also for getting together and working on our Sunfish.

The following lucky sailors have been picked for committee duty during May. Show up at PRC room at 5:00PM to get equipment and set up races to start at 6:00PM.

5/03	Dave Hilfer/Paul Jensen
5/10	Tom Boren/Paul Brandner
5/17	Championship Night Volunteers & Laser Fleet
5/24	Dayna Mosier/Ted Owens
5/31	Barbara Hawn/Vicki Palmer

If you have a conflict give me a call @ 345-8372 and we can work it out.

Forth Thursday will be our covered dish dinner night. Bring a food dish or wine and we'll have a good time.

As far as Women's NAs are concerned, we already have 15 out-of-town participants signed up and the event is still a month away. If you haven't already volunteered your boat or housing for our guests, please do so now!!

Spring Regatta on April 15th will be a great time to practice. Let's have a really BIG fleet of Sunfish for this regatta.

If anyone would like regular updates on what we have planned just e-mail me your current address.

## Sail Training News

by Brigitte Rochard

Thanks so much to all of you who supported our Fundraising March 4th. We have already raised \$4,120 toward the purchase of double handed boats for the junior and adult sail training programs. Our goal is \$15,000, so we still need your help!

You can still buy t-shirts for \$15 at the clubhouse or make a tax-deductible contribution to the AYC Educational Foundation. Also, the juniors are washing keelboats (deck only) for \$2 per linear foot in the months of April or May. We all appreciate your supporting the sail training program.

The eight new Optimist Prams have arrived and are waiting for your children to jump in and use them.

The AYC Junior Sail Training Committee is organizing two new junior training sessions during the spring. The purpose of these spring sessions is to teach children to sail, have fun, be safe and get in more sailing than just the one week at summer camp. The spring sessions consist of a series of two hour sailing seminars on optimists for 8-13 year olds, held on four Saturdays in April and May. The first session is April 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 2-4 PM for 8 to 10 year olds and 4-6 PM for 11 to 13 year olds. The second session is May 6, 13, 20, and 27, with the same times and age separations. Registration fees are \$40/ for members and \$65 for non-members for each month.

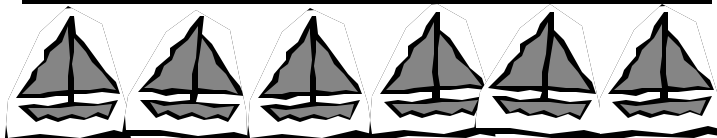
Forms are in the office for the spring sessions, summer camps, and PB & J sessions. Call now to register your children, or stop by to pick up a form.

## Wild Turkey Charity Regatta

by Scott Spurlin



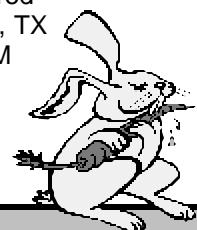
Wild Turkey is getting a makeover. Keel fleet is revamping this regatta into a two-day event designed to attract out-of-town sailors and benefit charities involving research for spinal cord injuries. Many of you have heard of, or attended, the Lakefest Regatta held every April at Lake Texoma. This regatta is now recognized as one of the best regattas in the southwest. Lakefest is also a charity regatta and incorporates community involvement in the form of volunteers and corporate financial sponsors. We are in the planning stages and are in need of volunteers that want to help design, implement, and working towards making this a successful repeatable event. Please contact me to volunteer (phone: 512-335-5214 or e-mail: [spurlin@texas.net](mailto:spurlin@texas.net)).



## 17th Easter Laser Regatta

April 22-23, 2000

The Austin Yacht Club, Laser Fleet #22, Schroth Fiberglass, and the Easter Bunny himself are the proud sponsors of this event. Entry: \$20 to Fred Schroth, 15605 Checotah Drive, Austin, TX 78734 or at the regatta site before 9 AM Saturday, April 22, 2000. Information: Schroth Fiberglass at 512-266-7467 or [KeelDude@aol.com](mailto:KeelDude@aol.com) or see web site: <http://www.laser.org/EASTER.html>.



# What's Wrong With Sailboat Racing And How To Fix It

by John Vance

The national and local sailboat racing sport is sick and in danger of dying. Nationally the lay public associates it with the America's Cup, a ridiculous venue that is too expensive even for individual millionaires. The other racing events featured in the sail magazines (but ignored by the press) are mostly sailed offshore in boats that only the very wealthy can afford. In recent years the population of the Austin area has more than doubled while participation in our sport at AYC continues to decline. Looking back to the early 1980's, I remember being on the starting line with 18-22 boats in PHRF C class week after week. Now, the most popular PHRF class is non-spinnaker D and it seldom has more than eight boats on the line for series races. I love to race sailboats and want to see this situation turned around.

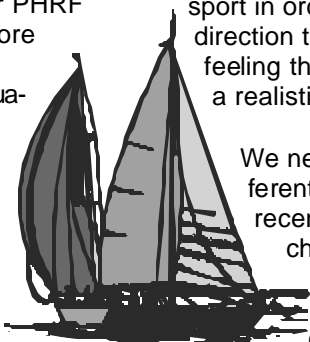
Several years ago I wrote an article for the AYC Telltale entitled "The Best Sailors Race Non-Spinnaker or How To Get More Racers To Come Out and Play". In it I suggested that part of the reason for the decline is that many people no longer have the time to practice, or to recruit and train crews. However, the growing popularity of golf flies in the face of the "not enough time" theory. Playing golf takes a lot of time, comparable to sailboat racing. Both golf and sailing offer beautiful scenery and an opportunity for fellowship. But golf also offers everyone a chance to feel competitive; sailboat racing offers that only to a few: pros and those endowed with exceptional talent and/or time to practice.

Think how silly it would be if a golfer's handicap was based on the clubs in his bag! Who would play golf, other than pros on the club manufacturers' payroll? And that is exactly what we are doing when we base the sailboat racer's handicap on the boat. No, the golfer's handicap is not based on his 8-iron; it is based on his current level of expertise in the sport. Whenever he exceeds that level he feels rewarded.

Added to the folly of handicapping the boat instead of the sailor, we handicap the boats unfairly. We allow PHRF numbers to be changed by committees made up of competitors in the same class. And, the system doesn't recognize that supposedly "identical" boats can be quite different. My wife and I used to regularly win C class events in a Pearson 26 that was clearly much faster than the other three "identical" boats racing at the time. One-design advocates claim that their venue is the ultimate answer. But their numbers are not growing significantly, and one-design racing leaves out the majority of sailors, who do not own a class boat. I raced Thistles and Sunfish for several years in Florida with some success but did not enjoy the pressure to always

have the newest sails and the lightest boat. I noticed that only a few novices in these classes stick with it long enough to become competitive.

In the previous Telltale article I called for a large non-spinnaker bonus to be added to PHRF handicap ratings. This would make it more fun (competitive) for both novice and experienced non-spinnaker sailors in the established A, B, and C classes. However, I am now convinced that, although this might help a little, much more radical changes must be made to the rules of our sport in order to save it. The changes have to be in a direction that will reward every racing sailor with the feeling that he is competitive when gauged against a realistic yardstick.



We need to implement a radically new and different handicap system, based on the sailor's recent performance. Some incremental changes in this direction have been successfully made at other locations (see the excerpts below from an article in American Sailor), but we need something more radical. The suggestion to add time to individual sailor's PHRF ratings was investigated here at AYC a few years ago. Records were kept to see how much allowance would be required to make the slowest sailors competitive. The results were surprising - in some cases 50 seconds per mile and more! So the attitude was "We can't do that, it's impractical". But why not? The results simply illustrate how discouraging the current system can be. Let's implement a multiplier factor  $M > 1$  to modify a basic PHRF rating instead of an added time bonus. Let the people in their first series write their own handicaps. Suggest to novices that they start out with  $M = 1.5$ . Adjust the factor at the end of each series (or maybe every six months) to a number that makes them even with the first place winner. The non-spinnaker controversy would vanish under this system. Sailors would simply declare what equipment they plan to use and would be required to stay with it, or start a new data set.

This of course will not be popular with the small number of influential people who have some kind of stake (financial or ego) in keeping our sport the way it is now. But the way it is now is killing it. Tradition has always been strong in sailing, but the time for change is here. If it works, if it turns out to be popular, the "powers that be" will adopt it and say it was their idea all along.

*The following is excerpted from an article in American Sailor, June 1990, entitled The Value of Other Venues by Steve Hill, Southeast Florida PHRF*

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## Catalina 22 News

by Jon Fitch

Opening day began on Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup> with a gray overcast day and some really good wind for racing. We had a total of 5 boats on the line (see photos). For the second weekend we had a new competitor - Omar Zia. Omar was remarkably competitive for his first time sailing a new boat.

For the third weekend, we had some of the closest competition I have ever seen in the fleet. During one of the downwind legs we had three boats dead even beam to beam. It just doesn't get any better!



Ted & Barb Owens driving Mojo.

If you were able to get close enough to Mojo during a race, you may have noticed that Ted wasn't the one helming. Yet, Mojo was as competitive as ever. Nice helming Barb!

The fourth weekend of the Spring Series began in the rain. But, you just needed to be an eternal optimist and remember the old saying . . . "if you don't like the weather in Texas, just wait 10 or 15 minutes". Sure enough, 10-15 minutes after the start the rain quit for good, the wind was nice (12-14 knots for the first race, and 8-10 for the second), the weather was cool, and the sailing was excellent.



Dr. McIntyre enjoying some powered up sailing.

Thanks to everyone, Catalina 22 race participation is on the rise. For Spring Series (as of the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend) we have had participation from

a total of 9 boats (versus only 5 boats for the Frostbite Series) including Barb & Ted Owens, Jon Fitch, John Grzinich, Omar Zia, Wade Bingaman, Pete Harper, Dr. Francis McIntyre, Steve and Meredith Shepardson, and Gary Payne. Let's keep the trend going . . . more boats = more fun.



The Grogonos on a beat.

On the subject of participation, the Catalina 22 fleet had an excellent turn out at the Gary Jobson seminar. We had Bill Wheat and Lynn Lilly, Bob and Karen Jones (good to see you at the club!), John Grzinich, Larry Hill, Pete and Leslie Harper, and Jon Fitch (hope I didn't accidentally leave anyone out). Gary Jobson was one of ESPN's commentators covering the recent America's cup in New Zealand. The majority of Gary's seminar was about the cup and what America needed to do to win it back. If you missed out on Gary's seminar there is good news and bad news. The bad news is that you missed a very entertaining and informative evening from one of the most captivating speakers I have ever heard. The good news is that Gary promised not to take as long as his last hiatus (19 years) to come back to AYC.



Wade Bingaman hard to weather.

Get psyched . . . we have already had a lot of good racing, and the season is just getting started!

### John Vance's article **CONTINUED**

Up and down the coast, competitors were either dropping out of racing entirely or forming golf handicapping groups. PHRF in our area was quite competitive and a number of boat owners were either unable or unwilling to match the level of expertise of these boats. Initially, this desertion was viewed with alarm by the Board of Handicappers... market competition! --- However, in time it has proven to be in our best interest to help form these golf handicapping fleets.

PHRF-SEF (Southeast Florida) helped initially in rating the boats utilizing our techniques, then a constant was

added to the rating. This initial rating was then adjusted downward for the winners after each race" utilizing a percentage of corrected time differences. The underlying thought was that if the rating got back to the PHRF number, the sailor might consider moving to a regular PHRF fleet. The particulars of the golf handicapping system have changed somewhat under different administrators but the basic concepts have remained... move the winners down over time until every one has a shot at the trophies.

The objectives have been realized, boats have moved between regular PHRF and golf handicapping, and most rewarding... the golf fleet is having fun!



## UT Sailing

by Tom Carson

The UT Sailing Team is well into another successful semester. Again reaching the Sailing World collegiate top 20 based on strong finishes at many inter-sectionals. The semester highlights thus far include Bruce Mahoney winning D division at the Truxom Umstead Regatta held at the Naval Academy and a 7th place out of 14 at the Charleston Spring Regatta. It was a real treat to see the expression on the face of Pat Healy, the coach at Navy, as he announced the winner of D division was from Texas. He seemed a bit surprised. We were not.

The team also just held their third annual alumni regatta at Austin yacht club on April 1st. While the weather was rather dismal and un-Austin like, the regatta was still success and all who attended enjoyed it thoroughly. Scott Young defended his title winning for the second straight year. After the regatta many stayed at the club and enjoyed the multi-media presentation by Gary Jobson. The team greatly appreciated the support demonstrated by AYC members at the

presentation.

The team still has an active semester ahead of it. We are traveling to Galveston this weekend to compete in our district's team racing championships. We have been working hard on team racing, and have made great strides in the past few weeks. Only the winner of this regatta gets to go to nationals, so the pressure is on. The following weekend the team will travel to Kings Point, on Long Island New York for Admirals cup, another major intersectional. Kings point is also to location of co-ed nationals. So experience there now will help us greatly should we qualify for nationals? The following weekend our women's team will compete in the SEISA women's champions, at Galveston. The women have gone to nationals for many years, and we do not plan upon ending the streak this year. Finally, we will host co-ed championships here at AYC on the weekend of April 29 and 30th. We have the home boat and home field advantage, and judging from our decisive victory in the first regatta of the year, we should be the SEISA representatives to the dinghy nationals.

For more information on the team, visit our website:  
<http://www.utexas.edu/students/sailteam>

## A Fleet News

by Scott Spurlin

I am writing this newsletter in my room at the Holiday Inn, HQ for sailors attending the Lakefest Regatta. This Regatta draws around 100 boats from all over the southwest. Sailors from AYC that are competing are: Jeff Jones (Viper 830), Bryan Bayendorffer (Melges 24), David Balfour (J80) and myself (Hobie 33). David and I will be racing one-design. The J80 class could be as large as 20, while the Hobie 33 class will be down from the 15 we had last year. Brian and Jeff will be racing PHRF in a sport boat class. They will have there hands full with the Mumm 30s, OD 35s, J105s and several other hot boats. Entertainment at Lakefest this year includes "Rotel and the Hot House Tomatoes" and "Emerald City" bands. Its going to be a great regatta and a lot of fun!

David Balfour participated in the first J80 circuit stop at Ft. Worth Boat Club on March 24th and 25th. With 15 J80s registered, the fleet got off one race on Saturday and were half way through the second race before it was abandoned due to light winds. On Sunday the winds were up and three races were completed. David and his "Kicks" crew of Larry Ratliff, John Bartlett, and Scott Spurlin took a fourth overall. Our last race was the best with a first place.

Thanks to Voldi Maki and the rest of the A-Fleet for helping out with RC on March 25. I heard Voldi has a pretty good formula for making this activity fun. Thanks again for stepping up and taking on this duty!

## Ensign Regional Regatta at AYC

by Lou Kimball

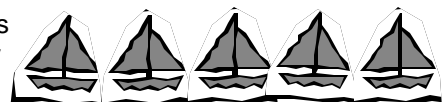
This year's Region IV Regatta will be held at the club May 31, June 1, and June 2, with sail measurement and boat launching on Tuesday May 30.



We are expecting eleven or twelve boats with sailors coming from as far away as New York and Florida. We have always received rave reviews from our guests about the hospitality and accommodations at our beautiful club and already most of the cabins have been reserved. A

total of five races are planned with a practice race and race one on Wednesday May 31, and two races each on Thursday and Friday. Anyone who is dying to volunteer for race committee should call Bill Hawk or Cynthia Creamer ( remember- the Ensign fleet knows how to party )

We've had some fine racing so far during the spring series with Tom Groll firmly in first place and with only one Sunday to go apparently untouchable. Congratulations Tom! We also much appreciate the efforts of the two new boats on the line, skippered by James Wilsford and Frank Woodul - and as far as that chute orientation Frank we all know that it's always the crew's fault which in this case was clearly Deke.



# Roadrunner Regatta an Overwhelming Success!

by Lanelle Montgomery

This year's Roadrunner Regatta was held on March 25th and 26th using a new format for TSA. AYC agreed to be the first to experiment with conducting two one-day regattas over a one-weekend period. The first day followed the traditional one-design format, completing six races for the regatta. The channel 36 news team covered the pre-race activities live on Saturday morning. Special thanks to Dan Ellenbrook for arriving early to help them set up! We received lots of calls from people wanting to come out and watch the races.



On the second day, the collegiate format for double-handed racing with an "A" and a "B" fleet was employed. The University of Texas Sailing Team gave an overview of their Flying Junior boats and then assisted in the races. Twelve races were conducted between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Sunday!



The competitors, many of whom had never sailed together, were arbitrarily paired to race. By the end of the races, the members of

each team had formed special bonds with one another. This was an unexpected but truly positive side benefit of this format.

In addition, in order to foster the TSA goal of promoting 420 racing in the junior circuit, and as a way of getting more boats on the line, a separate fleet of 420's raced alongside the FJs. The Westwood High School Sailing Team entered two boats with rotating crews. The conditions were perfect for their beginning team members.

The boat handling and tactics of the young sailors in both fleets was impressive! But even more important, according to the race committee, the competitors exemplified good sportsmanship and were openly appreciative of the efforts by the race committee.

Tim Arnold, chair of the regatta, did an outstanding job of organizing and supervising all the volunteers who helped with the two events. This was a much more complex format than normally followed and required a great deal of improvisation. Of course, he had many pro's helping him.

Karen Arnold was again in charge of food. The prepa-

ration of the food was just as organized as always and all the food, but especially the cooked-from-scratch fajita dinner, was excellent. Special thanks to Bruce Foster for trimming all that meat and then standing over the fire for hours cooking it! Also many thanks to all the others who worked in the kitchen throughout the weekend: Kathy and Dan Ellenbrook, Janis Carelock, Sherri Hubby, Cindi Carter, Rona Thornton and Linda Erwin.

Paul Brandner served as PRO for both events. He and his crew did any outstanding job. They essentially had to accommodate three different courses. There were two courses on Saturday (Lasers, Bytes and 420's on one course and Optimists on a second) and one course on Sunday. They ran 24 races in all! Also assisting with race committee duty were: Jo Ann and Claude Welles, Barry Bowden, Ravi Subramanian, Bill Wheat, Wayne Carelock, Barry Thornton, Lori VanDell, John Bargh, Steve Eller, and Jim Johnstone. Also, Sue Garcia, Jacob Wheat's math teacher, came out to help. Jacob must be a really special student to get that kind of attention! Many thanks to all of the race committee!



Others who helped: John Bartlett and Claudia Foster, trophies; Bruce Foster and Bonnie Lackey, registration; Bonnie Lackey, Ravi Subramanian and Jo Ann Welles, scoring; Dan Ellenbrook and Lanelle Montgomery, public relations; Jo Ann Welles, Notice of Regatta; Claudia Foster, entertainment; Ron Harden and Tim Erwin, spectator boats.

AYC sailors fared well in both regattas. In the single handed races the results of AYC juniors were as follows:

Optimist Green (Novice):	4th Rachel Harper
Optimist White:	3rd Peter Rochard
Optimist Blue:	8th John Foster
Optimist Red:	4th Matt Arnold
	11th Jacob Wheat
	13th Ben Rochard
Byte	2nd Danielle Ellenbrook
Laser Radial	1st Ryan Harden

Results of the double handed races were as follows:

FJs	
420's	1st Ryan Harden/Daniel Ellenbrook

## Junior Summer Day Camp

by Brigitte Rochard

The goal of the AYC Summer Junior Camp program is to teach juniors how to sail, in such a way that they enjoy sailing and feel safe and comfortable on boats and around the lake.

The yacht club has run an organized junior sailing camp in the summer for about ten years. This year the camp will be a day camp running from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. We will have early and late supervision so you may drop off as early as 8:00 AM and pick up until 6:00 PM. Breakfast (generally cereal and juice) and lunch (sandwich and fruit or a prepared meal) are included in the registration fee.

The junior sailing camp will run for four separate one-week (Monday-Friday) sessions in June. The camp will focus on beginning and intermediate instruction. The boats used are Sunfish and Optimist Dinghies, which is included in the cost of camp. If your child will be bringing their own Sunfish or Optimist, please deduct \$50.00 from the cost of camp. Even if you are bringing your own boat, you will need to have a \$250.00 refundable damage deposit submitted to AYC due to damage that can occur between boats.

The camp is limited to 23 juniors (age 8 through 14) in each session. The spaces will be filled on a first come first served basis, so early registration is recommended.

There is a required swim test for all campers. The swim test is administered at the yacht club at 4:00 PM the Sunday afternoon prior to the Monday that camp begins. The swim test consists of swimming approximately 50 yards in sailing clothes and shoes plus treading water for 2 minutes. If you have a question whether your son or daughter can pass the swimming test, please call me and we can set up an earlier date. Each camper must pass the swim test before the start of camp in order to attend camp.

Please do not hesitate to call the Austin Yacht Club office (266-1336), if you have any questions.

## Sail Training 2000 Fundraiser

The Sail Training Committee has ambitious plans for 2000! These plans include extending the beginner program for 4-8 year-olds (PB&J Series), building on the success of the junior day camps, and acquiring a fleet of double-handed boats.

To ensure a successful year, the Sail Training Committee is raising money to purchase five double-handed boats. These boats will be used for a number of purposes:

- juniors ready to advance from sailing Optimists
- advanced juniors training for US Sailing events
- adults in the Learn-to-Sail programs

The goal for the Sail Training 2000 Fundraiser is \$15,000. Donations to the Sail Training 2000 Fundraiser are tax-deductible, via the AYC Educational Foundation. Please join us in promoting sailing in central Texas.

**Yes!** I'd like to contribute to the Sail Training 2000 Fundraiser. Enclosed is my contribution in the amount of:

☐ \$50      ☐ \$100      ☐ \$500      ☐

Checks should be made payable to:  
AYC Educational Foundation  
memo: Friends of Sail Training

Please keep me informed of upcoming activities:

Name:

Address:

E-mail:

Children's Names and Ages:

Mail your check and this coupon to:  
AYC Educational Foundation  
c/o Austin Yacht Club  
5906 Beacon Drive  
Austin, TX 78734-1428

## South Coast 21 News

by Doug Powell

We have had a great start to the 2000 Racing Season. There were 10 boats on the line opening day at AYC. Imagine how many boats we would have had if every other boat hadn't had a SC-21 skipper as crew. If anyone needs advice on how to get your boat from the work area to the race course give Carl Morris a call. Or you can hail him next weekend. He is in the BRIGHTRED South Coast.

Just to make sure everyone had the right attitude we had a fleet get together at Barbara & Trenton's house. Ray Shull provided and grilled the burgers. Barbara provided the fixins. And the J 24 fleet provided a circuit race for entertainment. It wasn't the only entertainment but the main event. Thanks to Ray, Trenton, and especially Barbara for a great time.

Don't forget that the South Coast 21 Intergalactic Regatta will be April 29-30. Find a crew, pull the sails out of the garage, air up the trailer tires and sail! There will be something for everyone, before, during and after the races.



# AYC PB&J Series Expands to include May and June Sessions!

by Doug Kern

The AYC PB&J Series is a learn-to-sail program for kids 4 - 7 years old. In 2000, the series expands to two series including Friday evenings in May, as well as Saturday mornings in June.

The purpose of the PB&J Series is to teach kids to sail, have fun, and stay safe on the water. The two sessions are targeted at kids who are new to sailing or have had minimal experience. As in the past, the PB&J sessions require parent participation to help with setting up the boats, fixing lunch and cleaning up.

Please join us! To register, just fill out the form below and mail it to the AYC office, or fax to (512) 266-9804. Registration is limited to 12 kids per session (May and June) according to the date registration is received, so sign up early. (note: we'll consider adding additional sessions in June if there is demand)



## PB&J 2000 Registration Form

I want to register for the AYC Peanut Butter & Jelly Series

Sailor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ M or F ?

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates:** check the session(s) in which you are enrolling your child.

\_\_\_\_\_ May (Friday evenings, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm): May 5, 12, 19, and 26

\_\_\_\_\_ June (Saturday mornings, 10:00 am – noon): June 3, 10, 17, and 24

**Registration Fee:** includes use of the Optimist Dinghy sailboats, and a trophy and t-shirt for each child.

\_\_\_\_\_ AYC Members \$40.00 per session

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-members \$65.00 per session

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Participation:** please circle one date for each activity per enrolled session.

Fix PB&J lunch: May 5 12 19 26 June 3 10 17 24

Server & clean up: May 5 12 19 26 June 3 10 17 24

Setup & put away boats: May 5 12 19 26 June 3 10 17 24

**Safety:** No swim test is required as this is a parent-child participation program. Everyone will be required to wear Coast Guard approved life jackets at all times when near the water. Bring sunscreen and shoes as well.

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ AYC charge #: \_\_\_\_\_ or Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

### Parental Agreement:

I understand that my child and I will be using boats supplied by the Austin Yacht Club (AYC) for the Sail Training PB&R Series. I agree to be financially responsible for any damage done to the boats, any AYC property or other property as a result of our negligence, recklessness, or misuse of the boats, or if damage is the result of our violation of the rules of the clinics.

I agree that the agents, directors, officers, members, contractors and employees of the Austin Yacht Club shall not be liable nor responsible for, and shall be saved and held harmless against any and all claims and damages of every kind for injury to or death of any person or persons arising out of or attributed, directly or indirectly, from the sail training series or the operation of the Club.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Austin Yacht Club, Attn: Spring Junior Clinics, 5906 Beacon Drive, Austin, Texas 78734-

Fax to: Austin Yacht Club, Attn: Spring Junior Clinics, (512) 266-9804

**Sail Training Spring Junior Clinics**  
**Optimist Pram Sailing Lessons for Children 8 to 13 Years of Age**

**Registration Form**

Camper's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ lbs  
Current Swimming Ability: \_\_\_\_\_ Beginner \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Time Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Time Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Time Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Registration:</b>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Times</u>	<u>AYC Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
Children 8 to 10 years of age:					
Spring Junior Clinic I-A	April 15, 22, & 29	2 - 4 PM:	\$30.00	\$50.00	_____
Spring Junior Clinic II-A	May 6, 13, & 20	2 - 4 PM:	\$30.00	\$50.00	_____
Children 11 to 13 years of age:					
Spring Junior Clinic I-B	April 15, 22, & 29	4 - 6 PM:	\$30.00	\$50.00	_____
Spring Junior Clinic II-B	May 6, 15, & 22	4 - 6 PM:	\$30.00	\$50.00	_____
				Tuition Fees:	_____

**Tuition Payment:**

Clinic tuition(s) is/are required with this registration form. Please specify AYC Account number or enclose a check.

AYC Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ AYC Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Bank/Check # \_\_\_\_\_

**Parental Agreement:**

I understand that my child will be using boats supplied by the Austin Yacht Club (AYC) for the Sail Training Spring Clinics. I agree to be financially responsible for any damage done to the boats, any AYC property or other property as a result of his/her negligence, recklessness, or misuse of the boats, or if damage is the result of his/her violation of the rules of the clinics.

I agree that the agents, directors, officers, members, contractors and employees of the Austin Yacht Club shall not be liable nor responsible for, and shall be saved and held harmless against any and all claims and damages of every kind for injury to or death of any person or persons arising out of or attributed, directly or indirectly, from the sail training clinics or the operation of the Club.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Junior Sailor Agreement:**

I understand that I am being given permission to use boats supplied by the Austin Yacht Club (AYC) for the Sail Training Spring Clinics. I agree to use the boats carefully and safely and to leave the boats and equipment in the condition in which I find them. I agree to report any damage to the boats, whether caused by me or not. I agree to wear my life jacket at all times when I am on the boat, docks or near the water. I agree to follow all of the rules of the sailing clinics.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Camper Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Austin Yacht Club, Attn: Spring Junior Clinics, 5906 Beacon Drive, Austin, Texas 78734-  
Fax to: Austin Yacht Club, Attn: Spring Junior Clinics, (512) 266-9804

**Sail Training Junior Summer Day Camp Registration**  
**Optimist Pram and Sunfish Sailing Lessons for Children 8 to 14 Years of Age**

**Registration Form**

Camper's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ lbs  
Current Swimming Ability: \_\_\_\_\_ Beginner \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced \_\_\_\_\_  
Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Time Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Time Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Time Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration:	<u>AYC Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>	<u>Total Tuition</u>
Junior Day Camp I (June 5 - 9)	\$225.00	\$275.00	_____
Junior Day Camp II (June 12 - 16)	\$225.00	\$275.00	_____
Junior Day Camp III (June 19 - 23)	\$225.00	\$275.00	_____
Junior Day Camp IV (June 26 - 30)	\$225.00	\$275.00	_____
Multiple Camp Signup Discount	-\$30.00	-\$30.00	_____
Bring your own Opti or Sunfish Discount	-\$50.00	-\$50.00	_____
	Tuition Fees:		_____

**Boat Damage and Tuition Payment:**

A \$250 deposit per camp session is required with this form. Initially, the deposit(s) will serve as a camp deposit until full tuition payment is received one week prior to the beginning of each camp session. Then the deposit(s) will serve as your boat damage deposit. Provided there is no boat damage beyond normal usage, the deposit will be refunded after the end of each camp session. Please specify AYC Account number or enclose a check.

AYC Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AYC Account #: \_\_\_\_\_ Bank/Check #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Camp(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit Amount \_\_\_\_\_

**Parental Agreement:**

I understand that my child will be using boats supplied by the Austin Yacht Club (AYC) for the Sail Training Summer Camps. I agree to be financially responsible for any damage done to the boats, any AYC property or other property as a result of his/her negligence, recklessness, or misuse of the boats, or if damage is the result of his/her violation of the rules of the camps. If the amount of damage is greater than the \$250 damage deposit paid, I agree to pay AYC, upon presentation of a bill, for the cost of necessary repairs. If the damage is less than the damage deposit, AYC will refund the difference.

I agree that the agents, directors, officers, members, contractors and employees of the Austin Yacht Club shall not be liable nor responsible for, and shall be saved and held harmless against any and all claims and damages of every kind for injury to or death of any person or persons arising out of or attributed, directly or indirectly, from the sail training camps or the operation of the Club.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Junior Sailor Agreement:**

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Camper Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Austin Yacht Club, Attn: Spring Junior Clinics, 5906 Beacon Drive, Austin, Texas 78734-  
Fax to: Austin Yacht Club, Attn: Spring Junior Clinics, (512) 266-9804

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