

Telltale



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Monthly Newsletter

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Tuesday - Friday
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New Year's Day	1 January
Easter Sunday	15 April
Independence Day	4 July
Thanksgiving Day	22 November
Shopping Day	23 November
Christmas Day	25 December

From the Commodore

One month after opening day AYC is in full swing. The flow-ers are out and the time has changed so summer's coming. The Spring series will be con-cluded by the time this goes to print. The turnout has been excellent. I've noticed that many of the fleets have had social events after the races. It's great to see so many folks enjoying the club. The Easter Laser regatta was a great suc-cess, and the Spring re-gatta is right around the corner. The club level eliminations for US Sailing ladder events are on May 5th. The Adams and Mallory Cup finals will be held in Dallas making it easy for AYC teams to compete. May 6th marks the first race of the Summer Series and big plans are being made for the Luau on May 12th.

Be sure to check out the new rules that went into effect on April 1st. They not only mod-ify the starting sequence as we have successfully used for all of the Spring series, but also refine the rules that went into effect in 1997. For those interested in race manage-ment as a way to further enjoy

and understand our sport, there will be a seminar at AYC on April 22nd. Participants that pass an exam will be-come US Sailing certified club race officers. Clearly, AYC provides many varied opportu-nities to enjoy the sport of sail-ing and sailboat racing.

Summer camp is gearing up so if you know a child that might be interested in sailing, this is an excellent op-portunity to encourage them. Please be sure to read Joanne We-berlein's article that describes the long term plan that was put together by the sail training committee. It charts the course for sail training at all levels for the years to come.

Finally, please welcome Hec-tor Hurtado, the newest addi-tion to our staff. Hector re-cently moved to Austin from Coleman, TX. He enjoys play-ing sports and spending time with his wife and three chil-dren.

That's it for now.....See ya on the water!

Phil



Sail Training

by Joanne Weberlein

Check it out....The AYC Sail Training Committee has written a five-year plan that outlines goals and strategies of implementation relating to Sail Training activities at the AYC. The goals include: (1) Educating beginning sailors of all ages, (2) Promote a safe sailing environment, (3) Promote sailing through training activities, and (4) Develop a youth program. Other parts of the plan include a mission statement and most importantly a youth handbook. If you would like to view a copy of the plan and youth handbook email jweberlein@hotmail.com.

Check this out...The Sail Training Committee purchased two 420s with dollies. Funds used for this purchase included monies raised over the past few years by the Junior Sailing Team, Sail Training Committee Members, parents, and members of the club dedicated to the growth of the Junior Sailing Program. Thank You. Also and more importantly, a large portion of the funds used for the purchase came from the donations made to the AYC Education Foundation in memory of Ron Harden. On Saturday March 31, a dedication honoring Ron's support of the Junior Sailing Program was held at the Austin Yacht Club. Several short stories were shared remembering Ron and his commitment to his sons along with his commitment to junior sailing in general. Finally, in the end, Lanelle properly christened the boats with a bottle of champagne. Afterwards, John Kolius hosted a short (very light wind) clinic. The 420s are available for charter and remember Optimist Dinghies are also available for charter. If you would like further information on chartering a junior program boat contact Tim McKenna or feel free to email me at jweberlein@hotmail.com.



Upcoming AYC Events

April 21	Spring Regatta	May 13	Summer Series 2
April 22	Race Mgmt Seminar	May 19	Sail Training Skillbuilding Event
April 28	SC-21 Intergalactics	May 20	Summer Series 3
April 29	SC-21 Intergalactics	May 26	Memorial Day Weekend
May 5	Club Level US Sailing Events	June 2	Night Race 1
May 6	Summer Series 1	June 3	Summer Series 4
May 12	Club Level US Sailing Events- Backup	June 10	Summer Series 5
	KHF Doublehanded Race / Luau	June 16-17	Turnback Canyon
		June 23-24	Thistle Districts
		June 30	J/80 Circuit

PHRF Rating Committee Report/1Q-2001

By John Mandell

The PHRF Rating Committee operates on a quarterly calendar. Rating changes that are made by the committee during the first quarter become effective on April 1, the beginning of the following quarter.

The current members of the Handicap Committee are:

Claude Welles (chairman)	(2 years)	Ray Shull	(3 years)
Guy Stewart	(3 years)	Bryan Bayendorffer	(2 years)
Barry Bowden	(1 year)	John Mandell	(1 year)

A complete list of all boats and ratings is available for review in the Club office. A summary list of boat types and their ratings will be posted on the Official Race Notice Board (downstairs). Details are also available on the AYC web site at <http://www.austinyachtclub.org>.

Anyone may request that the PHRF Handicap Committee review a boat's rating during a calendar quarter. The deadline for petitions to the Handicap Committee for the Second Quarter, 2001 must be received in the AYC office no later than April 25, 2001. If any requests are received, an open review will be scheduled. At a later date, a closed Handicap Committee review will be held to finalize changes, if any. Changes, if any, will be effective the beginning of the following quarter.

Below is a summary of PHRF Rating Committee activity for the First Quarter, 2001.

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Boat type</u>	<u>Boat name</u>	<u>Sail No.</u>	<u>PHRF</u>	<u>Action</u>
Rick Spencer	Hunter 33.5	"Dream Catcher"	(none)	150	correction
Mark Vories	Capri 22		114	204	new, assigned
Scott Spurlin	J/80	Blazing Boomerang	334	117	new, assigned
Paul Peterson	Freedom 21	Cat in the Hat	889	234	new, provisional
Rocky Hutchinson	Catalina 25		4790	222	assigned
Tim McKenna	Ensign	LeLa Day	1167	252	new, assigned

Road Warriors

by Phil Spletter



Congratulations to Jerry Parlee who was third in his age category at the 66 boat Sunfish International Masters.

Three AYC J/24s, made the trip to Oklahoma City for a blustery circuit stop. The Runnin' on Empty team took top honors and the mr. happy crew was fifth overall. After two circuit stops, the two boats are tied for first overall. Third overall, just two points behind, is Yikes!. The next stop is in Ft. Worth.

AYC also sent three J/80's to Lakefest to join a 16 boat fleet - sailed in sometimes blustery conditions. Kicks, Sting and Boomerang made the trip with Kicks taking third. Their next event is the Foley Sperry Topsider in Houston. Kicks is also planning to attend the inaugural J/80 worlds in Newport, RI in early June.

At the Laser Gulf Coast Masters in Houston, Fred Schroth was tied for first overall going into the last race, which was sailed in brutal conditions. He survived with a second place to take second overall. Also making the trip was Barry Bowden, Eric Rochard and Claude Welles.

Adult CPR

Everyone needs to know how to keep a friend or family member alive until more advanced medical help arrives! Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is one of the most basic first aid skills for sailors.

An American Red Cross certified Adult CPR class will be held at AYC on Saturday, May 19 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The class size is limited, so call the AYC office to make your reservation im-



2001 TSA Junior Regatta Reports

By Tim Arnold

March 24-25 AYC Roadrunner: The AYC Roadrunner Regatta was very well attended despite the cold and stormy weather. Many volunteers turned out to put on a great event. A record 81 juniors registered in 68 boats. A large Optimist green fleet showed up from Ft. Worth Boat Club where recent TSA champion Mariel Yarbrough has been dedicating her efforts to bringing new sailors into the Ft. Worth Opti program with great success.

Saturday's racing was integrated with the UT Alumni Annual Regatta. Scott Young and Bruce Mahoney shared some valuable tips at the Roadrunner skippers meeting. We hope we can repeat this format in future Roadrunner Regattas.

Green, White, Blue, and Red Optimist fleets sailed three good races on Saturday. The racers came in for a delicious hamburger lunch prepared by Chef Bruce Foster and his crew. During lunch the North wind filled, and PRO Jim Johnstone made a wise decision to keep the Optis in. The wind continued to build and we were all concerned about the 58 degree water temperature.

Racing for the 420 and Laser fleets was postponed temporarily and at 2:30 they went out. Wind velocity began gusting to 30 and the race committee made the decision to abandon for the day. No one seemed to be too disappointed, as we were able to get in four races that morning for the Laser and 420 fleets.

A wonderful lasagna dinner coordinated by Karen Arnold and Amy Olmsted and a great team of volunteers was enjoyed by all Saturday evening. The dinner was followed by a DJ party for the junior sailors late into the evening as the kitchen crew with Kathy and Dan Ellenbrook making sure everything was scrubbed and cleaned.

Sunday brought more moderate conditions and three races were sailed on the Laser and 420 course and three on the Optimist.

April 7- 8 HYC San Jacinto Day Regatta: AYC was well represented by Rachel Harper in Opti Green, Peter Rochard in Opti White, Ben Rochard in Laser Radial and Matt Arnold and John Foster in the 420. Jacob Wheat in his first TSA Laser Radial Regatta sailed consistently in the top half of the fleet finishing with a 6th place trophy, a very impressive accomplishment in rough Galveston Bay conditions. The Sailors from the coastal clubs showed their experience in heavy air and waves. Joanne Weberlein was there to give a lot of positive encouragement. Chris Ward and the Houston Yacht Club race committee, volunteers and staff put on a great event. Austin sailors are looking forward to a great season. They can certainly benefit from some heavy air practice this spring to prepare for the coming season.

Here we are, heavy into the 2001 racing year and the Spring Series is now complete. Have you had the opportunity to come out and race yet? Well some 88 boats showed up for the spring series this year, completing the five-week series with a variety of weather conditions from a rainy and cold start to warm and breezy finish. Don't you just love springtime racing?

The Winners Are:

Keel Fleet A	16 Boats came out	1 st Place Claude Welles
	Averaging 7 boats	2 nd Place Mike Chambers
		3 rd Place John Mandell
Keel Fleet B	11 Boats came out	1 st Place Steve Brown
	Averaging 6 boats	2 nd Place Bay Peterson
		3 rd Place Ted Scardamalia
Keel Fleet D	11 Boats came out	1 st Place Steve Ehlers
	Averaging 5 boats	2 nd Place Steve Bangs
		3 rd Place John Vance
One Design Fleet		
Catalina 22	16 Boats	1 st Place Pete Harper
	Averaging 8 boats	2 nd Place Ted Owens
		3 rd Place Wade Bingaman
		4 th Place Larry Hill
		5 th Place John Fitch
		6 th Place Jim Johnstone
Ensigns	3 Boats	1 st Place George Dahmen
J-24	8 Boats	1 st Place Dave Broadway
		2 nd Place Greg Buck
		3 rd Place Allen Johnson
SC-21	9 Boats	1 st Place Barbara Hawn
		2 nd Place Ray Shull
		3 rd Place Pat Feagin
		4 th Place Kevin Reynolds
Centerboards	6 Boats	1 st Place Deke DeKeyser
		2 nd Place Bruce Foster
		3 rd Place Vic Manning

Congratulations to all of the Winners! It's good to have all of these competitors out for this series. And *thank you* to the various people who did Race Committee, Scoring, to our PRC Representatives and to Paul Peterson for doing the End of Series Buffet.

Stay tuned for results for Fred's Easter Laser Regatta and the Spring Regatta. Don't miss the Race Seminar Training Session April 22. The next series starts May 6th. Hope to see you on the water.

A Letter from the Sail Training Commander

by Tim McKenna

Dear Parents:

We want to thank you for your interest in the Austin Yacht Club's Junior Sailing Camp. This year's camps will include beginning, intermediate, and racing level instruction.

This year the camp will be a day camp running from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We will have early and late supervision so you may drop off campers as early as 8 a.m. and pick them up no later than 6 p.m.

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 boats used are Sunfish and Optimist dinghies, which are included in the cost of camp. There is a \$100 boat damage deposit required for each camper. This deposit will also serve as the camp registration deposit and will be returned upon completion of the camp provided no damage to the boat has occurred.

The camp is limited to 25 juniors (age 10-16) in each session. The spaces will be filled on a first come, first serve 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 4p.m. on 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 two minutes. Each camper must pass the swim test prior to the start of camp in order to attend camp.

You will find a registration form on page 8 of this TellTale. After your registration form is received, we will mail you camp guidelines, a medical and release form, and a list of personal gear needed.

Please do not hesitate to call the Austin Yacht Club office at 512-266-1336 if you have any questions.



Ensign Fleet News

By Carolyn Wilsford

It was nice to see another Ensign out on the line, Jake and Shanti Aggarwal. Welcome, and we'll see you on the water. I hear Martin Tunner is back in the country (Ensign # 691) and more are on the way. Go Ensigns!!

Remember the Spring Regatta, Saturday, April 21 is our chosen regatta for the largest group of Ensign participation. Registration forms were sent out in the last Telltale and can still be obtained via the web site. I am asking for volunteers who will not be racing do to boat repairs to represent the Ensign fleet and help out with RC at this regatta. Please call Carolyn @ 266-1220. Thank You.

The BBQ was a great success. The happy couple will be exchanging vows in Lake Tahoe on April 21st. Congratulations again Tom and Kelly.

Cynthia Creamers' "Fox Fire" is now officially for sale. She can be reached at ccreamer@atlantic.net

That's it for now Ensigns. Over and out!

Sail Training Junior Summer Day Camp Registration
Optimist Pram and Sunfish Sailing Lessons for Children 10 to 16 Years of Age

Camper's Name _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Sex: _____ Birth Date: _____ Weight: _____ lbs
 Current Swimming Ability:(circle one) Beginner Intermediate Advanced
 Current Sailing Ability:(circle one) Beginner Intermediate Advanced
 Father's Name: _____ Day Time Phone: _____
 Mother's Name: _____ Day Time Phone: _____
 Emergency Contact: _____ Day Time Phone: _____

Registration: (check requested date)	<u>AYC Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>	<u>Total Tuition</u>
___ Junior Day Camp I (June 4– 8)	\$250.00	\$300.00	_____
___ Junior Day Camp II (June 11-15)	\$250.00	\$300.00	_____
___ Junior Day Camp III (June 18-22)	\$250.00	\$300.00	_____
___ Junior Day Camp IV (June 25–29)	\$250.00	\$300.00	_____
___ *Multiple Camp Signup Discount	\$50.00	less	_____
First week, regular price. Additional weeks include discount. Total:			_____

Boat Damage and Tuition Payment:

A \$100 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 not 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.

Member Name _____ AYC #: _____ Check #: _____ # of Camp(s) _____ Dep. 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 \$100 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:

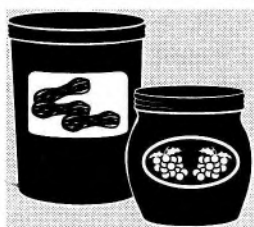
I understand that I am being given permission to use boats supplied by the Austin Yacht Club (AYC) for the Sail Training Summer Camps. I agree to use the boats carefully and safely and to leave the boats and equipment in the condition in which I find them. I agree to report any damage to the boats, whether 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 camps.

Date _____ Camper Signature _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Commonly Asked Questions About Austin Yacht Club's Junior Sailing Camp

by Tim McKenna

1. Counselor and camper ratio; how many actual counselors to campers for each session? - There will be a camp administrator, head sailing instructor, two sailing instructors, three associate sailing instructors and one racing coach. Each session allows 25 campers to attend.
2. How are the campers assigned to which level of sailing? (The ad states Beginning through Racing.) Are children assigned by age, weight or skill? - they are assigned by skill level by the racing coach and camp sailing instructor into either beginner, intermediate or racing level.
3. Are all sessions for Beginning through Racing, or are there special sessions for one level only? - Each camp will be divided into the three levels depending on each week's enrollment.
4. What type of boat will the child be using? - either sunfish or optimist dinghy.
5. How many children per boat? - one per optimist, one or two per sunfish.
6. What is a typical day, how many hours will the child be out sailing? - camp begins at 9 a.m. with breakfast, a classroom discussion, and then approximately two hours of on the water activities. Lunch is from 12noon to 130 p.m. followed by two more hours of on the water instruction, with follow up instruction on shore and de-rigging of the boats. Camp is over at 5 p.m. Campers may be picked up no later than 6 p.m. with a \$1.00 per minute late fee after 6 p.m.
7. Are there other scheduled activities or open time where children entertain themselves? - a swimming pool is available and some activities take place in the pool while supervised. No swimming instruction is given at the camps.
8. Time of camp and time of earliest drop and latest pick-up - campers may be dropped off as early as 8 a.m., camp is over at 5 p.m. and campers may be picked up no later than 6 p.m. with \$1.00 per minute charge after 6 p.m.
9. Meals and snacks available - meals and snacks will be available to campers. Breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack.
10. Cost of camp - \$250 for AYC members per week, \$300 non-members per week. Additional weeks will receive \$50.00 per week discount. This price includes the use of a boat. A \$100 combination camp deposit and boat damage deposit will be needed to register each camper. Full cost of camp will be due one week prior to beginning of each camp or deposit may be forfeited.
11. How will the swim test will be conducted and what is the time of test? - each camper will be required to pass the swim test that will be administered each Sunday at 4 p.m. prior to the Monday that each camp begins. The swim test consists of swimming approximately 50 yards in sailing clothes and shoes plus treading water for two minutes.



AYC Peanut Butter & Jelly Series

The 2001 PB&J Series will consist of two sailing seminars held on a series of four Saturday mornings in June. The early session, from 9:30 to 11:00, will be targeted towards 4 – 6 year olds, with a later session from approximately 11:00 to 12:30 for 7 – 9 year olds. Sailors for the early session will be allowed to continue into the later session if they so desire, and sailors registered for the later session are encouraged to show up at the early session to assist with the younger kids. The purpose of the Series is to teach children to sail, have fun, and stay safe on the water. The registration fee includes use of the Optimist Dinghy sailboats, parent-provided PB&J lunch after each class, and a t-shirt and certificate for each child. Parental participation is mandatory.

No swimming ability is required, as this is a parent-child participation program. All parents and children will be required to wear Coast Guard-approved life jackets at all times when near the water. Although the instructors will provide the sail training, parents will be expected to assist during training, help fix, serve, and clean up PB&J lunches, and help set up and put away boats. To register, please fill out the registration form below and mail with \$25 fee to the Austin Yacht Club, attention PB&J Series, or fax to (512) 266-9804: For more information, call Bill Hawk at 266-4661

Sailor's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ M or F

Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Home Phone: _____ Session: (circle one) Early (4-6yrs.) Late (7-9yrs.)

Parent's Name: _____ Work Phone: _____

Dates: Saturdays, June 2, 9, 23, and 30

Fee \$25 - method of payment : Check Enclosed _____ AYC Charge Member Number _____

Please circle one date for each activity:

Fix PB&J lunch: June 2 June 9 June 23 June 30

Setup & put away boats: June 2 June 9 June 23 June 30

Enrollment is limited to 15 sailors per session. Adults and children will all be required to wear Coast Guard approved life jackets at all times when near the water.

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

**Austin Yacht Club – attn: PB&J Series -- 5906 Beacon Drive -- Austin, TX
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The AYC Spring Series is in full swing with the final set of races just around the corner. When I last checked the scores, things were still wide open given the mix of boats that have been competing. Hopefully you already have plans to come out and race the last Sunday of this series as it will be the last Series racing opportunity for many of us until mid/late May. With several AYC Regatta's coming up, our next 2 circuit stops along with our RC Duty on May 6th (more on that later), it could be May 20th before we are all able to race together in a Series race after Spring Series! But for those who were able to come out for the next to last Spring Series race day, there was a great April Fool's party under the clubhouse afterwards.

Robbie Nelson hosted a make your own gourmet shish-ka-bob spread that had seafood, beef, chicken and veggie lovers all delighted. A few folks brought some side dished that rounded out the selections nicely. Of course we had a great selection of beers to try also. The vivacious gathering was a great way to finish off the first day of daylight savings that also had prefect 10-12 knots of southerly breeze for racing! The veterans of the "30/30" (that is to say 30 knots in 30 degrees!) circuit stop in Oklahoma City the week before in particular savored the warmer, gentler conditions...who scheduled a circuit stop in the Arctic anyway?! :-)

During the party there was some talk about upcoming events...on the racing side the next circuit stop in Ft. Worth on April 21- 22 came up as well as our first AYC Series RC duty on the 6th of May. And just the following week after that is now the Dallas circuit stop since it has been moved up from its Memorial Day weekend date of previous years. I spoke to our Fleet Captain about RC Duty and he asked that I get the word out that there is a good chance that Leon will be in Russia then helping to get his new bride to be through immigration (the INS papers are close to being processed I guess!). So he is looking for a volunteer to be PRO for the event, if you can help on this contact Leon directly (873-8020 or llance@crystal.cirrus.com). But the real fun discussions were more about what kind of future fleet socials do we want to have...Greg Buck was "floating" the idea of a Sex on the Beach party for late Spring sometime (I was concerned at first for my back given that the lake is so up that all we have are rocks along the shore until I figured out he was talking about a mixed drink!). I also kept hearing more about some sort of Poker Run/Pirate Cruise for mid Summer, I wonder what that will morph into over time? Throw your 2 cents in and we all can get involved into seeing what comes out of all this!

Of course I can't resist plugging the upcoming J/24 North American Championships being held at Houston Yacht Club May 29 through June 4. This open event is about as close as most of us will get to going to a major International J/24 Regatta (you know, things like free hats, helicopter pictures of your boat, parties each evening, North Sails "Go Fast" seminar, sponsored beer, hearing "protest!" in several languages, etc.). And it is practically in our own backyard at a facility most of us are very familiar with from past J/24 Beasley Cup and NOOD regattas. The actual racing starts Thursday May 31st and continues 2 more days (June 1st and June 2nd) so you can plan on arriving Wednesday after work, race 3 days of championship racing and head home Saturday evening and have Sunday to recuperate (or party some more!). You can even register and pay on-line, check out the website at www.j24na.com.

Regards,

Eric

Austin J/24 Fleet Reporter

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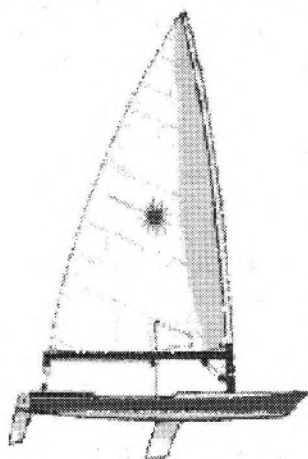
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You see the strangest things at an Austin J/24 Circuit Stop!

Laser Fleet News

by Claude Welles



The days are warming, the lake is full, and daylight savings time is here. This can mean only one thing; its time for Wednesday night laser sailing again!

Some of us haven't even waited for May, and are already coming out to practice on the nice Wednesdays. So far we've seen Deke, Barry, Steve, Tom Eskridge, Billy Eno, and Claude sailing in preparation for the Easter Laser Regatta, and the Gulf Coast Masters. Fred and Eric have been to all the midwinter regattas, but they're pros, and don't need to practice.

To better get us prepared for the season, we're going to try something new this year, a season kick-off fleet party. The date is Wednesday April 28 at 6:00 or so, one week before the official start of the season, and will be at the Yacht Club. It is open to all laser owners, and those who wish they were laser owners.

I would especially like to see some of the newer members of the fleet come out and get to know the rest of us better. Fred and Eric will be around to demonstrate the currently accepted state-of-the-art laser rigging tips, show a few videos of last year's worlds in Cancun, and maybe will have some insight into the proposed rule changes for the future.

Also, and most importantly, the fleet captain will spring for hamburgers and beer. This is a first, so if you don't want it to be the last, you better show up.

Sunfish Fleet News

by Paul Jensen

In last month's Telltale, Barry Thornton talked about the advantages of Reverse Handicap Racing (RHR) in bringing a closer feeling of competition to the PHRF folks, who often wind up sailing by themselves.

That shouldn't be an issue in a class like ours, but there is quite a range in equipment and ability in our fleet. Having spent a fair amount of time at the back of said fleet, I know that it is possible to become discouraged or worse, to not have fun.

In the interest of exploring ideas to increase fun and participation, how about giving an advantage to the slower boats like letting them start at the 1-minute mark? It would mean more work for the RC in keeping track of who was in that group, but it might be achievable. Reactions please.

Don't forget that the season starts the first Wednesday in May (the 2nd).

Can a Catalina 22 Kick Up a Rooster Tail?

by Jon Fitch

The C22 fleet is off to a real strong start for the 2001 racing season (we have had a total of 14 boats turn out for the Spring Series so far). Why just last weekend we were on the starting line for the second race and Steve Shepardson shot out in front, winning the start



Hummingbird and Dumbo split tacks.

by more than 2 boat lengths over anyone else. Hey Steve, what's the big idea of getting so competitive all of a sudden? From now on, watch out for that Chili Verde boat on the starting line!

Before I talk about the AYC Series racing action, don't forget that the Catalina 22 Region Eight Genoa Championship is coming up May 18-20th at the Lake Worth Sailing Club in Fort Worth. In other state news, the Texas State Championship has been rescheduled from April 21-22 to October 13-14. For more information on state or regional events, please contact Ted Owens or Pete Harper.



Our fleet measurer, Ted Owens (from fleet Measuring Day) held back in February.

Our second race of the Spring Series was light to moderate air with misty over-cast skies. Larry Hill with crew Rocky Hutchison and Lane Thomas, Pete Harper, Roy Crouse, Paul Brandner,

Jon Fitch, George Robison and Paul Jensen, David and Martin Grogono, and Steve and Merri Shepardson were out. Thanks to the number of boats we had out, I think everyone in the fleet was able to find someone to

compete against. Our third race was "a wash out". The weather was cold (mid to low 40's) and rainy so we decided as a fleet not to race. Hey, it is supposed to fun, right?

The fourth race was a fine day for racing . . . We had partly cloudy skies with temperatures in the 70's and good stiff winds (8-10 with puffs to 13 or so). Pete Harper was out with his crew Dave Rehberg and Harold Downey, Wade was out with his crew Michael Bussey, Wallace Harwood, and Ken Whiteside, Ted Owens had Dennis Tye and Steve Starr for crew, Roy Crouse was out with Jeff R*** and James Moore. Other skippers out on the lake included Jon Fitch with crew Jenny Loehlin, David Grogono, Steve and Merri Shepardson with niece Stacy, Jim Johnstone, and Paul Brandner. Just before the starting sequence began, I watched Roy Crouse coming out of the harbor and then I saw him do a quick U-turn and head back in. Then, when Crouse re-appeared on the race course, his C22 had morphed into a Pearson! After the races we learned that Crouse had asked his crew to apply some boom vang, and when he did, the boom cracked 2/3rds of the way across its diameter going right through the rivets that held an eye strap. Crouse showed everyone the spar . . . it was ugly!



Crew Rocky Hutchison (facing) with skipper Larry Hill and crew Lane Thomas.

Our fleet has a new member . . . Tom Cox just bought a Catalina 22, sail# 15392 "Havin' Fun".

Tom, hope to see you out racing. Please come by the patio afterwards for refreshments so you can meet everyone.

Oh yeah, back to the title of the article . . . Can a C22 kick up a rooster tail? Well, the answer is yes if your boat is "Dry Heave". Wade Bingaman and crew came out sporting a life sized stuffed red rooster on their out-board. Wade, we're going to have to check the class rules to see if your rooster is an illegal form of propulsion, especially since you came away with two 2nd place finishes. Wade promised us the colorful rooster would make a return appearance. See you on the water!

Jon

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2) University of New Orleans	8-4*
3) Texas A&M Galveston	8-4*
4) Tulane	2-10
5) Rice	1-11

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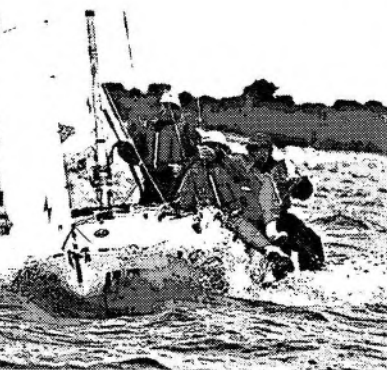


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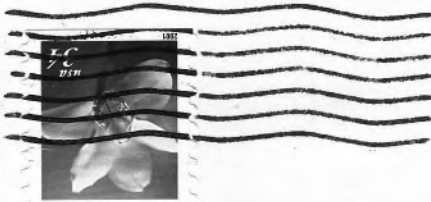
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