

# Telltale



September 2001

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

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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

Lots of folks have been sailing and enjoying the club. Turnout for AYC events has been excellent despite hot temperatures or rain. We've been pretty fortunate to have good wind for the most part all year. As you've seen inside these pages all year, we have sailors doing well beyond and way beyond the club level. The club continues to provide an opportunity to enjoy the sport of sailing for so many people in so many ways.

From what I have seen this year, one of the most demanding tasks that the club undertakes is providing sail training. Yet, with a good sail training program, everyone at the club benefits. Between Peanut Butter and Jelly and the sailing camps, we run a very good program for young people. There are training curricula and clinics to allow pretty much anyone between four years of age and high school graduation get to whatever level of sailing they want. Historically, AYC has produced collegiate and world class sailors. All indications are that that tradition will continue. This year there have been more clinics for adults than last year but they fill quickly so there is more demand than we can support.

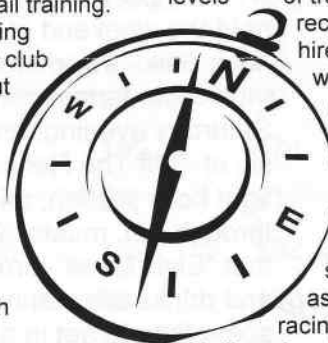
These programs are successful because there are a few people who work very hard to make them happen. This year Tim McKenna has done an outstanding job as Sail Training Commander but he has had good help. I've mentioned Claude Welles before. Over the years, Joanne Welles and Doug Kern have also given tremendous amounts of time and energy. Steve Gay has been a tireless promoter of

High School sailing. Joanne Weberlien (now Koliuz) has been a mentor, coach and catalyst for youth sailing for many years. There are many others and I thank them all. However, it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain these programs much less grow and improve them - especially the adult programs. People's time is getting scarcer and year-to-year continuity is difficult.

At the beginning of this year, the sail training committee undertook the task of making a long-term roadmap for all levels of training. One of the recommendations was to hire a Sailing Director that would be responsible for developing and maintaining the programs and facilities for sail training to children and adults. They might also have some responsibilities associated with the series racing and regattas as well.

Unlike other staff positions, the person would bring experience and understanding of the sport, its traditions and rules, similar to a club professional at a tennis or golf club. Please take some time to think about this and let myself or another board member know your thoughts. Think about it as you are nominating people for next year's board.

Please be sure to meet Kimberlie Woollard, our new office manager and Martin Hamm, our new groundskeeper. Kimberlie brings considerable experience from managing car dealerships. Martin spent the summer as a lifeguard at the YMCA so he's a natural around water. They are both great people so be sure to meet them if you haven't already.



# AYC Calendar

Sept. 25	Computer Data Meeting
Sept. 26	Laser/Sunfish Series
Sept. 28	Beer Can Series
Sept. 29	KHF Singlehanded Race Lago Vista Invitational Cruising Race
Sept. 30	Championship Backup
October 5	Redneck Sailor Swap Meet
Oct. 6	Governor's Cup RedNeck Sailor Swap Meet
Oct. 7	Governor's Cup
Oct. 14	Winter Series 1
Oct 21	Winter Series 2
Oct. 28	Winter Series 3

## *Congratulations to our two AYC women's teams!*

Skipper Barbara Hawn, along with crew Linda McDavitt, Martha St. Romain, and Carolyn Wilsford took first place at the Adams Cup Area F Championship. Skipper Claudia Bartlett, and crew Bonnie Lackey, Gretchen Hanover, and Dianne Bartlett took second place at the same event.



AYC is now accepting registrations for Governor's Cup Regatta, which will be held the weekend of October 6-7, 2001. Included in the festivities will be a Redneck Sailor swap meet on Friday and Saturday evening October 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. Live musical entertainment on Friday evening will be provided by Mark Dearden. Saturday evening, enjoy all-U-can eat barbeque and listen and dance to the music of "Off The Record". A band that is known for its outstanding harmonies, tight horn section, and for getting folks involved in reliving the great oldies through fun, music, dancing and having a great time. You might even discover that "Elvis Lives" through their fantastic impersonator. Plenty of food, munchies and drinks are planned for all participants. It is possible, also, that there will be some time to get in a few sailboat races.

You won't find a better deal anywhere for Fun, Food, Competitive Sailing & Fellowship. Get your registration in early by mail or register online at [www.austinyachtclub.org](http://www.austinyachtclub.org).

## Where Are They Now...by Steve Gay

Westwood High School and Cedar Park High School (some of whom are AYC juniors) have there first joint practice scheduled for Sunday Sep 9th. We expect 8 to 16 kids and 7 boats.

Westwood Sailing Team kids have gone to College and now sail for College of Charleston, Naval Academy, Texas A&M, and A&M Galveston. This weekend Lauren Foster is at Old Dominion Univ. sailing Laser Radial after making the Varsity Team last week (John Bowden, Lake Travis HS is in his 2nd season at C of C). Stephen Gay is also at ODU this weekend sailing FJ's for Navy (he is the "B" boat skipper). Navy (ranked 11th) is currently 2nd behind Georgetown (ranked #2) and ahead of St. Mary (ranked 6th) and ODU (ranked 9th). 14 Teams are competing for the "Riley Cup" in the FJ's and 19 (Women Only) are sailing Laser Radials. Ali Sharp from Houston leads the girls and Corrie Clements from New Orleans ( won the previous two years ) is in 6th.

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# PHRF Rating Committee Report - 3Q-2001

John Mandell

## Review of Ranger FUN 23:

During the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, the handicap committee held an open review, followed by a closed meeting to evaluate the rating of the Ranger FUN 23 on Lake Travis. The results are that the rating has been changed to 180 from 174. This change becomes effective on October 1, 2001.

## New rating certificates:

Below is a list of new certificates that have been given ratings effective immediately.

Name	Boat Type	Boat Name	Sail No	PHRF	Status
Jeff Kitterman	Carrera 290	As-If	2915	87	Provisional
Bill Bohls	Beneteau 310	Wind Maker	7	147	Provisional
Jerry Parlee	Gulf Coast 20 Modified	Little Green	20	219	Provisional
Tim McKenna	Victoria 18	Julie Ann II	1	306	Provisional
Robert Gallant	Pearson 26 OD	Kindred Spirit	72	210	Assigned
Vic Manning	Southcoast 21	Coasting Along	169	252	Assigned
Steven Starr	S2 7.3		309	234	Assigned
Kurt Carson	Ranger 29	Danger Ranger	15723	183	Assigned
Steve Wesson	Corsair F24 MK1	Amagoodn	117	90	Assigned
Mike McGagh	Olson 30	Wild Rover	77496	99	Assigned
Paul Ballett	Sonar 23		199	174	Assigned
Chris Block	J80 OD	Sting	67	117	Assigned
David Lewis	San Juan 7.7	Vitamin Sea	159	192	Assigned
Steve Drake	Ulimite 20		96	150	Assigned
Jim & Tracey Henson	Hobie 33	Red	42	90	Assigned
Missy Gallant	Santana 20		7	222	Assigned
Mike Parker	Merit 22		141	213	Assigned
Glenn Reinke	Pearson 26	Dare to Dream	237	210	Assigned
Gary Payne	Catalina 30 T		1326	195	Assigned

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 Fourth Quarter 2001 must be received in the AYC office no later than October 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.

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## **The Governor's Cup Regatta**

### **Redneck Sailor Swap Meet**

**When:** Friday, October 5, 2001 - 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.  
Saturday, October 6, 2001 - 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

**Where:** Patio of AYC Clubhouse

**What:** Bring your extra boat parts, accessories and equipment that's been cluttering up your house and garage. Sell and/or Swap for that hard to find part that's been sitting in someone's garage gathering dust!

## Centerboard Handicap

Or

## Are We in a Drought?

by John Bartlett

It seems like I had forgotten the Race Committee duties of the Centerboard Handicap fleet. You know; the Centerboard fleet I am talking about is the 2 or 3 boats that appear sporadically at series races throughout the year.

Even I had forgotten about the Centerboard sailors, the same way you sometimes forget to mow the lawn, when the summer heat is bearing down and stops the grass from growing.

(JB Horticulture Report) I am sure that once the grass starts growing again, we will all be aware of our responsibilities of mowing and edging to make the lawn look great again. But until this happens, we might want to re-evaluate our responsibility to watering grasses that have no potential to grow or that can't survive the heat.

You know when they say the grass is always greener on the other side? It's not always true.

Our AYC Club has all the components of a great lawn. So take off your shoes and walk through all the different kinds of grasses until you find the grass that feels the best between your toes. Then water it; it's that simple. OK!

Now a special thanks to the AYC volunteers for picking up the slack for Race Committee duties for the Centerboard Handicap fleet.

Thanks again.

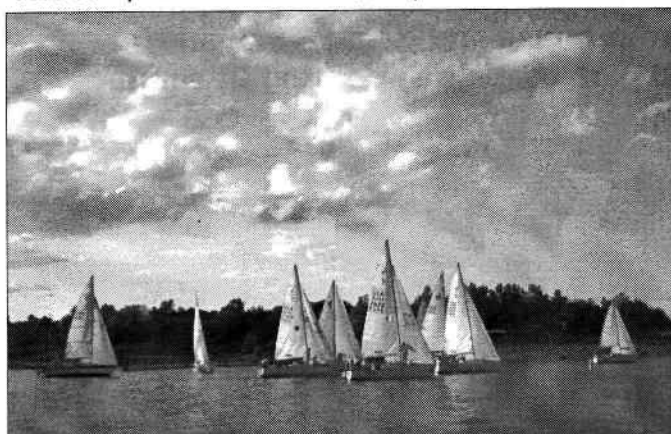
- John Bartlett (Amateur Horticulturist)



# J/24 Fleet News

by Eric Nelson

The J/24 Fleet Championship scoring tie was broken at the most recent Night (err Evening) Race. Dave Broadway and a team of J/24 regulars (Spencer Williams, Eric Nelson, Nick Mason and Jay Sacco) not only was first among the 4 J/24s that competed in the event, Superman took line



J/24s Drift to the Start of Night Race 2

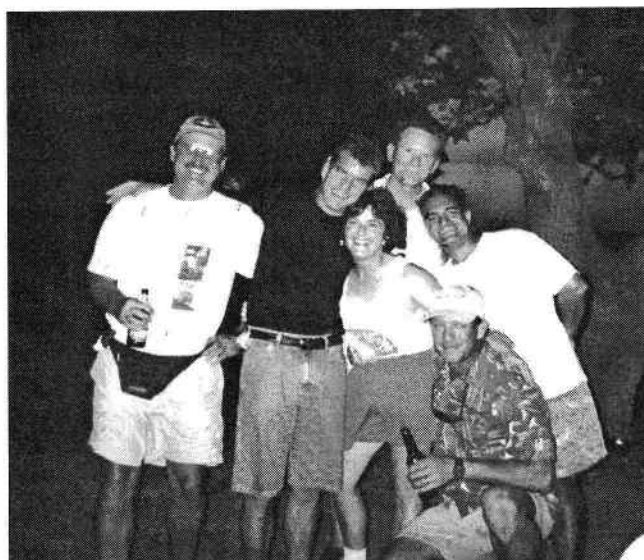
honors as well! Greg Buck's Yikes! team got off to a great start but ended up overstanding on the first beat to I mark when a thunderstorm collapsed and shifted the wind out of the East. The wind held, making the short I Mark and back course a reach fest and eliminating any tactical opportunities to catch Superman. Dave Gamble's OOH AAH! and Allyn Johnson's Ray Ban rounded out the J/24s competing in the event. Once again it was shown that if you show up, more often than not, things work out well; even though all day before the Night Race it rained and there was no wind, when the race actually started we had enough breeze for the wise RC to set a course that kept the race fun and from turning into a grinding all night drifter. In addition to getting in a fun race, the "breakfast" party afterwards had some great food and was well attended by the crews of the 18 or so boats that came out.

Now that the Fleet Championship scoring is complete for 2001, let's all congratulate Dave on defending his 2000 AYC J/24 Fleet Championship title! Below are the complete and final scores:

Superman	5	1	2	1	2	1	4	3	2	1	22
Yikes!	2	2	4	2	1	2	6	1	1	2	23

Running on Empty	3	7	7	7	7	3	2	2	6	5	49
Ohh Ahh!	11	7	7	5	4	5	3	6	3	3	54
Aeolian	6	7	7	3	3	9	9	4	4	5	56
mr. Happy	1	7	7	7	7	9	9	7	7	5	57
Double Trouble	12	3	1	7	7	8	1	7	7	5	58
Out of Control	12	6	5	4	5	7	5	5	5	5	59
Rag Tag	9	4	3	7	7	9	9	7	7	5	67
JailBreak	4	7	7	7	7	9	9	7	7	5	69
Three Sheets...	8	7	7	7	7	6	8	7	7	5	69
E/W/M/N	12	7	7	7	7	4	7	7	7	5	70
Ray Ban	7	7	7	7	7	9	9	7	7	4	71
Follow Me	12	5	6	6	6	9	9	7	7	5	72
Trojan Horse	10	7	7	7	7	9	9	7	7	5	75

The final AYC Series for 2001, the Winter Series, will be gearing up starting October 14th. This Series signals the return to Sunday afternoon racing, cooler weather and cold front driven winds. To properly kick off this series, the Fleet will be hosting a Pirate Cruise following by dinner the Saturday before. Mark your calendar's now and plan on coming out for the on the water fun (patterned somewhat after the popular "poker run" theme, but with some twists of course!) and the Cajun style whole fried turkeys (a la Greg Buck) afterwards. Look for a US Mail flyer and the usual e-mails with more details in the weeks beforehand.



Making Friends J/24 Style!

And I have a final race calendar reminder for the circuit travelling members in the fleet. The Lake Grapevine stop is scheduled for October 20 & 21. This event should be a treat for the circuit regulars in that we have never raced a J/24 Texas Circuit stop at that venue before. As your J/24 District Governor, I have been working with the folks at Grapevine Sailing Club on the event some and they are really pulling out all the stops! Of course check the USJCA District 14 web site for all the details at <http://home.austin.rr.com/j24district14/>.

With the great racing our fleet members participate in locally, regionally, Nationally and just recently overseas (see our Commodore's Road Warrior article) plus our great social events we have all year, significant "life events" outside of sailing of course still take place. And there are several that I feel need to be recognized by the fleet; Tanya and Leon Lance where recently married, Dave Wahlberg and Sally Leonard are closing in on their date to do the same and it was recently announced that Angie and Greg Buck are expecting a baby. Good Luck to each couple from the Fleet!

Regards, Eric

## Vice Commodore Report

by Vic Manning

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Night Race was another successfully completed Regatta. Some 18 boats participated in two divisions, Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker. Unfortunately, the winds did not cooperate and the race was shortened to an around the buoy event. At least there were plenty of drinks and food for the competitors.

Spinnaker		Non-Spinnaker	
Dave Broadway	J-24	David Speed	SC-21
John Mandell	11 Meter	Imre Szekelyhidi	J-29
Jim Henson	Hobie 33	Steve Ehlers	Catalina 30
Scott Walsh	Lindberg 28	Paul Jensen	Catalina 22
Greg Buck	J-24	Chris Thomas	Catalina 22
John Bartlett	Prindle 15	Bob Gallant	Pearson 26OD
Allyn Johnson	J-24		
Rick Pettit	J-22		
David Gamble	J-24		
David Lewis	San Juan 7.7		
Steve Gay	Pearson Triton		
Patrick Reynolds	J-30		

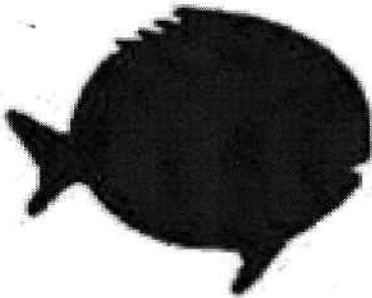
Up-coming is the AYC Team Championship Sep 16<sup>th</sup>, AYC Single Handed Championship, Sep 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Lago Vista Invitational Cruise, Sep 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, followed by the Governor's Cup Oct 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>.

On another bit of racing information; next time you're at the club, check the score board and look at the comparison scores that Barry Thornton is putting up next to the race results. Barry has written a new scoring program that he wishes to implement to replace our current program. He is doing comparative scoring, as a trial to see how the membership likes the format. Any comments would be appreciated. There will be an open meeting on Tuesday Sep 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M. in the Club House to discuss changes to the scoring program, data base files and processing data with respect to the various committees serving the AYC membership.



# Sunfish Fleet News

by Paul Jensen



Wednesday evenings have been good this year. With one more month of racing it's time to check our standings and get set for a strong finish. Kevin Reynolds has been doing an outstanding job of score keeping, so it's easy to see where we stand.

The official standings based on the third Wednesday races is shown below. This includes only the sailors who missed six or fewer third Wednesdays, and thus had enough throwouts to cover the misses. As can be seen John Bartlett is in first place, closely followed by Kevin. Bonner Cordelle, Larry Hill and Debra

Phillips are still in the hunt too. Several strong sailors who compete with the best have been eliminated from this group by missing too many third Wednesday races.

In an attempt to give a more comprehensive picture of the fleet, the table to the right lists all the participants, the number of races sailed in each month and the average finish for the month. At the right side of the table the overall May-August information is presented. There are quite a few folks with over 60 races, and also many with good average finishes. The level of competition is strong, with quite a few folks able to take home a bullet with a few good shifts.

Overall it has been a good year with good participation. With a total of 88 races run so far this year, there have been 1,092 individual races finished. The average number of boats per race in each month (at the bottom of the table) has been strong all season. There was a drop in August due to a few nights with unsettled weather, but we should turn that around in September.

Congratulations to all for a great season.

	May					16					Jun					20					Jul					18					Aug					15					Se					19					Avg.
Sail #Sailor	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5																				
	RACE	W1	G	W2	T2	T2	T	T	G	W2	T	W	G	T	T2	T3	W	T	G	W	W	T																													
18Joe Horn	13	23	22	19					9	17	8		6	19	16	18	15		12	11	10	7											14.1																		
77Bonner Cordelle	8	3	8	7	7	3			17	13	9	7	12	6	12	7	9		8	8	12	6	8										8.5																		
37340John Bartlett									5	1	5	1	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1											1.7																		
77083Vicky Stones							6		7	13	6	15	10	13	14	21	16	14		11	8	13	10										11.8																		
77142Larry Hill	5	8	11	10	6				8	6	11	12	9	7	17	11	13	12		10	7	9	7	5									9.2																		
77752Debra Phillips	15	20	18						6	8	14	11	3	8	15	9	17	10		3	6	5	11	4									10.2																		
78562Ben Ryan		21	17		9	5			12	16	18	16	15	14	20	17	19	16		9	13	13	12	11									14.4																		
87427Kevin Reynolds	3	2	3	1	3	4			2	3	4	2	6	2	8	2	3	4		6	2	2	2	2									3.1																		

Sail #	NAME	MAY		JUNE		JULY		AUG		Total Races	Weighted
		#	Avg.	#	Avg.	#	Avg.	#	Avg.		Average Finish
1	John Greening	20	4.2	4	4.0	6	3.3	9	2.4	39	3.6
18	Joe Horn	19	15.4	7	10.7	11	13.5	9	10.7	46	13.3
77	Bonner Cordelle	20	6.4	15	6.1	13	8.6	18	6.1	66	6.7
104	Richard Hlista	6	15.2	1	15.0					7	15.1
662	Paul Brandner	15	12.8	10	11.4	16	12.0			41	12.1
1042	Bill Gerloff	7	6.4	1	11.0					8	7.0
3018	Vic Manning	13	5.1	3	7.0	4	7.5	6	7.2	26	6.2
3047	Pat Manning	15	11.5	6	6.0	8	9.1			29	9.7
8020	Dennis Mills	3	10.0	2	10.0	2	8.0	2	12.5	9	10.1
37340	John Bartlett					5	1.4	14	1.1	19	1.2
59168	Tom Presswood	3	4.7			11	5.9			14	5.6
60884j	Jerry Parlee			7	3.6			15	4.5	22	4.2
71109	Andy Hemple	15	11.3	8	10.1	8	9.3	19	6.4	50	8.9
76599	Jo Ann Kolijs	6	1.3							6	1.3
76797						2	17.5	5	12.8	7	14.1
76907	Cynthia Casto	5	14.4	4	9.0					9	12.0
77083	Vicky Stones	21	8.7	15	9.9	16	10.2	16	9.2	68	9.4
77142	Tom Boren	24	5.9	17	7.4	10	8.9	18	6.4	69	6.8
77279	Paul Jensen	24	10.8	12	9.6	6	7.7	20	8.4	62	9.5
77285	Dave Hilfer	2	8.0	14	4.0	15	2.5	12	3.3	43	3.5
77320	Cindy Waite	10	11.8	5	9.8	9	9.6	4	6.8	28	10.0
77463	Dane Ohe	3	11.7	2	6.5					5	9.6
77719		5	3.6	12	7.0					17	6.0
77752	Debra Phillips	16	9.1	13	8.9	11	8.6	23	6.6	63	8.1
77820	Steve Gay	7	5.4	6	7.2	8	6.5	8	8.4	29	6.9
77924	Phil Spletter	11	7.5	8	6.0	5	8.6			24	7.2
77954	Tim McKena	5	11.4	3	10.0					8	10.9
78045	Ted Owens	15	4.5	16	5.7	5	6.6	19	6.4	55	5.7
78562	Ben Ryan	21	12.4	11	13.2	9	15.3	14	8.9	55	12.1
78564	Dennis Tye	17	6.4	9	8.4	16	7.2	5	7.2	47	7.1
84771	Tom Boren	7	14.6							7	14.6
87427	Kevin Reynolds	21	2.5	11	4.7	11	2.6	26	2.5	69	2.9
87816	Deke Dekeyser	10	9.3			3	7.0			13	8.8
88171	Barbra Hawn	11	10.1			9	7.4	2	8.5	22	8.9
88842	Bruce Foster	5	6.4	2	9.5	3	15.3			10	9.7
Total Races										1092	
Average No. Boats in races		15.2		13.1		14.6		11.8			

The Hudson Bend Colony Neighborhood Association called a meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 4th, regarding the development plans for the Hudson Harbor Condominiums located on Lakeshore Drive toward the end of Hudson Bend Road and across Pool Canyon from the yacht club. The gentleman who purchased the 10.61 acres which includes the current Taylor House and pool behind Lake Travis Marina is Steve Morse (former NFL player for Pittsburgh). He gave a very candid, straight-forward presentation of exactly what he has planned for the property.

Apparently, other owners of this property had planned a variety of developments that never went through. One owner had wanted to put in a much larger condo project than Mr. Morse's plan, but the economy at that time prevented such development. Mr. Morse purchased the property in January 2000 at the height of our real estate boom and paid top dollar for the property. He has since worked on an 18-month study to determine what he can put there that will be within the current rules and law for development and still make him some money. He is very determined not to ask the city, LCRA or the county for any building variances. Everything he has proposed fits within the current regulations for the property. He pointed out that when a developer asks for variances, he must then subject himself to neighborhood scrutiny and plenty of red tape. His goal has been to avoid upsetting the neighbors.

Current regulations allow him only 20% impervious coverage of the property. This limits his building footprint to about 9% coverage. Since he can't spread his building out, he must go up. Therefore, the project will be about 5-6 stories tall. It is a modernly-designed condominium unit with first-story parking. Each unit will be approximately 5000-6000 square feet and will sell for approximately \$350,000 to \$2,000,000. There will be a total of about 53 units in the building. It has not yet been decided whether or not the unit will include the current Taylor House restaurant. Landscaping will include a wrought-iron type fence and grass. There will be a caretaker's cottage on the grounds as well. The plan also includes a state-of-the-art, fully underground septic system that will be built out of the flood plain. Mr. Morse is not a big fan of city lights and has assured homeowners that lighting will meet building guidelines but be as minimal as possible. He must also comply with any specifications outlined by the local fire department. At this time, Mr. Morse has not applied for a marina permit and doubts that he will in the future.

Mr. Morse plans to sell off every unit and the collective owners of the units will be members of an owner's association which will most likely hire a management company to maintain their commons area. It is possible that this collective group could apply for a marina permit in the future or make changes to the property. Addressing neighborhood concerns, Mr. Morse agreed to help make sure the money he must pay to the county does go toward a neighborhood park as promised by the county. He also agreed to a regular septic maintenance plan to assure that his system remains fully functional. He promised that no construction would begin without full funding, meaning there will never be a partially-completed building. He expects the project to cost \$20,000,000 to build and to take approximately 12-18 months to complete.

Neighbors were also concerned about added traffic in Hudson Bend, and Mr. Morse did say that he was required to give up 5-10 feet of his land along the roadway to the county for possible future widening. He is not obligated to participate in any other road or traffic concerns. Travis County did have a representative at the meeting who said that no Hudson Bend Road improvements were planned. Incidentally, she was asked if the county would be repairing the damage to Hudson Bend Road between Bartlett Sails and 620, and she said that, no it would not be repaired!

The Hudson Harbor development plan will most likely not have much effect on Austin Yacht Club members. I would suggest that members continue to keep track of the project, though, because a few issues may be of concern. First of all, we should join the neighborhood associations in petitioning Travis County to address road maintenance and traffic in Hudson Bend. We should also continue our participation in LCRA meetings that address limitation of marina development along the shores of Lake Travis. As far as the actual development, it is possible that the lighting and the building itself will be an aesthetic distraction on Lake Travis. I, for one, am not looking forward to sailing by another "Alcatraz" type condominium development. If Mr. Morse is true to his word, we should not have to look at this type of dense development, and we should not have to endure excess lighting. If you are opposed to any "high rise" going in along the Lake Travis shore, it will be hard to stop this particular development, but you can join with the neighborhood associations to try to get development rules changed. Or, Mr. Morse has said that he is willing to sell the property. You can always call him up with a purchase offer.



# Farewell Larry Hill and Becky Waddell-Hello Andy and Viva Rogers!

by Jon Fitch



New skipper Andy Rogers with crew Nadia on "Trivial Pursuit".

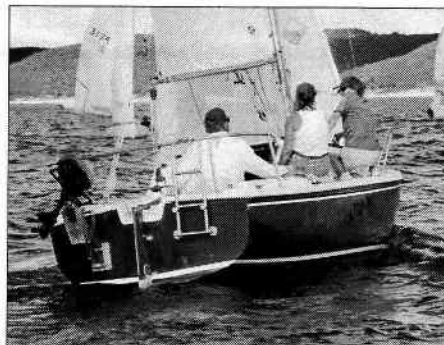
Yes, it is true, Larry and Becky sold Trivial Pursuit. Larry and Becky are making ambitious plans to take a sabbatical from their jobs and see the country. Larry and Becky we wish you safe travels! While we will all miss Larry and Becky, we are lucky to have new fleet members Andy and Viva Rogers. In his first race on Trivial Pursuit, Andy took a 3<sup>rd</sup> and a 6<sup>th</sup> place finish. Larry, why did you have to sell Andy the "go fast secrets" along with the boat? Andy and Viva have a cute baby son named Ryan. Please welcome Andy and Viva to the fleet!

The Summer Evening Series wrapped up with an average of better than 9 boats on the line each evening (17 boats overall). The final standings were: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Dane Ohe on "Kanaloa" with crew David Rehberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Wade Bingaman on "Dry Heave" with crew Kirk Bingaman, Michael Bussey

and Ken Whiteside, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Larry Hill and Becky Waddell on "Trivial Pursuit", 4<sup>th</sup> Place George Robison and Paul Jensen on "Dumbo", and 5<sup>th</sup> Place – Walter Allan on the "Waltz N Kati-B" with crew Alan and Debbie Hawkins. Congratulations to Dane Ohe who came from out of nowhere to take an impressive number of bullets and first place overall. Every series our fleet gives out two perpetual trophies. For the Summer Evening Series the "Most Improved Crew" trophy went to Jeff Raun for outstanding crew work on Lone Star. The "Most Improved Skipper" went to John Grzinich on Bebop. During the series John turned in two impressive finishes, a 2<sup>nd</sup> and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Way to go Jeff and John!



Crew Ken Ayers with George Robison and Paul Jensen on Dumbo.



Steve and Meri Shepardson with friend Elizabeth showing us how to power up the Chili Verde boat.

The Catalina 22 Fleet kicked off the Indian Summer Series by doing race committee. Thanks to the vast on the water experience of the fleet and the leadership of Dane Ohe, the races came off perfectly. On the main RC boat we had Jim Johnstone, David Rehberg, Neil Jones, John Grzinich, and Dane Ohe. On the weather chase boat we had Jeff Raun and Roy Crouse from Lone Star along with George Robison from Dumbo. The leeward chase boat was definitely "a family affair". Pete Harper was on board with his daughter Leah. Ted and Barb Owens were also on board with their daughter Alison. Thanks also to Omar Zia for coming out even though we had a full complement for RC duty. Also, a big thanks to Joann Robison for being there after the races with some nice cold Margaritas!

for the first race and 10-12 mph for the second race of the day. We had Dry Heave with skipper Wade Bingaman and crew Michael Bussey and Ken Whiteside, Dumbo with George Robison, Paul Jensen, and crew Ken Ayers, the Waltz N Kati-B with skipper Walter Allan and crew Kathaleen Allan and Alan Hawkins, Lone Star with skipper Roy Crouse and crew Jeff Raun, the Electrafried boat with Chris Thomas and Chris Thompson, Pandamonium with skipper Jim Johnstone, Mojo with Ted and Barb Owens, Paul Brandner on Sail # 2642, the Chili Verde boat with Steve and Meri Shepardson and crew Elizabeth, and Trivial Pursuit with skipper Andy Rogers and with crew Nadia. After the races, we had another marvelous cookout of burgers

and sausage wraps – a big thanks to Mary Ann for cooking the main course and thanks to Joann Robison for bringing a tasty potato salad and cole slaw. And, Barb Owens brought some Focaccia bread that was out of this world! We had several spouses and "significant others" join us for the cookout including Kathi Jensen, Cathy Bingaman, Viva Rogers, and of course Joann Robison and Mary Ann Joe. Spouses and "significant others" are a very important part of the fleet . . . If you haven't already, please be sure to invite them to our cookouts!

Now that it looks like the rain has broken the summer heat, we should be set to enjoy some of the best sailing of the year. See you at the club! Jon



Walter and Kathaleen Allan and crew Alan Hawkins.

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