

June 2000

Monthly Newsletter

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Saturday & Sunday
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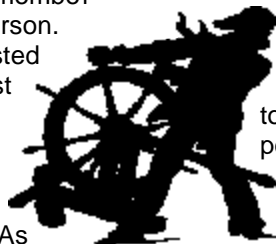
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Closed Club Holidays

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

As I informed you in last month's Telltale, the AYC Board of Directors has authorized the hiring of a second caretaker. We are having difficulty filling the position and I am asking for the help of the membership in finding the right person. We are particularly interested in a person with an interest in making a career of marina operations. The initial emphasis will be on the maintenance of the buildings, grounds and docks. As the person grows into the job, we are hoping that he or she will also begin to learn the various other aspects of the club's operation. If you know of someone that may be interested please have them contact Nancy Boulmay in the AYC office.



With all of the summer events and with the lake level dropping, until we hire a new person, we will be challenging the abilities of our current staff to keep everything running smoothly. I have asked the members of the board to limit their requests of the staff and to try and do as much as possible with volunteer help. This is in keeping with the volunteer nature of the club. It is just this volunteer nature that has allowed us to keep the expenses to the membership low. Please continue to do your part by coming out to the club and lending a hand when asked. Most of all, enjoy our wonderful club.

Dock Moving and Assembly

by Doug Laws

Lake levels are continuing to drop and it now appears necessary to relocate another dock out to the point. After the latest above and below water inspection and much debate, it has been decided that Dock #3 will be the next dock to move to the point. Dock #3 will be moved on Saturday, 17 June. Boat owners will be contacted and requested to have all boats moved away from the dock by 9:00 AM on 17 June.

Boat owners located on the point are urged to add extra spring lines and bumpers to help protect against wind and wave damage. In addition, you may consider facing your bow towards the dam.

The new Dock #6 and RC Dock components are expected to be delivered mid-June. There will be a major dock assembling project the weekend of 24 & 25 June. Membership help will definitely be needed.

Volunteers are needed for both projects (dock moving on 17 June and dock assembly on 24 & 25 June). Please mark your calendars. Thanks in advance for the help.

Racing Scheduled

June

2 nd	KHF Beer Can Race
4 th	Summer Series #3
7 th	Wed. Night Sunfish/Laser Racing
9 th	KHF Beer Can Race
10 th & 11 th	Turnback Canyon Regatta
14 th	Wed. Night Sunfish/Laser Racing
16 th	KHF Beer Can Race
18 th	Summer Series #4
21 st	Wed. Night Sunfish/Laser Racing
23 rd	KHF Beer Can Race
25 th	Summer Series #5
28 th	Wed. Night Sunfish/Laser Racing

July

5 th	Wed. Night Sunfish/Laser Racing
7 th	KHF Beer Can Race
8 th & 9 th	Centerboard Regatta
12 th	Wed. Night Sunfish/Laser Racing
14 th	KHF Beer Can Race
15 th	Summer Evening Series #1
19 th	Wed. Night Sunfish/Laser Racing
21 st	KHF Beer Can Race
22 nd	Summer Evening Series #2
26 th	Wed. Night Sunfish/Laser Racing
28 th	KHF Beer Can Race
29 th	Summer Evening Series #3

August

2 nd	Wed. Night Sunfish/Laser Racing
4 th	KHF Beer Can Race
5 th	Summer Evening Series #4
9 th	Wed. Night Sunfish/Laser Racing
11 th	KHF Beer Can Race
12 th	Summer Evening Series #5
16 th	Wed. Night Sunfish/Laser Racing
18 th	KHF Beer Can Race
20 th	Indian Summer Series #1
23 rd	Wed. Night Sunfish/Laser Racing
25 th	KHF Beer Can Race
27 th	Indian Summer Series #2
30 th	Wed. Night Sunfish/Laser Racing

**Don't forget
your TX #s!!!**

AYC Swimming Pool Hours

Open: 1 PM Tuesday through 9 PM Sunday
Closed: 9 PM Sunday through 1 PM Tuesday

Welcome Aboard

By Voldi Maki

New Senior Members:

- Sterling Gray has been sailing various boats since 1975 in Louisville, Kentucky. He has extensive racing experience on Thistles, Lasers, and Highlanders. He currently owns a JY-15 and a Laser. His plans are to continue racing and introduce his family to racing.
- Rick Spencer began sailing and racing Dolphins in 1968. He then sailed on Ensigns at the Houston Yacht Club. He now owns a Hunter 33.5 which he plans to race at AYC. He and Jacque have two children who they plan to teach to sail.
- Gary Wilhelm has sailed on Sunfish and is now owner of a Buccaneer 210. He plans to race and crew at the Club. He and Liz have 3 children, the oldest of which is interested in learning to sail.
- Kenneth Ayres has done some sailing on catamarans and keel boats. He has participated in many water sports over the years and now wishes to learn sailing. He plans to crew on boats in the various fleets to determine which fleet he would most like to join.

New Associate Members:

- Robin Drummond sailed with her father at the club from 1970 to 1975. She wishes to renew the enjoyment at the Club.
- Nick Mason has extensive racing experience in the UK. He sailed in the FD UK championships in 1997. He was on the Admiral's Cup Team and crewed in two America's cup campaigns.

New Junior Members

- Amber Tull is a member of the Westwood High School Sailing Team and wishes to become a member so as to practice racing
- Mat Busby is also a member of the Westwood High School Sailing Team. He has raced in several events.

Resignations:

- Mary Marcia Mott

Membership Count

Senior	389
Associate	20
Junior	4
Leave of Absence	4
Honorary	7
Life	21
UT Sailing Team	13
Total	458

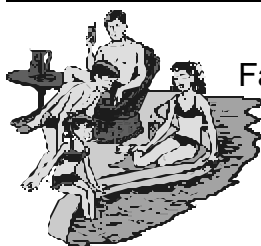
AYC Centerboard Regatta

by Phil Spletter

The AYC Centerboard Regatta will be held July 8 & 9. It is open to all monohull centerboard classes, with six races planned for the two-day event. Five boats will constitute a one-design class. This year, the regatta is a stop on the Sunfish Texas Circuit. Additional out-of-town boats are expected for the JY-15, 470, 505, Laser, & Thistle classes. There will be a Portsmouth class for those boats that do not make a class. An informal dinner is planned for Saturday evening. Tight, competitive racing is anticipated. Even if you don't race centerboard boats regularly, come out and build your sailing skills, while having lots of fun!

FAMILY POOL & POTLUCK PARTY

by Bonnie Lackey



Family Pool & Potluck Party

Friday, June 30th

6:00 PM

Bring your kids to the yacht club and let them swim and meet some new friends.

Bring Your Own Plates,
Utensils, and Drinks...

*Also, remember
a Potluck Dish*
to share.



Questions: Bonnie Lackey 418-1699

Eric Faust 3rd at Laser Nationals

Wayzata Yacht Club (Wayzata, MN) - 84 boats from 16 states, plus Canada and New Zealand sailed for the United States Laser class National Championship on Lake Minnetonka.

Final Results- 7 races (best 6 of 7 races scored): 1 Carl Buchan, Medina, WA, 9 points; 2 Brendan Piovesan, Victoria, BC, 28; **3 Eric Faust, Austin, TX, 33**; 4 August Barkow, Nashotah, WI, 51; 5 Zach Railey, Clearwater, FL, 53; 6 Jonathan Benskin, Victoria, BC, 57; 7 Tracy Usher, Palo Alto, CA, 57; 8 Eric Holden, Vancouver, BC, 62; 9 Chris Raab, Sunset Beach, CA, 69; 10 Andrew Casey, Charleston, SC, 70.

Summer Series RC Duty

May

14th Race 1 Keel Fleet D
21st Race 2 SC-21

June

4th Race 3 J-24
18th Race 4 Catalina 22
25th Race 5 Keel A

Summer Evening Series RC Duty

July

15th Race 1 Keel Fleet B
22nd Race 2 Keel Fleet C
29th Race 3 Keel Fleet D

August

5th Race 4 Catalina 22
12th Race 5 SC/21

Non-Member Launch Fees

With the lake dropping, many of the public boats ramps are no longer open. Please remember that the AYC boat ramp is intended for private use by AYC members and their guests. AYC members must physically accompany each guest while launching. If an AYC member is not present, the guest will be charged the non-member launch fees.

Non-Member Launch Fees:

<u>Boat Length</u>	<u>Launch Fee</u>
Under 30 feet	\$ 50
31 to 32 feet	\$100
33 to 36 feet	\$150
Over 36 feet	Special Quote

I have missed getting articles in for the last several Telltales, but the fleet certainly has not let that slow it down any! We had 16 different boats race in the Spring Series. Dave Broadway's Superman team used a combination of consistently good scores and participation to win the Spring Series hands down. Mr. Happy stole second away from the fleet with four straight bullets early in the series, but the closest racing seems to have been for third... Anthony Plattsmier's Trojan Horse squeaked by 3 Sheets to the Wind, skippered by Leo Anderson, by two points to take third overall. You can check on all the scores on the AYC web site at <http://austinyachtclub.org/>. For Spring Regatta we only had 3 boats from our fleet participate (but I did see several J/24 sailors on the two J/30s that were also out). But our presence was still felt in Class B of the PHRF Fleet where Greg Buck driving Yikes! took first place (racing with Dave Gamble's Ooh-Aah! crew). And to make sure that the fleet is not all racing and no playing, we had the now annual "boat drink" competition cruise May 6th. High winds turned the cruise into a social in one of the AYC shelters but that did not slow down the weed-eater powered blender (for real, you have to see it to believe it!) nor Anthony Plattsmier's showmanship (now I know why he was elected our Fleet Captain) with his real coconut shell drink creations (do you think the islanders use a winch handle to open theirs also?). All in all, the fleet's creativity put on quite a display! Robbie Nelson had plenty of prizes to give away (somehow everyone ended up a winner!) and the BBQ from Buster's helped even out more than one fleet member's keel (If you know what I mean). The wind laid just enough (and coupled with some newfound "courage") that everyone went out for some sunset sailing. Pam and Butch Wilson on their J/24 Aeolian showed the rest of us what a J/24 in cruise mode can do as it passed the rest of us sailing on non-J boats (OK, we were being lazy!). It was a great way to cap off a sunny "hang out" kind of day (I won't even mention the anniversary party we crashed next door to the club....).

But now on to current and future events. I have to admit that I have not kept up with the latest fleet racing so far

during the Summer Series (I was in the Abacos sailing a catamaran the last couple of weeks!). But with the fleet having RC duty on 6/4 and Turnback the following weekend, I have some time to get caught up for the next Telltale. But on the subject of Turnback, remember that with the new format you don't have to sleep on your boat this year! So let's work on making a fleet (no headroom is not an excuse anymore...), if people are looking to crew or need crew, just drop me an e-mail (ennelson@us.ibm.com) and I will get it out to the fleet.

Our next social will be a "Cheeseburger in Paradise" party after the races on June 18 under the AYC clubhouse. The Fleet will provide cheeseburgers with all the fixin's. People planning on joining in can bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. So she has a good headcount to plan by, please RSVP to Robbie Nelson by June 16 either by calling her at 331-7983 or e-mailing her at nelson@aeramfc.com.

One final note, now that it is daylight for awhile after work, several teams have been informally practicing during the week with more experienced fleet members. Along these lines, if your team would be interested in joining in or if you are a more experienced fleet member (yeah I am talking to you old folks!) and would want to go out to help some of the newer teams, please let our Fleet Captain, Anthony Plattsmier, know so he can work on proposing a framework for the kind of activity that is appropriate for the interest level. This would be a great way to start making the connections within the fleet needed to eventually pull off a crew swap for series race(s) down the road. He is also interested in hearing about any other "training" related ideas like holding informal chalk talks on rules, rigging, etc. Again depending on the interest, we could anything from a full blown J/24 race seminar on a Saturday to a few evenings where several boats get together for some informal practice or just something simple like connecting experienced people with newer teams that want to hook up on an individual basis. Anthony is currently working on some plans for this so let him know what would best work for you.

Sail Training News

by Brigitte Rochard

The Spring Sessions are now finished. It was still very windy on two Saturdays during the second session, but now our young sailors are not afraid to capsize, return their boat, and continue their efforts. The new boats are very responsive and generate a communicative enthusiasm among the kids. There will be a Fall Session.

So keep watching the Telltale! You will find the registration forms in August.

The PB & J sessions are continuing in June, every Saturday morning our Peewees invade the cove under the supervision of Doug Kern and John Moran.

Summer Camp is beginning one week later this year. There are a few places remaining so don't wait to register your children.

AYC Centerboard Regatta

July 8 & 9, 2000

Austin Yacht Club, Lake Travis

Notice of Regatta

Rules. The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, the rules of each class concerned, and by the sailing instructions. Sailing instructions will be available during check-in on July 7 and 8 at Austin Yacht Club. The courses will be shown in the sailing instructions. The regatta will be a Category A event as defined in the RRS.

Eligibility & Entry. The regatta is open to all monohull centerboard yachts. Eligible yachts will be entered by completing a registration form as attached. Five yachts will constitute a class. Entered yachts will be grouped into various one-design and Portsmouth classes. Separate junior classes will be formed if there are five or more boats in a class whose skippers are under age 16.

Registration. Complete the registration form and return it with the appropriate fees to: Austin Yacht Club, 5906 Beacon Drive, Austin, Texas 78734-1499

Prizes. Prizes will be awarded to helmsman and crew as follows:
1 - 3 yachts 1 trophies
4 - 5 yachts 2 trophies
6 - 10 yachts 3 trophies
One additional trophy per five additional yachts per class.

Scoring. Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the RRS will apply, except where modified and noted on the sailing instructions.

Racing Format. Races will be run on round-the-buoys courses. It is the intention of the race committee to run 6 races (4 Saturday and 2 Sunday).

Facilities. Shower and bathroom facilities available. Limited cabin rental and camping available. No pets please.

Schedule of Events

Friday, July 7, 2000

- 18:00 to 21:00 registration and skipper check-in. Free refreshments.

Saturday, July 8, 2000

- 7:30 to 8:30 registration
- 9:00 Skippers' meeting
- 10:00 warning signal
- Additional races to follow
- A lunch break will be provided
- Dinner will be provided at the conclusion of the day's racing

Sunday, July 9, 2000

- 9:00 warning signal
- No race will start after 12:00
- Awards Ceremony

South Coast News

By Doug Powell

The last weekend in April eight South Coast 21s met to determine the South Coast 21 National Champion. Weather, as always, played a big part in the 2 day event. One year ago the champion drifted to victory. This year the winds were strong on Saturday. And on Sunday the challenge was to tack without losing crew or rigging. Needless to say Sunday was a non-spinnaker event. Ray Shull placed first, Barbara Hawn was second, Bob Freeman took the bronze, and Kevin Reynolds finished (no small accomplishment in the conditions) fourth.

The following weekend the AYC single-handed race was held in much the same conditions. Six of the twelve boats competing were South Coast 21s. The

first two boats to cross the finish line were South Coast 21s. In "B" Fleet" (9 boats), placing first on a South Coast - Ray Shull, placing second (also on a South Coast) - Jim Rehage and third place (you guessed it, on a South Coast) - Steve Gay, Kevin Reynolds (on a South Coast) placed fourth. WOW!

After a long absence, Mark Tempelmeyer returned with a newly finished and rigged South Coast. On his maiden voyage Mark managed to out drift Ray to the finish line. Good job Mark.

Let's not let dropping lake levels lower our participation during the summer series. See you all next Sunday.

Go A-Fleet

by Scott Spurlin

Oooops! Correction! Last month I wrote about the A-fleeters that raced at Lake Texoma's Lakefest Charity Regatta. Bryan Bayendorffer took second place in his fleet. Bryan did battle with two other Melges 24's, a couple of J92's, Viper 640, and several other "high spirited" boats. Way to go Bryan!

Robbie Van Landingham has been getting that new Viper 640 out on the course. This is one tough boat! During the Memorial Day weekend Robbies 640 was parked out at the point when the winds came up. The 640 was blown off the trailer, off the edge of the point and came to rest around 15 feet from the trailer. The only damage was a scratch and a spreader that needed to be re-adjusted. Of course, this information was provided by Jeff Jones and he may be a little biased towards the Viper.

A-fleeters continue to come out and support the events in force. For beer can races we are seeing Ray Shull on his J29, The Viper 640, Voldi, Steve McKinley, Scott Walsh and a few others. Jaime Edwards was seen briefly out at the club on a Friday night. He threatened to bring out Obsession and claimed he wanted to get the "SoLong" crew on board. Still haven't seen that e-mail Jaime. We are ready, just waiting on you.

I haven't crewed at AYC yet but looks like I'll be on the Viper 830 for Turnback. Jeff and Carrie Jones along with myself spent this last weekend on Craig Whites J80 in Ft. Worth. Raced in the J80 class at their annual regatta. Rained all weekend but what a blast! Craig and Martha White were incredible hosts and we had a super time. we held Craig back to a 3rd place but he still fed us steaks.

Volunteering: All of you (hopefully) have seen my e-mails requesting help for RC, cooks for beer can, etc. I know it probably seems like I'm asking for help all of the time, here's an explanation of why A-Fleet is getting our number called so often. The KHF captains took our schedule of responsibilities and rotated around the room. we started with A-fleet, B-Fleet, etc. We are getting hit earlier in the year but our duties should taper off later. For the beer can races we cook every Friday in June and then one Friday in the last month. We are still way short of volunteers to cover our responsibilities and I'm hoping that a few more people will step up. To make this work we really need every boat owner to help with at least one activity every year. Please take some time to determine how you can fit one of these activities into your schedule. Maybe friends or family that do not normally crew would like to come out and help you cook for the beer can crowd. New crew usually like RC duty as it helps them see a race up close without all of the on boat distractions.

The Lonestar Charity Cup

(aka Wild Turkey, Thanksgiving Charity Cup)

by Scott Spurlin

Yeah! Yeah! We still haven't settled on a name for this regatta. We would like to keep Wild Turkey in the name somehow but can't quite figure out how to do it and convey the purpose of this "new and improved" regatta. Suggestions are welcome! We are making great progress with the Lonestar Paralysis Foundation (LPF). They have agreed to support this regatta in a big way! They have held meetings amongst themselves and have re-organized their organization creating a branch for this event and then other branches to provide support. The top level organization for the regatta is the steering committee.



This committee (so far) consists of: Scott and Terry Spurlin (AYC Members), Nancy Boulmay (AYC-GM), Tom Lange (Lonestar Paralysis Foundation), Jack Rainey (LCRA and Lonestar Paralysis Foundation), Kelly Sharp (Lonestar Paralysis Foundation)

At present we have identified the following responsibilities/committee's: Race Committee, Food, VIP Dinner,

Sponsor-Spectator Boats, Hospitality, Photography, Sponsor Marketing/Recruiting, Entertainment, Silent Auction, Press Coverage, Money Handling/Accounting, Regatta marketing/recruiting, Web Page(s). We are settling in on a list of tasks for each committee and need to enter the sign up and "lets do this" stage. The LPF has asked me to attend one or two meetings that they are setting up to present the concept of this event and recruit from their ranks volunteers to staff the different committee's. Ideally each committee would organize their own volunteer staff, have their own meetings with a representative providing status to the group on a monthly basis. The LPF has several members that belong to large organizations that we can pull volunteers from: Jaycee's, Chamber of Commerce, LCRA (650 employee's). Nancy is going to contact/recruit our Lake Travis neighbors like Lakeway Chamber of Commerce, Marina Association and several others. This is still a AYC event that we run. Great regatta's our are specialty. We now have the opportunity to involve the community which will result in more help and support. Several AYC members responded by calling me last

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Sunfish News

by Pat Manning

Wednesday Night RC Duty Roster:

July

- 5th Debra Phillips & Phil Spletter
- 12th Dane Ohe & Tim McKenna
- 19th Championship Night
Laser Fleet & Volunteers
- 26th Cynthia Casto & Andy Hempel

August

- 2nd Bill Gerloff & John Welch
- 9th Dayna Mosier & Terry McDermott
- 16th Championship Night
Laser Fleet & Volunteers
- 23rd Jeff Raun & Pat Manning
- 30th Joanne Weberlein & Lori VanDell

If you can't make your assigned night or to volunteer on Championship night, please call Frank Woodul 345-8372.

Sunfish Women's NAs recap and *Thank Yous*. The Women's NA Regatta, held May 5 through May 7, was a tremendous suc-

cess thanks to all the help from AYC and Fleet 70 members. On Thursday evening before the event a great pre-race party was thrown by Vicki Palmer at her house, the food and beverages and camaraderie was enjoyed by all as they arrived for the big event. Thank you, Jerry Rabun for making several trips to the airport.

Twenty-nine women from 13 states including Washington State and Washington, DC registered for the five-race event, which was held in mostly windy conditions. Our own, Joanne Weberlein won the event and qualified for a bid to the 2001 Sunfish Worlds in Sicily, Italy. Here's how other Austinites fared: 11th Vicki Palmer, 12th Pat Manning, 16th Vickie Stones, 18th Julie Conrad,



23rd Lori Van Dell, Dayna Mosier & Martha St. Romain supported us by registering, but did not sail.

A big *Thank You* to our race committee which was headed by Dane Ohe and assisted by Vic Manning, Bruce Foster, Frank Woodul, Voldi Maki, Paul Brandner, Phil Spletter, John Welch, Kevin Reynolds, Jerry Rabun, Larry Hill and some spouses of competitors. Mary Sikora provided scoring.

Wonderful food was provided for the weekend by Bruce Foster, Bay and Paul Peterson, Becky Waddell, and their helpers: John Saunders, Cynthia Creamer, John Welch, Larry Hill, Frank Woodul and others.

Great gift bags were presented to competitors with Texas sauces, praline, wildflowers and bandana thanks to Barbara Hawn. Thank you, Sherry Paterson and her partner, Kevin Reynolds, who provided Saturday night's salsa and swing dance lesson and demonstration. The AYC staff was outstanding in making sure the facilities were in tip-top shape and helping with everything we asked.

Vicki Palmer, Phil & Brenda Spletter, Pat & Vic Manning, Bruce Foster and Vickie Stones provided housing for our many visitors. And finally, a very special *Thank You* to all those who graciously lent their boats to our competitors: Dane Ohe, Vickie Stones, Cindy Carter, Steve Gay, Tim McKenna, Phil Spletter, Vic Manning, Jerry Parlee, Bruce Foster, Cynthia Casto, Bonner Cordell, Barbara Hawn and Vicki Palmer.

As you can see it took lots and lots of help to make this event the huge success that it was. This is one that everyone will remember for a long time to come. And a final *Thank You* to the AYC Board and members who let us have full run of the Club and all its facilities for the whole weekend for this World Class, World Qualifying event. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

The Lonestar Charity Cup (continued)

month. We could still use more people, lots more. If you're interested call me at (512)335-5214 or e-mail: spurlin@texas.net. Just to re-cap: The goal is to put forth a first class regatta on the lake. Money for the charity is raised from sponsors that donate at various levels: Event underwriter (\$10k or more), Platinum (\$7.5k), Gold (\$5k), Silver (\$3.5k) and VIP (\$1k). The goals are to sign up 10 sponsors at the event underwriter/platinum levels. HEB Food Stores has given us a verbal commitment to sign up at the Platinum level and

may agree to become an event underwriter. Nine more to go! We are working on a press release that is in the process of being agreed to by the organizations. This should go out later this month. We should be able to follow this up with a formal announcement of HEB signing on as a sponsor. 6 months to go! It sounds like a lot to do but the third goal is to structure this organization so that a lot of people are doing a little bit of the work so as not to burn anyone out. This should be fun and worthwhile for all involved.

Catalina 22 News

by Jon Fitch

In the Summer Series, thus far, we have had outstanding participation from a total of 11 boats including Bob Jones, David Grogono, Walter Allan, Larry Hill and Becky Waddell, Steve and Meri Shepherdson, Steve and Cheryl Pervier, Mac McIntyre, Wade Bingaman, Dane Ohe, Pete Harper, and Jon Fitch.



Steve & Meri Shepherdson power up in a puff.

The first set of races was, you guessed it, light air. However, there was generally enough air to keep the boats moving and have a race. The second race was called for lack of wind (thank you

RC!). But, never mind, we had a great cook-out under the big live oak tree just below the swimming pool. Special thanks to some of the very fine cooks in the fleet who brought tasty side dishes. Meri Shepherdson had a really good pasta salad, thank you Karen Jones for bringing extra hamburger meat, Jen Grogono thank you for the pita bread and feta cheese, and many thanks to others who brought side dishes.

For the third set of races, we had some of the most schizophrenic weather I have ever seen. A cloudy morning gave way to hard driving rain and then clearing skies but no wind. RC

was persistent and we got off a race around 3:30 which we finished with a shortened course at the leeward mark. Pete and Dave Rehberg were on the course practicing for Nationals. Kick some butt for us in San Diego next week! Of note, Walter Allan and his crew Allan and Debbie Hawkins had an excellent race. As for yours truly, I accidentally left my spinnaker sheets at home, so we had to do the downwind under just a genoa (thank you crew for not



Walter Allan with crew Debbie and Alan Hawkins hanging out before the start.



Larry Hill and Becky Waddell on Trivial Pursuit – you guys win the most colorful spinnaker

having me keel hauled!). After the races we had ice cream on the patio. For those who hung around, another rain shower came through and formed a beautiful double rainbow across the sky. What a nice way to finish the day!

While the focus of our racing is often on the skippers and the standings, I'd like to take a few lines to recognize some recent visitors to the fleet and just some of the loyal crew who make the series races possible . . . Walter Allan's longtime loyal crew are Allan and Debbie

Hawkins. Bob Jones has new crew this series – thank you for

coming out Mike and Diana. Steve and Cheryl Pervier had new crew for the third race – Annette Bell. For those who don't know her, Annette is a long time cruising sailor. Dan Ohe had a very familiar crew member – Mr. Sunfish, Vic Manning. On Moonlight Sonata Chris Thomas was working foredeck and Ken Ayers was doing the pit. Chris is already a C22

owner, so if you see a "mystery boat" on the line

in the very near future, it is likely to be Chris. Ken Ayers is a new member to AYC and is trying to decide on a boat and a fleet (hopefully a C22). And, of course, thanks to Dave Rehberg for being a part of the fleet in so many ways for so many years. Dave, your crewing and strategy tips are invaluable!

Don't forget we have race committee duty for the fourth series race on June 18th. I'll probably be calling to ask for volunteers. See you out on the water!



Bob Jones with crew Mike and Diana and Siddhartha.



Wade Bingaman on Dry Heave ala chute.

Boater Education Requirements

A successfully completed Texas Parks and Wildlife Department certified boater education course and photo ID are required for any person born after September 1, 1984, to operate on the public water of this state:

- A vessel powered by motor of 10 horsepower or more.
- A windblown vessel over 14 feet in length.

Exceptions: A person is exempt from the mandatory boater education requirement if the person:

- Is at least 18 years of age.
- Is accompanied by a person at least 18 years of age who is exempt from the course.
- Holds a master's, mate's, or operator's license issued by the U.S. Coast Guard.
- Is otherwise exempt by rule of the department.

Centerboard Regatta
8 & 9 July 2000
Registration

Registration

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (H) _____ (W) _____
Club Affiliation _____
Yacht Type _____ Sail Number _____ Portsmouth Rating _____
Yacht Name _____
Number of Crew _____ (including Skipper)
Skipper's Name _____ Age (if under 16) _____
Crew's Name _____ Age (if under 16) _____

☐ Entry Fee \$25.00 \$ _____

Dinner

☐ Dinner Tickets _____ \$8.00 \$ _____
Total Meal Fees: \$ _____

Total Regatta Fees: \$ _____

Release

Release and Indemnity Agreement

In consideration for its sponsorship of the event, I hereby release Austin Yacht Club, its officers, agents and members ("the Club") from any and all claims for personal injuries or property damage in any manner related to this event or the operation of the Club. I hereby acknowledge that it is always the individual responsibility of each skipper to determine whether to start or continue racing. I agree to be bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing and by all other rules that govern this event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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