

# Telltale



November 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

As I am composing this article the Pedernales River is at flood stage and the level of Lake Travis is rising through 650 feet. While this is certainly good news to those of us that use the lake for recreation it is somewhat disruptive to some of the club's plans. Last week we submitted a plan to the LCRA for excavating the harbor to increase its depth. This will allow us to keep our slips in their normal locations much more of the time. For details of the plan see last month's "From the Commodore". The plan was to get approval and bids for the excavation. With the lake waters now rising we may have missed this opportunity. This points to the need to be ready for this kind of work so we can act when conditions permit. As a result, we will continue to prepare for the excavation even though the actual work may need to be put off.



You should have received a mailing with the nominees for next year's AYC Board of Directors. If you are not planning on attending and voting at the membership meeting December 7, please consider this slate of candidates and return your proxy. It is important that we receive these so we can have enough votes, 25% of the membership, to meet the needs for a quorum.

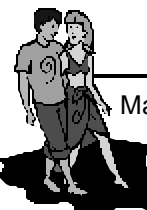
You should also soon receive your invitation for the Annual Banquet. The banquet will be held on December 9. I am told by Bonnie Coleman, the chair for the event, that this year's banquet will have a beach party theme and will feature a sit down dinner and a live band. Please set aside this evening and plan to attend what promises to be a fun party.

Rob

Beach  
Party  
2000!!!



## Annual Awards Banquet



Mark your calendars now for the AYC party of the year! Saturday, Dec. 9 for Beach Party 2000. Sumptuous seated dinner, complimentary cocktail (cash bar will remain open all evening), dancing to the music of Off the Record, and Awards, awards, awards!!!

Awards - start thinking about who to nominate for the infamous Blue Duck Award for the most outstanding Blooper of the year. Remember that the nominee must be present to "win". Suggestion - if you have an outstanding nominee don't tell them & make sure they come to the party.



Get your formal sarongs & dress Hawaiian shirts ready!!!

## Harbor News

By Doug Laws

Fortunately, we'll be busy Saturday and Sunday, November 11 & 12, moving docks back into the North cove. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

We also need your help in the dry sail trailer storage areas. There are many boat trailers and dollies without names. There are also boats on the point, rigging dock and dry out area that should be moved to their proper slips. Please paint your name on trailers and dollies. If the fleet committee does this, there will be a charge of \$25. Several boats have been in the dry out area for an extended time. Please be considerate of others and move these boats to their proper slip.

A reminder about Harbor Rule 14, which covers wet slip boat usage in AYC events and the need to record cruising activities in the boat use log. We have reviewed usage records for the past year, mailed letters to members with no recorded use, and placed them on notice about possible loss of wet slip under rule 14. You are encouraged to participate in all sailing events at AYC and use the boat use log rather than risk losing your wet slip. Thanks for your help.

## Sunfish Fleet News

by Frank Woodul

Our annual meeting is scheduled for November 29 at the club house. We will elect fleet officers for 2001 and present a few trophies for outstanding performance in several categories. The Pot Luck Dinner will start about 7PM so bring a side dish or desert or wine. I hope to bake a turkey and gravy, it's that time of year. Some of the participants in recent regattas both local and national plan to fill us in on the results.



This will probably be our last chance to get together as a Fleet for 2000, hope to see everyone Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup>.

## UT Sailing News

by Tom Carson

Bruce Mahoney, competing at his third and final Single-hand Nationals, bested the field of 18 to become the 2000-2001 Intercollegiate Sailing Association Single-handed National Champion. Lying in third going into

## Welcome Aboard

By Voldi Maki

### New Senior Members:

- Robert Meyers has been sailing various boats for 20 years. He has decided to become a racer. He plans to learn racing techniques at the club and select a racing boat.

### Junior Student Members:

- Kyle Sanders, Carley Reich, Mat Busby, and Amber Tull have all be active in the AYC Junior Sailing Program and have asked for reinstatement of their Junior Student Membership.

### Resignations

- James Pinno and Tomas Kozlowski

### Membership Count

Senior.....	392
Associate.....	24
Junior.....	4
Leave of Absence.....	6
Honorary.....	8
Life.....	21
UT Sailing Team.....	13
Total.....	468

## Membership Dues Discounts

### Non-Resident Member Discount:

Members whose primary residence is more than 200 miles from AYC and who have no boats on AYC property may request in writing a 50% discount in monthly dues.

### Ol' Salt Member Discount:

Members who are 62 years of age or older, who have been AYC members for ten years or more, and who have no boats stored on AYC property may request in writing a 50% Ol' Salt discount in monthly dues. Members qualifying for an Ol' Salt Membership Discount who have been members longer than 25 years may request a 100% discount in monthly dues. Board approval is required.

the final day of racing, Mahoney defeated second place Talbot Ingram of Hobart William Smith in the final of Sunday's six races to take the crown by a single point. Full results will follow.



**CONGRATS!!!**

# Regattas, Championships, & National Rankings

by Phil Spletter

## Governor's Cup

Fall came on the weekend of October 7 and 8, during the Governor's Cup regatta. Blustery conditions on Saturday provided exciting and sometimes very wet sailing (and swimming), especially for the 470 fleet. By the time evening came, the crowd around the fireplace was enjoying BBQ with hot music and dancing to help warm up. On Sunday morning the wind subsided quite a bit but colder weather came with the calmer winds. With the wind chill near freezing, even the hearty souls dug out all of their cold weather gear for the first time – quite a change from the 112 degree days just a few weeks earlier. Thanks to John Saunders and Tim Erwin for putting together a great regatta and getting the rainy weather started. Thanks to them, the lake is now rising rather than falling!

## AYC Senior Single-handed Championships

The senior club championships for 2000 were determined by compiling the scores in the Sunfish and Laser fleets on each of the Wednesday nights in September. Congratulations to Claude Welles who won his third championship in Lasers. Kevin Reynolds defended his title in the Sunfish fleet.

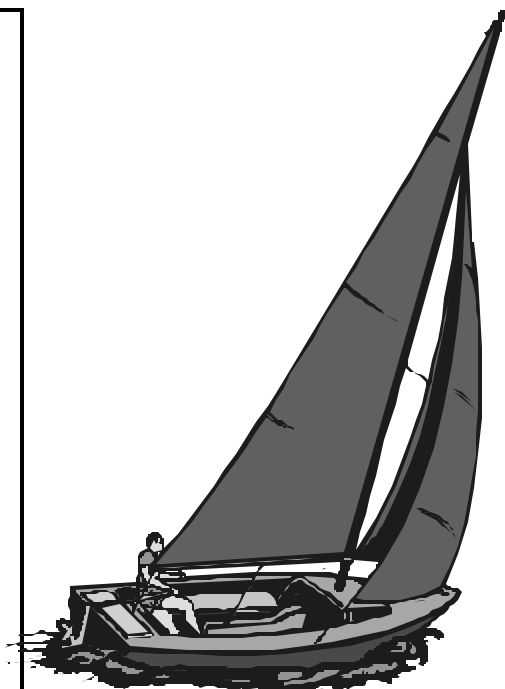
## AYC Junior Championships

The AYC junior championships were sailed in Sunfish on October 28. Five sailors entered the regatta. Conditions were windy enough to complete four races in the morning. Ryan Harden won all the races to win the championship for the fourth time, an unprecedented feat.

Five teams of two people each sailed the AYC Junior Team Championships (for the Al Burke Memorial Trophy) on October 28 in the collegiate FJs that were borrowed from the UT sailing team. Four races were sailed in moderately challenging conditions. Congratulations to the team of Ryan Harden and Chris Reynolds who won all of the races. The victory marked the third time that Ryan has been on the winning team, also an unprecedented accomplishment. Thanks to John Bowden and Lauren Foster for helping to run the races on both days. Special thanks to Scott Young and the UT sailing team for allowing the team championships to be sailed in their boats.

## National Ranking

Speaking of UT sailing, the coed team is ranked 16th nationally in the most recent Sailing World college rankings. Also by the time that you read this, UT sailing team coach/captain Bruce Mahoney will have sailed in the national collegiate single-handed championships. It is truly amazing what this group accomplishes basically by itself, without the coaching and facilities (read budget) that are available to many of the other higher visibility college athletics.



In support of the UT Sailing Team and their great accomplishments, I would like to sponsor a UT Sailing Team Member at the AYC Annual Banquet.

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

AYC Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Thanks for your support!



UT Sailing Team

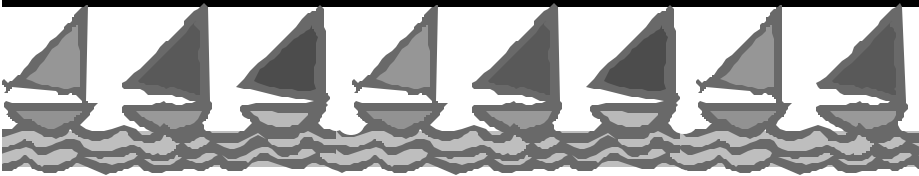


## A Fleet News

by Scott Spurlin

A-fleet started the year strong with as many as fourteen boats participating in both local and other venues. The low water has slowed us down the latter part of the year, BUT THIS IS NO LONGER AN ISSUE! Lake Travis has risen 27' in seven days! Absolutely amazing. Hopefully all of the bad things that come with storms of this nature; dock issues, debris, etc. will be taken care of prior to Wild Turkey. This is our last regatta of the year and from what I hear many members think of this event as the most fun. I'm hoping that all of you A-fleeters will come out and finish the year with a bang! The race format is for Saturday afternoon. It will be one race with a downwind finish. At the moment we have no volunteers for food, and therefore are planning on having a keg afterwards. If we do end up getting a food volunteer I was thinking something simple like chili and corn bread, along with a fire in the fireplace.

One area that I actually have been losing volunteers is in the area of race committee! A couple of volunteers have now begged off so that they can go racing! (They have my support for that! I wish I could - I'm chomping to get that new boat in the water!) So we still need 6 or more volunteers to put together the race committee. Can I ask you to step up one more time this year?



## J/24 News

by Eric Nelson

First I would like to thank Stephen Burke (Out of Control), Matthew Barrett (Quicksilver) and David Powell (My Joy) and their crews for keeping the pulse of the J/24 Fleet going during these "blue duck ramp" days! With the bulk of our fleet dry sailed, not having a usable ramp could have meant no J/24 presence in the recent AYC Series races. But those few, brave wet slipped boats came through. The rest of us tried to keep our other main tradition going; partying! Robbie Nelson organized a good OctoberFest party after RC duty with some great homebrew (Thanks Phil), home made side dishes (Thanks Sherre) and a multitude of grilled sausages (Thanks grillmeister Anthony). And now with the lake back up enough to safely launch

again, we can hopefully still finish out this season with a more traditional series turnout for the last series races of 2000.

The traveling members of our fleet will be going to Canyon Lake the following weekend after the end of the Winter Series for the last stop of the 1999-2000 J/24 Texas Circuit. But there is also local opportunity for J/24 fame; the Wild Turkey Regatta. While the handicappers schedule this event to conflict with a J/24 circuit date to try to get rid of us (it's a joke, I'm just kidding!), J/24s that stay home to race that weekend have consistently placed well at this regatta. Get out and race one of these before the 2000 AYC racing season ends! And speaking of the end of the season, plans are already underway for the J/24 Annual Fleet Party. If you have not been to this in the past, ask some folks who have to see what you have been missing! Mark

## Keel Handicap Fleet Annual Meeting

Thursday, November 16th

7:00 PM

by Guy Stewart

The annual meeting of the AYC Keel Handicap Fleet will be held at the AYC clubhouse on November 16th at 7 PM. If you are or plan on becoming a KHF member then please plan on attending. If you would like to add items to the agenda, please contact Guy Stewart at (512) 259-4548, or email [gstewart@lane15.com](mailto:gstewart@lane15.com).

### Agenda:

- ⇒ Financial Report
- ⇒ 2001 Business
  - PHRF Scoring System
  - Keel Fleet Splits
  - Long Distance Courses
- ⇒ Recognize outgoing Officers
- ⇒ Elect 2001 Keel Fleet Officers
- ⇒ Announce 2001 Captains

your calendars and plan on coming out to the AYC Clubhouse on December 16 for a fajita/margarita themed blow-out.

The last big item on the horizon for the fleet is our hosting of the Austin stop for the 2001 J/24 Texas Circuit season. Austin will be the inaugural event for the now calendar year based circuit race schedule. The AYC Board gave us approval for the event on February 24-25. This is a little earlier than in years past so we will need to start planning accordingly. I guess March Madness is no going to work as our theme anymore and the ideas I have initially come up with don't seem to pass the marketing test (e.g. February Freeze-Out, February Floater, The Frostbiter, etc.). I think you can see what I mean....so help think about what might work, it would be nice to have a theme other than First Stop or something like that....

# Nominating Committee Report

by Voldi Maki

## Slate of Officers for the Year 2001 AYC Board of Directors

According to Article VII, Section 2.B of the bylaws of the Austin Yacht Club, the nominating committee after soliciting recommendations from the voting members, nominates the following persons to serve on the AYC Board of Directors for the year 2001:

Commodore	Phil Spletter
Vice Commodore	Vic Manning
Secretary	Kelly Hawk
Treasurer	Becky Heston
Race Commander	Paul Brandner
Buildings & Grounds Commander	Mike Parker
Fleet Commander	Greg Buck
Sail Training Commander	Tim McKenna

The Annual Membership Meeting will be held at the AYC Clubhouse at 7:00 p. m., Thursday, December 7, 2000. At that time the above slate of officers will be presented to the voting members for approval. All members not able to attend that meeting are asked to please complete the proxy (distributed by mail) and return it to the AYC Office prior to the meeting.

## Volunteers Needed for 2001



**Yes!**

I definitely want to be an AYC Volunteer.  
You can count on me to assist in the following areas.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AYC Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Standing Committee

- ☐ Building and Grounds Committee
- ☐ Harbor Committee
- ☐ Membership Committee
- ☐ Race Committee
- ☐ Sail Training Committee

### Regattas

- ☐ Regatta Chairman
- ☐ Committee Chairman

### Series Races

- ☐ Series Buffet
- ☐ Series Trophies

### Social Events

- ☐ Opening Day
- ☐ Annual Banquet

### Communications & Publications

- ☐ Directory/Handbook
- ☐ Media Relations
- ☐ Photography
- ☐ Telltale
- ☐ Web Site

### General Committees

- ☐ Insurance
- ☐ Historian
- ☐ Perpetual Awards
- ☐ UT Sailing Team Liaison

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## AYC Keel Handicap Fleet

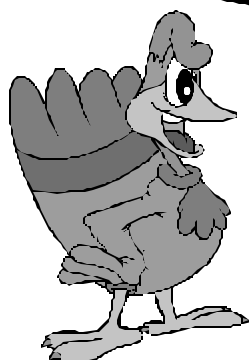
# Wild Turkey Regatta!!!

Saturday

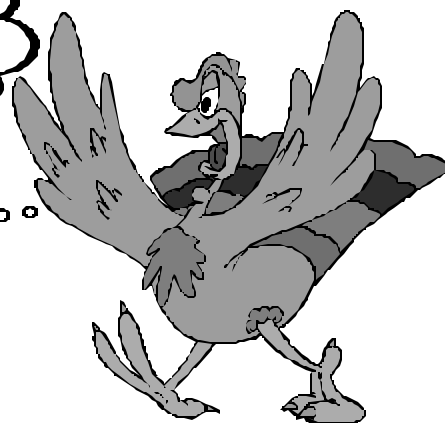
November 18, 2000

WOW! Its time for the Wild Turkey Regatta again!  
Mother Nature even co-operated by filling the lake back  
up. Just in time for my regatta!

Get on out one last time in 2000 and race! The ramps are  
open and the lake is ready for you!



Many thanks to Bartlett  
Sails, our Regatta Spon-  
sor. Be sure to call them  
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Open to all PHRF Rated Boats

One race, round-the-buoys, downwind finish

**Entry Fee:**     **\$15** for Keel Fleet Members  
                      **\$20** for Non-Keel Fleet Members

<b>Schedule</b>	11:00-12:00	Registration
	12:15 PM	Skippers Meeting
	1:30 PM	Warning Signal

Beer, Snacks, and Trophies After the Race

Contact Info: Scott Spurlin; e-mail: [sspurlin@austin.rr.com](mailto:sspurlin@austin.rr.com)



Don't forget to start off the Wild Turkey week-  
end at West Marine. Sale starts Friday  
(17<sup>th</sup>) at 4:00 PM. West Marine is offer-  
ing a 10%  
discount to all AYC sailors in apprecia

# Catalina 22 News

by Jon Fitch

In case you haven't been out to the lake lately, the long summer drought is over! The lake rose 12 feet on Saturday (Nov. 4) to 670 to and is expected to rise much more with recent rains and the release of water from upstream dams. Looks like our days of looking at vast stretches of grassy sandbars are over!



Race Committee gets into Halloween.

Pete Harper and Dave Rehberg just got back from the Champion of Champions in Houston. Here's Pete's account of how it went... For the first two days, the winds were very light. The Vanguard 15 is very sensitive to weight and, unfortunately, we were the ultra-heavy weights at 400+ pounds. It was frustrating trying to keep up with the lighter teams. Finally, on the third day the sea breeze filled in at 15 mph and we could get our weight working for us. We had

some great first beats, rounding with the lead pack around 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>. On the reaches we'd get killed again where the lighter teams could plane and surf. We'd usually lose three to five boats on the reach and catch one to two boats back on the beat. We ended up 16 out of 18 overall. Paul Foerster held on to his lead and won the regatta. Some of the race highlights were when we started with Paul Forester below us and John Kolius to windward and ended up blowing John out the back door. Unfortunately, the start ended up being a general recall. Rats! In the breeze we were able to beat Paul to the weather mark on several occasions only to watch him surf away on the reaches, man this guy can work a boat in the waves! In our best race we were actually able to beat John Kolius boat for boat. John was pretty cool... he is engaged to Joanne from AYC and they spent some time tuning with us before

the races on Saturday. At the awards Paul was passing around his 470 Silver medal from Sidney. It was neat to see and hold an Olympic medal in person.



Steve Pervier explaining the order of starts.

Ted Owens got back from the regatta a couple of weeks ago with a respectable third place out of six very experienced boats. Here's Ted's account of how it went... Going into the last race, there were four boats within one point of first place. They were: Bulletproof, Surfboard Ranch, Tinkerbell, and us. The race was very close with all of us having the lead at one point.

On the last leg, Bulletproof was first and we were second. The wind had been shifting right all day. I decided to separate from Bulletproof and go right hoping for another shift. That was a mistake, the fleet stayed left and so did the wind. I got greedy trying to steal first place from Bulletproof and ended up in fifth for that race and third overall. I hate covering, but sometimes its best to play it safe. Oh well, I didn't know what to do with that big wheel trophy anyway. Maybe next year!



Ken Whiteside "hard at work" on a downwind leg (on Bingaman's boat).

Please welcome Tom & Krista Gardiner to the fleet. Tom & Krista bought Bill Wheat's boat. In case you are wondering about Bill, he bought Tom & Krista's boat and will still be an active racer at AYC. Also, If you want to see a really sharp looking Catalina 22, take a look at Mac McIntyre's new Mark II midway out on dock 2. Mac... it is really good to see you out on the water again!

In Winter Series racing action we had David Grogono, Steve & Cheryl Pervier, Wade Bingaman, Roy Crouse, Chris Thomas, Mac McIntyre, Omar Zia, Jon Fitch, and Bob Jones. In the first race David Grogono and his crew Sally took two bullets. Way to go David! The second race was "washed out" by thunderstorms. The third race was a really fine day for sailing... the weather was overcast and the winds were just right (eight to 12 knots). Wade Bingaman and Roy Crouse each took a bullet. When you see him, please welcome Roy to the fleet. Roy bought Martie Shirey's boat "Match Play" (soon to be renamed "Lone Star"). In case you didn't know, Wade and Roy have a fine rivalry going. I have never heard two boats trade so many insults and talk so much trash to one another. Hatfield's and McCoy's move over!

Don't forget next weekend (Nov. 12) is Race Committee. November 18 is the KHF Wild Turkey Regatta. Just in case you have never sailed in a Wild Turkey before, and even if you have, remember that this regatta is notorious for unorthodox sailing instructions. Read your SI's thoroughly and ask lots of questions at the skipper's meeting! That's all the news for now...



Art Bussey & Roy Crouse "Talking Trash" back to Wade.



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