

TellTale



June 2001

Monthly Newsletter

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

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

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Club Holidays

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

AYC is a unique and special place because of the people that comprise our membership. We maintain a beautiful, well kept and equipped facility for sailing and sailboat racing at a reasonable cost because of the continued efforts of many members from long before I was a member.

Two of them, Gail Bernstein and Claude Welles have quietly and unselfishly made huge contributions to AYC and the sport of sailing. Both are accomplished sailors that have a long history of service to the club and sailing. Gail recently renewed her credentials as a US Sailing judge and is an active judge and RC at AYC events and major regattas around the country. This year, completely on her own, she organized a Basic Race Management Seminar to train and educate race officers at AYC.

For the past several years Claude has been deeply involved in sail trailing. This year he has organized two race

seminars, an adult learn to sail class and works almost daily maintaining and upgrading the training fleet. He is also the Laser fleet captain, won the Laser fleet championship last year and is VERY difficult to beat on his Cal 9.2.

Next time you see them, thank them for their so many efforts over so many years.

I am pleased to say that we have been invited to go back to Lago Vista for Turnback next year. At the beginning of this year we were approached by the newly formed Lago Vista Boaters Club. They would like to make the regatta part of a community gala. We have met with them and they are very enthusiastic and plan to host a first class, sailor friendly event. To test the waters, an overnight event (race/cruise) to Lago Vista is being planned for September 29 and 30, 2001. Stay tuned for details as they develop.

See ya on the water,

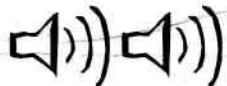
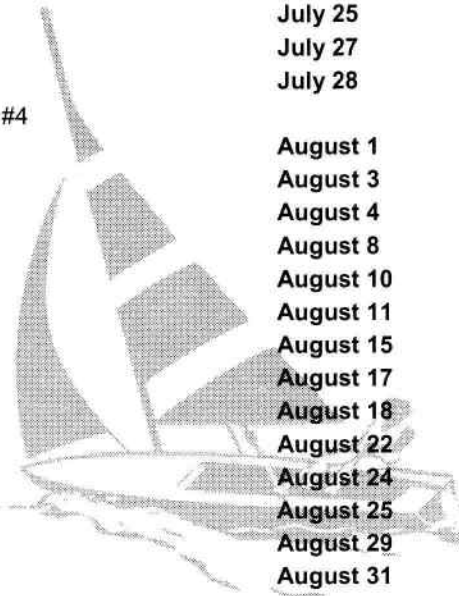
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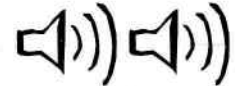
Two notes from the Secretary: 1st: The deadline for the July newsletter will be July 13 (summer hours). 2nd: remember to send your TellTale articles to khawk@austin.rr.com. If you send them elsewhere, I may not always receive them. That is what happened to Steve Ehlers's article on page 5. I hope that you will take time to read his thoughtful article about the Spring Regatta.

AYC Race Calendar

June 20	Laser/Sunfish Series	July 21	Summer Evening #2
June 22	Beer Can Series	July 25	Laser/Sunfish Series
June 23	PB&J #3	July 27	Beer Can Series
June 23-24	Thistle Districts	July 28	Summer Evening #3
June 25-29	Jr. Sailing Day Camp #4	August 1	Laser/Sunfish Series
June 27	Laser/Sunfish Series	August 3	Beer Can Series
June 29	Beer Can Series	August 4	Summer Evening #4
June 30	PB&J #4	August 8	Laser/Sunfish Series
	J/80 Circuit	August 10	Beer Can Series
July 1	J/80 Circuit	August 11	Summer Evening #5
July 4	Laser/Sunfish Series	August 15	Laser/Sunfish Series
	Independence Day	August 17	Beer Can Series
July 6	Beer Can Series	August 18	Indian Summer #1
July 7-8	CB Regatta	August 22	Laser/Sunfish Series
July 11	Laser/Sunfish Series	August 24	Beer Can Series
July 13	Beer Can Series	August 25	Indian Summer #2
July 14	Summer Evening #1	August 29	Laser/Sunfish Series
July 18	Laser/Sunfish Series	August 31	Beer Can Series
July 20	Beer Can Series		



Calling All Keel Fleet Members



The Keel fleet will conduct an **emergency meeting** to discuss and vote to recommend fleet splits. Only dues paying members will be allowed to vote, but any one can attend. Keel fleet dues this year are only ten dollars. There are some old business items to discuss and some new business as well.

The meeting will take place at 4:00 pm July 8th. We will entertain some new proposals for keel fleet but will limit them to ones proposed to me in writing to the office to my attention or email to swalsh@hillconet.net before June 30th.

Please keep in mind this meeting is to be conducted in a professional manner, while I certainly understand how passionately we view our sailing time. I would ask that we hang our egos up at the door and try to do what is right for the Club. Remember the keel fleet was formed to help the board know what we as a group want our racing to be about. So think out your position, present it succinctly and sit down. discussion on any one topic will be limited to 10 minutes. please wait to be recognized before speaking and once you have made your point there is no rebuttle, unless you have been recognized. I would like to come away from this meeting with the best possible outcome for the club and its members. I am reminded of the Quote "ask not what the keel fleet has done for me, but what have I done for the keel fleet". I look forward to seeing you all there.

Fleet Captains I would like to meet with you a half hour before the meeting and get an idea of how the RC duties are being carried out. There is no hidden agenda here folks no secret meeting just good old fashion keel fleet self determination. God willing.

KFC (that's not chicken)

Scott Walsh

US Sailing Certified Club Race Officers

by Gail Bernstein

Congratulations!!!

Bruce Foster, Steve Gay, and Phil Spletter are US Sailing Certified Club Race Officers. Certification qualifications include attending a US Sailing RM Seminar, passing the CRO exam, and serving as PRO in charge on the water for at least four events during the past four years. This brings the number of Certified Club Race Officers at AYC up to five.

Thanks,

Gail Bernstein

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AYC Luau, May 12, 2001

by Social Guy, Bay Peterson

Thanks to everyone who attended the Luau Festivities! Great day, great food and great music and dancing! My special thanks to everyone who helped make it happen; everyone who stood watch over the pig

roast, everyone who helped decorate and everyone who prepared food for the feast.

Over a hundred and twenty people came out to celebrate, kayak

race, play games, eat, dance and enjoy the music. We were lucky with the weather, and the threat of thunder storms never came around. Our illustrious Commodore Phil Splitter took charge of the pig roast and did a great job. Bob Freeman did a masterful job of carving the pig for us.

Thanks to Cynthia Casto for starting a new tradition of kayak racing.

Unfortunately, that roll of film was double exposed so we have no photos of the semi-nude kayak racing. We'll get 'em next time.

And, a special round of applause for our wonderful AYC staff Nancy and Tom, who once again went above and beyond the call of duty. I greatly appreciate all their help. They did so much to make it all

happen and then stayed and put the Club back together after all the festivities were done. It's that kind of 'behind the scenes' help that we don't all get to see but that make this such a great club. Thanks again for coming out and partying with us.



From the Vice Commodore

by Vic Manning

The Results are in, the Races Run and here are the winners.

The **Night Race** held on June 2, had a low turn out with only nine (9) boats racing.

My thanks to Allan Paterson and his lovely wife Judith for organizing and running this (their first time) event. Thanks to Gretchen Hanover and Omar Zia for lining up race committee and handling the race instruction, to Bruce Foster and Terry McDermott for doing the food and to Cathy Ellenbrook for the trophies and a quick adjustment.

The winds were from 3-20 mph and light for a couple hours, which made the race last well into the late evening with the lead spinnaker boat returning about 12:15 and the last boat I at 2:15 AM. The course was a 24 mile race with a reverse handicap star.

Winners are: Spinnaker

1st Place - Ron Dewitt, Pearson Flyer

2nd Place - Butch Wilson, J-24

3rd Place - Phil Buck, Stiletto 23

Non-Spinnaker

1st Place - Steve Ehlers, Catalina 30

2nd Place - Rick Pettit, J-22

3rd Place - Paul Jensen, Catalina 22

Our second event was the **Summer Series** ending June 10. This series was well attended with some 75 boats sailing in the five week event. Thank you to each of the fleets who did race committee duty and to the PRC Team for getting each day started. Thank You Beck Heston and her team of four, for putting on a great end of series Bar-B-Q buffet. The entertainment was provided by Fred Schroth who videoed the last series race.

The Winners are:

A-Fleet

1st Place - Claude Welles, Cal 9.2

2nd Place - Eric Rochard, Melges 24

3rd Place - Scott Walsh, Lindenburg 28

D-Fleet

1st Place - Ralph Jones, Ranger 22

2nd Place - Steve Ehlers, Catalina 30

3rd Place - Robert Gallant, Pearson 26OD

SC-21

1st Place - Barbara Hawn, SC-21

2nd Place - Ray Shull, SC-21

3rd Place - Linda McDavitt, SC -21

Catalina 22 Spin

1st Place - Wade Bingamon, C-22

2nd Place - Larry Hill, C-22

3rd Place - Ted Owens, C-22

Catalina 22 Non-Spin

1st Place - Jim Johnston, C-22

2nd Place - David Grogono, C-22

3rd Place - Neil Jones, C-22

B-Fleet

1st Place - John Vance, Impluse 21

2nd Place - Ted Scardamalia, Columbia 8.7

3rd Place - James Henrickson, Holder 20

J-24

1st Place - David Broadway, J-24

2nd Place - Phil Spletter, J-24

3rd Place - Bruce Wilson, J-24

Ensigns

1st Place - George Dahmen, Ensign

2nd Place - James Wilsford, Ensign

3rd Place - Tom Groll, Ensign

Centerboard

1st Place - Victor Manning, Sunfish

2nd Place - John Greening, Sunfish

3rd Place - Deke DeKeyser, Sunfish

Our next events include: **Turnback Regatta** (June 16 & 17), **Thistle Districts** (June 23 & 24),

J-80 Regionals (June 30 & July 1), **Centerboard Regatta** (July 7 & 8), **Summer Evening Series** (July 14, 4:30pm)

Hope to see you on the water.

Spring Regatta 2001 Report, April 26, 2001

by Steve Ehlers

We had a great Spring Regatta this year! 50 boats came out to take part in the festivities. The weather cooperated by being dry, warm and windy. In fact, one person suggested that I may have spent *too much* on wind. I heard rumors of three boats losing their masts, and saw a couple of the lighter boats on their sides a few times, struggling with their spinnakers, so maybe he was right. But those of us who enjoy a good breeze had big fun!

I ended up hitching a ride on Phil Spletter's J/24, so I had a first-hand view of a lot of the racing and had a wonderful afternoon. I hadn't planned to sail the regatta, but when your Commodore says "Come sail!", what can you do? Thanks, Phil!

The race committee, headed up by PRO's Gretchen Douglas and John Bargh, did a great job of selecting appropriate courses for each of the six fleets. Most boats ended up finishing within an hour of each other. Thank you to all the RC volunteers! Thank you, Barry Thornton, for coming out to man the scoring computer.

In the volunteer department, I also want to thank Tim Erwin, Kevin Reynolds, Mary Sikora and Vic Manning for helping me get everything organized. Janet Soefje, John Howard, and Terry and Karen Reitz did a bang-up job on registration. Martie Shirey was asked to help with food and did a magnificent job. She said "Don't worry about breakfast, I'll handle everything." And of course she and Jay Fox did!

My wife, Kay, arranged to have Pok-e-Jo's supply barbecued brisket and turkey with the rest of the fixings, which was well received judging by the comments I heard. It's lucky that those cheesy mashed potatoes and peach cobbler are calorie-free (ha!).

I want to thank all the skippers and crew who came out to play, and hope everybody else enjoyed the day as much as I did. Congratulations go to the Catalina 22's, the only boats who showed up in enough force to make their own fleet.

I especially want to thank everyone who helped out and volunteered to make the regatta the success it was. Vic promised me that he'd make it easy to have fun and he did. If anyone else (hey, that's you, fellow new-ish members) is wondering how they can help with a regatta, I have two suggestions: 1. Contact the regatta chairs for the remaining 2001 regattas, and ask how you can help. It takes a lot of hands and heads to put on a good event, as you can tell from the partial list I've named above; I guarantee your offer of help will be appreciated. 2. Sign up to chair next year's Spring Regatta, and I'll help YOU have fun too!



Burgee Collection

There is now an ongoing burgee collection in the AYC clubhouse. To view the history of these burgees, you can visit an inventoried list broken down into countries and yacht clubs. To see the list, visit the AYC website (info@austinyachtclub.org). Look under "History" and then click on "Club Treasures". Thanks to all of the people who have contributed to this display.

Scoring Committee Report

by Barry Thornton, Scoring Committee Coordinator

In our last report we began to discuss the changes occurring in our scoring process. In this report we would like to cover a couple of updates.

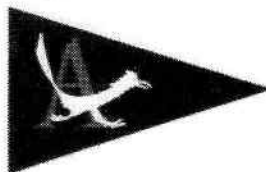
1 – As of this month we have removed about half the boat data listed in the Scoring Data Base. This intent of this operation was to free the almost-filled computer database and thus prevent the system from ultimately crashing. It is thought unfortunate, and inevitable, that some mistakes must have been made. If this is accurate then we dropped someone. If you race and don't find yourself scored then this is the most probable reason for the error. Please contact me immediately at bthornton@clearcube.com or at 266.3810 for repair of the situation.

2 – There is a second reason you might not be scored. In cleaning the database we have found the following individuals do not have current PHRF Certificates. If you are on this list you must contact the PRHF Committee and get the certificate up to date so that they can inform scoring (you must go through PHRF, not Scoring - it is your responsibility – no one else's). As of the end of the Summer Series we will drop these boats from the Scoring database and you will not be scored on any subsequent races unless the Certificate is brought up to date.

Owner Name	Sail#	Boat Name
Alexander	204	Windrose 25
Barrett	689	Quicksilver
Ceraldi	21M	Crazy Horse
Clark, K	325	J/22
Cordelle	665	J/22
Cunningham	74	Ranger 23
Eskridge	469	Twister
Gardiner	167	Impulse 21
Gay	15723	Ranger 29
Griggs	126	Ultimate 20
Gallant	72	Kindred Spirit
Hawn	20	Sweet Agony
Howard	13	Catitude
Judson	619	J/22
Lewis	159S	Vitamin Sea
Maddalozza	1927	Capri 25
Payne	1326	Somewhere in Time
Pettit	615	Thumper
Robinson	12920	Cat 22
Rochard	178	Coyote
Rodriguez	649	Hunter 25
Soefje	350	Columbia 8.7
Starr	309	S2 7.3
Trafton	2527	Catalina 25
Vaughan	42	Hobie 33
Wilcox	627	Race Frog
Wesson	117F	Arargood'n
Whitley	240	Swept Away
Wilheim	255	Love Tub
Young	186	Avalanche

3 – The issue of numbers on sails has come up again. The rule is quite simple. No number – no score. One additional thought, the number must be a simple whole number, no fractions or decimals; our computer will not handle these.

4 – Scoring Committee is reviewing the idea of creating a software package to consolidate all the aspects of Registration and Scoring for AYC. Your comments and participation in this process is encouraged and most welcome. At the end of June an initial outline will be posted on the AYC website for your inspection and a series of subsequent meeting are planned after that posting to develop the system requirements and resulting flow diagrams. Stay tuned.



Notice of Regatta Austin Yacht Club Centerboard Regatta

July 7 & 8, 2001

You are invited to race in the 2001 Centerboard Regatta hosted by the Austin Yacht Club on beautiful Lake Travis in Austin, Texas. This is a two-day regatta for centerboard boats only.

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 (SIs). The SIs will be available during Registration and Check-in July 6 and 7 at the Austin Yacht Club. The courses will be shown in the SIs. The regatta will be a Category A event as defined in the RRS.

Eligibility & Entry: The regatta is open to all monohull centerboard boats and beach catamarans. Completing the Registration Form associated with this Notice may enter eligible boats. Three (3) boats will constitute a class and separate junior classes will be formed for 5 or more skippers under 16. Entered boats will be grouped into various one-design and Portsmouth classes.

Registration: Complete the associated Registration Form and return it with the specified fees to:

Austin Yacht Club
5906 Beacon Drive
Austin, TX 78734-1499

E-mail registrations to ayc@austinyachtclub.org

FAX Registration to 512.266.9804

For Information call 512.266.1336

Pre-registration will be accepted until 1700hrs on Saturday, June 30. The Registration form may be FAXed, mailed, or e-mailed to the AYC office. See the AYC website at www.austinyachtclub.org for the e-mail version.

Prizes: Prizes will be awarded to Helmsman and Crew as follows:

1 – 3 boats	1 Trophy
4 – 5 boats	2 Trophies
5+	For each additional 5 boats 1 trophy will be added

Scoring: Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the RRS will apply, except where modified and noted in the SIs. There will be no Throw Outs. Boats without numbers on the mainsail, and the same number on the spinnaker if used, will not be scored.

Race Format: Races will be run on 'round-the-buoys' courses. It is the intention of the Race Committee to run 6 races (4 on Saturday, 2 on Sunday). Beach Cats may sail fewer but longer races around AYC Permanent Marks at the option of the RC.

Facilities: Shower and bathroom facilities available. Limited cabin rentals and camping spaces are available through the AYC Office at 512.266.1336.

Restrictions: No pets or fireworks.

Schedule of Events:

Friday, July 6, 2001

1800-2100 hrs – Registration and check-in with free refreshments & snacks.

Saturday, July 7, 2001:

0800 – 1000 hrs Registration and Complimentary Brunch

1130 hrs – Skipper's Meeting

1230 hr – Warning Signal

1830 hr – Dinner at Club House

Sunday, July 8, 2000:

0800 – 1030 hrs Complementary breakfast

1030 hrs – Warning Signal

No starts after 1400 hrs

Snacks and awards to follow

Road Warriors

by Phil Spletter



Gas prices be damned! AYC's road warriors are pressing on...

This month the Sunfish fleet will be heading to HYC for the Southwest Regionals on June 16 and 17. As this is being written, the J/80 team on Kicks are in Newport, RI for the J/80 World Championships and the UT Sailing has teams at the US National Collegiate Women's, Team and Dinghy Championships. We'll be looking for complete reports when they get back.

The J/24 fleet, which just got back from their North American Championships, barely has enough time to do laundry and gas up before heading to the Corpus Christi circuit stop June 23 and 24. David and Gail Bernstein joined Russell and ML Painton on the RC at the J/24 NAs.

On the last weekend of this month AYC J/80 fleet will host a circuit stop and several Ensign crews are going to their regional championships among the snowcapped peaks and challenging conditions at Lake Dillon, CO.

Leave FIDO at home!

We all love our pets — but they are not welcome on the grounds at AYC. Please leave them at home.

Pets are not allowed on the AYC grounds (page 25 of the 2001 Handbook) and violators may incur a fine for each violation.

Adult Learn To Sail

by Claude Welles

The first session of the adult learn to sail program offered by the club this year was completed on June 9. We had eight students participating in the class, and numerous volunteer club members who served as coaches. Many thanks to those who volunteered their Saturdays to help out. The three-day format being used this year seems to provide a more relaxed learning atmosphere, and there is more time for practice as well. There is also less dependence on being lucky with the weather, which is good since we were blown off the lake for much of the first day! Several AYC members have requested that we offer another class, and so, if there is demand enough (at least 6 enrollees, up to a maximum of ten) a second session will be given in mid August. If any members have friends or acquaintances that have expressed an interest in learning to sail, please contact Claude Welles at cawelles@aol.com for details.



2001 AYC Centerboard Regatta
Registration Form

Registrant Data:

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone () _____ h () _____ w email: _____
Boat type and length _____ #of crew (plus skipper) _____
Sail # _____ Boat Name _____ Spin () Non-spin () Portsmouth ()
Club affiliation _____ Number on crew (plus skipper) _____

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Registration:

	Quantity	Amount	Total
Centerboard or Catamaran Boat	<u>1</u>	\$30.00	\$ <u>30.00</u>
Late Registration			
(after 1700 hrs June 30, 2001)	<u> </u>	\$ 5.00	\$ <u> </u>
US Sailing Discount (Mem #) <u> </u>		\$5.00	\$ <u> </u>

Total Registration Fee:

\$

Meals: (Total meals, if you are filling out more than one Registration form then list all the meals and shirts on only one of the forms)

Number of Fillet _____ Fish(Tuna) _____ Chicken _____
Saturday Dinner (total above) _____ X \$7.00 = \$

Cool T-Shirts @ \$10.00: Total T-Shirts (see left) _____ X \$10.00 = \$

#M _____ #L _____ Total Meals & Shirts: \$

#XL _____ #XXL _____ Tax (Meals & Shirts) 6.25%: \$

#SM _____

Total Fees:

\$

AYC Number:

Return to: **AYC * 5906 Beacon Drive * Austin, TX 78734**
Or email Register at **www.austinyachtclub.org**

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: _____

May was another busy month for the J/24 Fleet starting off with a great RC Duty on May 6th where we had twice as many people show up as we needed, good show everyone! We had the race area well covered with fleet members pack-



ing the RC boats as well as jumping on several other boats in both PHRF and one design fleets. We had several newer folks come out to tune their RC skills and after the RC boats came in we had a great sandwich and international beer smorgasbord to enjoy. Thanks go out to Robbie Nelson for her pre-RC planning and Leon Lance (our one and only Fleet Captain) for his running around shoreside getting everything ready!

The following weekend we had 5 AYC boats travel to Rush Creek Yacht Club for our J/24 Southwest Regional Championships. The mr. happy team posted a 2,2,1 to win the shortened event (no wind on Sunday) that saw 29 J/24s compete from several states representing at least 8 different yacht clubs. Bob Harden, as the winning driver, qualified for the 2002 J/24 World Championship in Kingston, Canada. Roger Harden's Running on Empty band was 4th, Dave Broadway's Superman team beat out the Jail-Break crew of Dave Wahlberg's on a tie breaker for 11th and Trojan Horse rounded out the Austin contingent with a guest crew headed up by Doug Anderson at 19th. And of course the J/24 Fleet also made a good showing at the same time in the AYC series race on Sunday with several boats.

And things just kept rolling the following weekend with 10+ boats coming out for that week's AYC Series race. Afterwards the fleet enjoyed a full spread gourmet hamburger cook-out under the clubhouse, again complimented by a large bottled beer selection (I am beginning to see a pattern here....). As the party got into full swing, Leon gave the Fleet a tour of the new picnic area he and others have been working on for a new J/24 (and anyone else who dares to join us!) post race party area under the trees near the North ramp. Leon got a big "carte blanc" from the attendees to take with him to the AYC Board meeting the following Thursday where final approval was discussed as part of the Buildings and Grounds Commander's Report. I am excited to report that the approval was granted and that final plans are now being made...more on that later.

While some of the fleet took Memorial Day weekend off, 4 boats (JailBreak, Yikes!, Running on Empty & mr. happy) were making final plans to go to the J/24 North American Championships at Houston YC (a mere 4 hours away for a change!) the following week. They joined the 34 boat fleet that had representatives from Japan, Mexico, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Colorado, Oklahoma, and of course Texas for some of the most varied and exciting J/24



Championship racing seen in years. Between waiting out a lightning storm on the hook in the bay, sailing in a 0-3 drifter, dealing with shifty thunderstorm bending breezes and surfing in the more traditional seabreezes, the fleet saw it all in the 3 days

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of racing. And off the water there was still plenty of action courtesy of Sam Adams, Banks Sails, North Sails and Mount Gay Rum with the peak being the Friday Reggae Party that would not end...I think this is the first J/24 Regatta party I have been to where ALL the racers stayed all night and we were still out numbered by the shoreside crowd! When the band was supposed to end around 11pm, the hat was passed around and the band was paid to play 2 more hours! Check the scores and pictures on www.j24na.com to see what you missed and who survived the party to race well the final day. The mr. happy team did well to beat back all but the North Sails "pro" team to



take second overall in VERY tight racing, as evidenced by the

multiple ties in the final scores and the 41 points in 7 races the leader had (do the math, an average of almost 6th place won it!).

And now June is upon us which promises us more great racing opportunities even if the Summer Series is over with Turnback just around the corner (let's make a J/24 one design fleet this year!) and a great surfin' safari circuit stop in Corpus Christi the following week. But we will also have a new wrinkle for a Fleet event; a post beer can race party on June 29th. Look for additional e-mails and a US Mail flyer to go out to those who have paid their Fleet dues (hint, hint) on this but the general plan is to christen our new J/24 party area mentioned earlier in some very special ways (who is bringing the gasoline for the blender!)....and after that don't forget to start marking your calendar for the Summer Evening Series as it kicks-off in July as part of our Fleet Championship scoring.



Regards, Eric

AYC J/24 Fleet Reporter

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Sunfish Fleet News

by Paul Jensen

Racing for the first month of the season has been great. Several evenings we have had over 20 boats on the line, with a high level of competition. While the strongest racers have continued to do well, good finishes have been achieved by many of the sailors.

In addition to great racing, the after-race get togethers have been well attended. In particular, the Pot Luck supper, organized by Bruce Foster, was a great success.

Finally, the fleet has at least three new sailors--Joe Horn, Mike Rohrer and Bryan Anderson. Be sure and welcome them. See you sailing. Paul

Catalina 22s Sail Into the Summer

by Jon Fitch

The first set of races of the Summer Series began on May 6th with three new skippers on the line . . . Tom Cox on Sail # 15392, Neil Jones on Sail # 11929, and Curtis Reddehase on Sail # 8838. Tom Cox made a good showing in the first race by taking a 3rd. And, Curtis Reddehase turned in a very respectable 3rd in the second race. Wade Bingaman and Jim Johnstone were also on the line.

On Saturday May 12th, the C22's were well represented at the annual AYC Luau. In case you missed it, the roasted pig was so tender and juicy it melted in your mouth. And, the steel drum music and dance band were good too! We had



New skipper Tom Cox and crew.

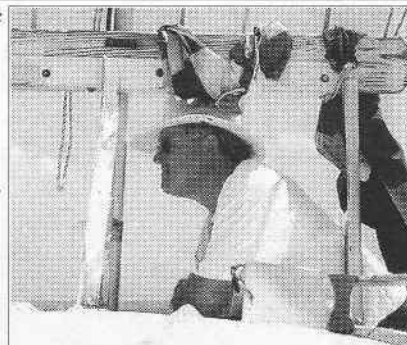
Wade & Kathy Bingaman, Roy and Sue Ann Crouse, Neil and Dana Jones, Gary Payne, Larry Hill and Becky Waddell, Dane Ohe, Pete and Leslie Harper, and Jon Fitch with friend Mary Ann just to name a few. One of the highlights of the Luau was the one-man kayak race . . . Wade Bingaman upheld the honor of the C22 Fleet by taking First Place! Way to go Wade!

For the second set of Summer Series races on May 13th, we had 10 boats on the line. George Robison and Paul Jensen turned in an impressive 2nd place finish in the second race, David Grogono turned a solid pair of 4th place finishes, Roy Crouse turned in a fine 3rd place finish in the first race, and Paul Brandner turned in a respectable 6th place in the second race.

For the first time of the 2001 Racing Season, the Catalina 22's did Race Committee (May 20th). We had Roy Crouse and Tyler Johnstone on #2 the leeward chase, Wade Bingaman, Omar Zia, and Michael Bussey on the #3

weather chase boat, and Jim Johnstone, Paul Brandner, Neil Jones, Jon Fitch, and Art Bussey were running the main RC boat. Larry Hill and Dane Ohe made themselves available as back-up RC. A number of fleets gave us compliments on the job we did. A big thanks to everyone who came out to help . . . well run race committee is at the foundation of what makes AYC such a great club!

On Saturday night (June 2nd) the club held the first Night Race of the year. The course was a long one . . . down to Therman Bend and back. Paul Jensen was out with crew John Grzinich; Chris Thomas was also out on his C22. After



New skipper Neil Jones sights the line.



Some of the Margaritaville gang. From left to right Roy Crouse, Art Bussey, Michael Bussey, Wade Bingaman, and Ken Whiteside.

hours of racing, Paul and Chris were almost dead even coming back up the lake to the club.

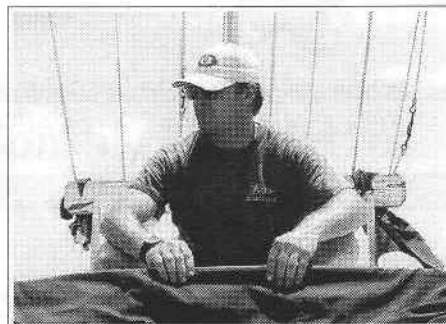
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Our fearless Race Commander, Paul Brandner.

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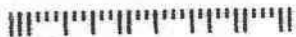


Bonner in big breeze

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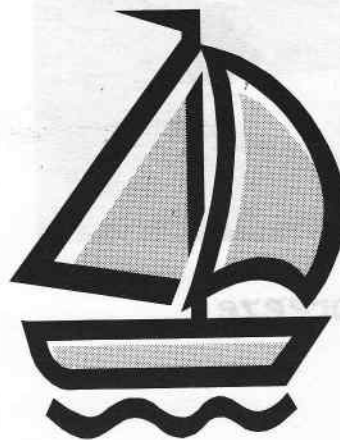
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Christmas Day	25 December

From the Commodore

AYC is a unique and special place because of the people that comprise our membership. We maintain a beautiful, well kept and equipped facility for sailing and sailboat racing at a reasonable cost because of the continued efforts of many members from long before I was a member.

Two of them, Gail Bernstein and Claude Welles have quietly and unselfishly made huge contributions to AYC and the sport of sailing. Both are accomplished sailors that have a long history of service to the club and sailing. Gail recently renewed her credentials as a US Sailing judge and is an active judge and RC at AYC events and major regattas around the country. This year, completely on her own, she organized a Basic Race Management Seminar to train and educate race officers at AYC.

For the past several years Claude has been deeply involved in sail trailing. This year he has organized two race

seminars, an adult learn to sail class and works almost daily maintaining and upgrading the training fleet. He is also the Laser fleet captain, won the Laser fleet championship last year and is VERY difficult to beat on his Cal 9.2.

Next time you see them, thank them for their so many efforts over so many years.

I am pleased to say that we have been invited to go back to Lago Vista for Turnback next year. At the beginning of this year we were approached by the newly formed Lago Vista Boaters Club. They would like to make the regatta part of a community gala. We have met with them and they are very enthusiastic and plan to host a first class, sailor friendly event. To test the waters, an overnight event (race/cruise) to Lago Vista is being planned for September 29 and 30, 2001. Stay tuned for details as they develop.

See ya on the water,

Phil



Two notes from the Secretary: 1st: The deadline for the July newsletter will be July 13 (summer hours). 2nd: remember to send your TellTale articles to khawk@austin.rr.com. If you send them elsewhere, I may not always receive them. That is what happened to Steve Ehlers's article on page 5. I hope that you will take time to read his thoughtful article about the Spring Regatta.