

Telltale



January 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

First I want to extend my best wishes for a happy new year to all members and friends of AYC. The new year can be expected to bring changes, and some have already occurred. This is exemplified by the new approach to the Telltale that starts with this issue. The change to a monthly newsletter format will allow for much more timely communication. The value of the Telltale, however, will still be determined by the submissions so I urge you to submit articles containing news of interest to the membership. There has also been a change to our staff that was precipitated by the recent resignation of Ken Larson. The Board of Directors decided to promote Nancy Boulmay to the position of General Manager



effective immediately and to begin a search for a new person to take over many of the tasks that Nancy has been doing. Nancy brings excellent credentials to this job. In addition to the nearly 5 years that she has been at AYC, Nancy also served for a time as a supervisor and manager at a shrimp farm in Belie; she ran her own fine arts gallery; and was the office manager at the Lakeway Marina. Please stop by the office and wish Nancy well in her new position. This change may cause some small, short-term disruptions in the operation of the club and will make it more important than ever that we get good volunteer cooperation from the membership. Thanks, in advance for everyone's forbearance and help. Finally,

Telltale Format and Schedule

For the past few years Telltale articles have been submitted on a sporadic basis. This makes it very difficult to produce a magazine style communications with timely news. By the time enough articles to fill 32 pages have been submitted, the first articles (turned in on the deadline) are obsolete. This year in order to get important club information communicated to our members in a timely manner, the Telltale will take on a smaller newsletter style format. The monthly cutoff for Telltale articles and announcements will be the 5th of every month. The Telltale size will then be varied to fit the information submitted by the monthly deadline. The deadline will not be extended. By fitting the format to the information that needs to be distributed, instead of the other way around, I think we'll be able to provide more timely communications. Articles and announcements may be submitted via e-mail or fax. E-mail to gail@ispchannel.com in either MS-Word or plain text format. Fax to 261-0893. Thanks, Gail Bernstein

Meet Your 2000 Committee Members

Buildings & Grounds Committee

Michael Stan, Commander
Tom Groll, Bill Hawk, Denny Lein,
Terry McDermott, Calin
Popescu, John Saunders,
and Steve Shepardson

Handicap Committee

Trenton Wann, Chairman
Claude Welles, John
Mandell, Tim McKenna,
and two vacancies

Harbor Commander

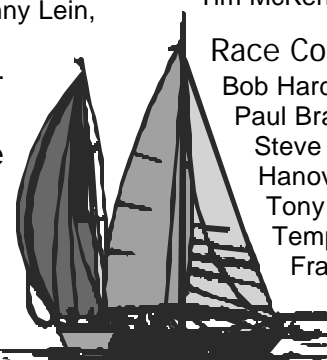
Doug Laws, Commander
Leo Anderson, Greg Buck, Dave
Gamble, John Grzinich, Peter
John, Mike Parker, Ted Smith,
Ken Whiteside, and Sophia
Tapley

Membership Committee

Voldi Maki, Chairman
Mary Sikora, Robbie Nelson, and
Tim McKenna

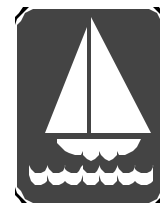
Race Committee

Bob Harden, Commander
Paul Bradner, Kurt Carson,
Steve Eller, Gretchen
Hanover, Jim Johnstone,
Tony Plattsmier, Mark
Tempelmeyer, and
Frank Woodul



Sail Training Committee

Brigitte Rochard, Commander
Bonnie Lackey, Claudia Foster,
Cathy Ellenbrook, John Bartlett,
Doug Kern, John Moran, Eric
Rochard.



Racing Scheduled

January

1 st	Red Eye Regatta
15 th	Frostbite Series #1
22 nd	Frostbite Series #2
29 th	Frostbite Series #3

February

5 th	Frostbite Series #4
12 th	Frostbite Series #5

March

5 th	Spring Series #1
12 th	Spring Series #2
18 th & 19 th	J/24 Circuit Regatta
25 th & 26 th	Roadrunner Regatta
26 th	Spring Series #3

RED-Eye Regatta Winners

Spinnaker Fleet A

1st — Ray Shull, J-29, Mostly Harmless
2nd — Eric Rochard, Melges 24, Coyote
3rd — Doug Kern, J-29, Avalanche

Spinnaker Fleet B

1st — John Bowden, J-30, Zot
2nd — Dave Wahlberg, J-24
3rd — Kirk Livingston, J-24, Tool Time

Non-Spinnaker Fleet C

1st — R Ceraldi, Moore 24, Crazy Horse

2nd — Imre Szekelyhid, J-29, Boat II
3rd — John Vance, Impulse 20, Faith

Non-Spinnaker Fleet D

1st — A Talor, C&C 24, Totara
2nd — Walt Dwyer, Pearson 26, Windrunner
3rd — Guy Stewart, Ranger 29, Home O/T Ranger

Non-Spinnaker Fleet E

1st — Charles Pope, SC-21, Knot to Worry
2nd — Dave Speed, SC-21 Warp Speed
3rd — Gary Payne, Catalina 22, Hallux Valgus

Annual Awards — The 1999 AYC Winners

Perpetual Trophy Awards

Jimmy B. Card Memorial Trophy
The Jessie McIlroy Smith Bowl
Max White Memorial Trophy
Corinthian Woman Sailor Trophy
The Scott Young Cup
Liz Bauman Memorial Trophy
Junior Male Sailor
The Old Salt
The Blue Duck

David Gamble
Pete Harper
Greg Buck
Kathy Comer
Ben Wheeler
Lauren Foster
Stephen Gay
Hap McCollum
Scott Walsh



Single-handed Champions

Men's	Kevin Reynolds
Women's	Joanne Weberline
Juniors'	Ryan Harden, Laser Radial Matt Arnold, Opti Class

Series Racing

Excellence Awards

Barbara Hawn, Ray Shull, and Claude Welles

A-Fleet News, "State of the Fleet"

by Scott Spurlin

Looking back over 1999 A-Fleet enjoyed one of its better years for participation. On average we had seven boats on the line for every series race. The Fall Regatta had over ten A-fleet boats on the line with an average Regatta attendance of nine boats. The interesting statistic is that we had 17 skippers show up and race sometime throughout the year!

There are no records kept for the Friday night beer can races, but my guess is that we usually had at least three and maybe averaged as many as five.

Several boats have been purchased and brought to AYC, while other boats here at AYC have changed hands and become active. Just to recap the new additions: Jim Van Fleet - J27, Bob Farmer - J29, Eric Rochard - Melges 24, Scott Walsh - Lindenburg 28, Mike Haggerty - J29, Steve Vaughan and Jim & Tracy Henson - Hobie 33, and Phil Buck - Stilleto. With the exception of the Lindenburg these boats are all additions to the fleet, they either have been brought in from outside the club or inactive boats that have been sold and are now active. The total number of J29, s at our club is six. There are three Hobie 33s, and three Olson 30s, and two Melges 24s.

New boats that were purchased in 1999 were the Viper 830 - Jeff Jones, F31R - Steve McKinley and F28 - Voldi Maki. I am not aware of any boats sold out of A-Fleet last year so the net increase of boats is ten! Total number of boats in A-Fleet is 20+.

A couple of new race formats were tried in 1999, all of which were regarded as successful. A-Fleet used a two start, shorter race format for a couple of the series races. The feedback was almost unanimous that it was more fun keeping the fleet together and having two shorter races instead of one long race. So far the skippers that I have heard back from this year want to mix it up with the emphasis on the two start format, but also one start series such as we are doing for the Frostbite. Maybe we can use temporary marks for one series race so we can double the legs but still get in two races. Feedback anyone?

The night race was a big hit for those who attended and it looks to be back on the calendar for 2000. We also tried a one day A-Fleet Regatta that was to be a three to four race format on a Saturday. The excitement level for this was high as we had ten boats and over 50 people ready to race. Unfortunately the wind gods didn't want to play that day, and we made due with fajitas and refreshments. This isn't scheduled for 2000, but hopefully we can find a day and make it a fun little get together.

A-Fleet has its own web page that consists of a message board, photo albums, membership list, and calendar. This site has over 44 members and has received over 14,000 hits since it was set up on July 17th. The URL is: <http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/austinyachtclubafleet>. I also use two e-mail aliases one is A-fleet skippers, the other is A-Fleet Supporters. Please let me know if you want to be added (or removed) from these lists.

We could do a lot more with this site, specifically in the areas of crew needed or wanting to crew. There was some of that going on last year but I would encourage all skippers and crew to use the message board to help out with crew issues.

Several of our A-fleet boats traveled to out of town Regatta's. David Balfour (J80) and Bryan Bayerdorfer (Melges 24) made the trek to Key West and are planning to do so again in 2000. I (Hobie 33) and Jeff Jones attended the Lakefest Regatta in Texoma. I, Steve Vaughan, and Jim & Tracy Henson took the Hobies down to the Galveston NOOD and raced one design which is always fun. Scott Walsh attended the Sperry Cup, Voldi Maki campaigned his F28 on a few stops and there are probably several others. Special mention goes to Steve McKinley who was all over the country with his F31R "Gimme Samoa" and achieved the following results:

1. Nationals in Pensacola, result - 6th in class and 6th overall out of 61 boats.
2. Leukemia Cup - Houston, 1st in class.
3. Harvest Moon Regatta - Galveston to Port Aransas - 1st in class
4. Wursthfest Regatta - New Braunfels - 1st in class.
5. National series for the Farrier Cup and Corsair Cup. Cumulative points accrued through attending 3 sanctioned races. End result 4th out of 67 boats. 1st and 2nd were professional sailors.

Steve plans to attend all these regattas in 2000 and a few more, like the Dogwood Regatta in Atlanta, which is a

A-Fleet News (Continued)

Corsair Cup qualifier, and the Houston NOOD Regatta. Way to go Steve!

I mention the out of town stuff as I think it is a great way to see what's going on at other clubs, measure our skills on the regional and national level and provide exposure for our club and sailors. This can only help our club grow and attract sailors from out of town to our great lake. It seems like there is almost an unwritten rule out there that says "you come race at our place and we will come race at yours". Seems fair to me. A lot has been said about our declining regatta attendance, yet we have great regattas! One example of the above rule is that both of our club trimarans traveled far and wide which attracted enough tri's to travel to Austin to make class for Turnback.

For 2000 several of us are planning to travel to Lakefest at Texoma, the SORC in Miami, Key West, Galveston-NOOD, Canyon Lake-Wurstfest, Eagle Mountain-Ft. Worth and probably a few other places. Last year was my first out of town Regatta and it was a lot of fun! I highly recommend it. Texoma-Lakefest is generally regarded as one of the better Regatta's in the nation and has experienced rapid growth in the 10 or so years of its existence. Last year it was my understanding that over 500 sailors showed up and over a 1,000 people attended the dinner/dance's each of the two nights.

Whew! What a recap! So now we enter 2000. The Red Eye regatta is already behind us and we saw another new boat enter the fleet. Steve Wesson, long time A-fleet crew showed up on New Years day with a F24 Trimaran. Steve and Scott Walsh started the year out with a real bang, unfortunately it was the wrong type and reduced the number of participants for the race from 8 to 6. Don't do that anymore! My hat is off to both skippers for the Corinthian way they handled this matter and we hope to see both boats back on the water soon.

What's on the radar screen? I don't know, other then the possibilities mentioned above its really up to us. I do know that we could really increase the fun factor by upping the average attendance to ten boats throughout 1999. Gene Preston has ordered new racing sails for his Hobie, The new J29 owners and Olson 30 owners are talking about becoming more active and rumor has it that we may have one to two more boats of the sport boat variety joining us this spring. We have discussed A-Fleet practice days, and meetings to discuss rules and boat programs. The University of Texas sailing team is interested in crewing on keel boats, which could help us get more boats out. Have also talked about new A-Fleet traditions after the race. We have a full schedule of series races and Regatta's. The beer can races on Friday nights are always popular and seem to be getting more so. I know I savored my 3 top two finishes! 2000 seems to be shaping up as a great year for sailing at AYC, but its up to you to get out, contribute to the fun and participate. We have several venues to choose from ranging from club socials, to cruises, to beer can races, series races, and Regatta's. The only concern that we have is the lake is shrinking, hope we get rain soon, but in case we don't get out and race while we still can. Make participation a habit in 2000. See you at the start line.

AYC Shopping Mall

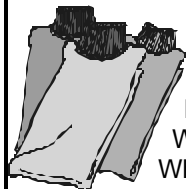
Outerwear

Red Fleece Pullover Jacket	\$35
Navy Sweatshirt Zipper Jacket.....	\$24
Khaki Sweatshirt	\$20
Navy Windbreaker	\$30



Shirts

Black Mock-Turtleneck Shirt	\$18
Men's Denim Work-shirt	\$26
Women's Denim Work-shirt	\$26
White Polo Shirt	\$25



Frost Bite Series

It is time for the annual Frost Bite Series sponsored by the Keel Handicap Fleet. So roll off your couches, turn off those football games, and dust off your sails. If you don't have a keel boat, call up a friend and bum a ride. It's a fun series, don't be left out in the cold!

Registration:	Sat, 15 Jan	11:30 PM	AYC clubhouse
Fee:	\$15 Fleet Members and \$20 Non-Fleet Members		
Skipper's Mtg:	Sat, 15 Jan	12:30 PM	AYC clubhouse
Start Times:	1 st Warning	1:30 PM	
RC Duty*:	Sat, 15 Jan	Fleet A	
	Sat, 22 Jan	Fleet B	
	Sat, 29 Jan	Fleet C	
	Sat, 05 Feb	Fleet D	
	Sat, 12 Feb	Fleet A	

*Fleets with RC duty still race. Boats doing committee work will be given their average finish points for that race.

Welcome Aboard

September

New Senior Members:

Tom and Krista Gardiner
Michelle Judson

Senior Member Reinstatements:

Wayne Carelock

Sr. Probationary Year Completed:

Nancy Trafton
Jerry Parlee

Up Grade to Senior Member:

Jeff Raun

Resignations:

Wilson Gonzalez
Martin Koppers
Dan Fitzgerald
John and Kim Burton
Evan Ross

October

New Senior Members:

James Brazell
Rob Williams

Richard and Jenny Russell

Kevin and Julie Cunningham

Keith Brankner & Sherri Hubby

Sr. Probationary Year Completed:

Steve Keckler

Dale and Ginger Blankenship

Eric and Brigitte Rochard

Dan and Lisa Wilcox

Leave of Absence:

Jim Quinn (6 month)

Resignations:

Dr. and Mrs. Mark Gray
John Harcourt

Sue Stravrand

Patrick and Debby Henry

Paul Hunn

Jennifer Phelps Fadal

Ronal Howard

November

New Senior Members:

John and Catherine Bargh

Lori and Ron VanDell

Michelle Stecker

New Associate Members:

Lori Arden Eric Arden

John and Chris Gray

Brandon Rabke

Resignation:

William Davidson

Race Management Seminar

The AYC Race Management Seminar will be held Saturday, 26 February. All Fleet Captain and new members should plan to attend. This is where you'll learn the specifics for AYC series race management for this year.

Social Events

Opening Day Festivities
Sunday, 5 March

Docks 4, 5, and 6 Moved

Thanks to all the boat owners and other volunteers who assisted with the dock moving project Saturday, 8 January. Like all AYC projects, it would not get done without volunteers.

Training Seminars

Jobson Presentation at AYC

Gary Jobson the world class sailor, television commentator, author, and corporate advisor is coming to Austin Yacht Club on Saturday, 1 April 2000. During the afternoon, Gary will help our junior sailors with a training seminar. Then in the evening he will entertain all of us with a fabulous multimedia presentation.

He has raced and won many championships in one design classes including the America's Cup with Ted Turner in 1977, the infamous Fastnet Race in 1979, and many of the world's ocean races.

Jobson has been ESPN's sailing commentator since 1985. He has also produced or narrated 40 home videos. Gary has authored eleven sailing books, and is an Editor-at-Large of Sailing World and Cruising World magazines. Over the past twenty years Gary has given over 1200 lectures throughout the world.

Gary is an active cruising sailor. He led an ambitious cruising expedition to Antarctica and has been cruising throughout the East Coast for the past five years.

Mark your calendar now and watch for venue details to follow in future Telltales.





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America's Cup TV Coverage

Challenger Finals on ESPN2

Race 1	Monday	1/24/00	10:30pm
Race 2	Wednesday	1/26/00	12:00am
Race 3	Wednesday	1/26/00	10:30pm
Race 4	Saturday	1/29/00	12:30am
Race 5	Saturday	1/30/00	12:00am
Race 6	Tuesday	2/01/00	12:30am
Race 7	Wednesday	2/02/00	12:30am
Race 8	Wednesday	2/02/00	10:30pm
Race 9	Friday	2/04/00	12:30am



America's Cup Races on ESPN2

Race 1	Friday	2/18/00	7:00pm
Race 2	Saturday	2/19/00	7:00pm
Race 3	Monday	2/21/00	7:00pm
Race 4	Wednesday	2/23/00	7:00pm
Race 5	Friday	2/25/00	7:00pm
Race 6	Saturday	2/26/00	7:00pm
Race 7	Monday	2/28/00	7:00pm
Race 8	Wednesday	3/01/00	7:00pm
Race 9	Friday	3/03/00	7:00pm

Set Your VCRs! America's Cup 2000 Review on ESPN2 Sunday 3/12/00 1:30pm