

# Telltale



May 2003

Monthly Newsletter

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## Newsletter

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## AYC Business Hours

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

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

Closed Mondays

Closed Club Holidays

New Year's Day	1 January
Easter Sunday	20 April
Independence Day	4 July
Thanksgiving Day	27 November
Shopping Day	28 November
Christmas Day	25 December

## From the Commodore

by David Bernstein

At the April Board of Directors meeting we received great news from the UT Sailing Team. They were selected by the Southeastern Intercollegiate Sailing Association (SEISA), to host the Spring 2005 ICSA North American Championships! They will be held in June 2005 at AYC. SEISA was in rotation to host this event, but UT had to compete with other schools in the Association. Tulane and TAMU were the main competitors, but UT and AYC won by a large majority. There are actually three separate events, back-to-back. The Collegiate Women's Championship, the Collegiate Team Racing Championship, and the Collegiate Dinghy Championship. You'll be hearing much more about this over the next two years as preparations are made. Congratulations UT Sailing Team!

Speaking of Collegiate Sailing, Steve Gay learned recently that former AYC high school sailor, Amber Tull, has qualified for the Nationals this year, representing TAMUG. Congratulations, Amber! Best of luck.

It's been very busy around AYC as far as local racing goes for the last month too. Perhaps the most impressive to me is that a couple of weeks ago we were able to successfully host three significant events on the same weekend - A J24 Circuit Regatta, a Laser Masters Regatta, and UT Naval ROTC picnic/regatta. It took quite a bit of

planning and preparations by a number of people to figure out how to do all three at the same time, but it worked. Special thanks to Steve Ehlers, Phil Spletter, and the rest of the PRC for making sure we had the necessary equipment to do it all at the same time. It's great to have lots of members and guest out enjoying sailing on Lake Travis.

While they didn't have to share weekends, this past month AYC also hosted a spectacular Easter Laser Regatta, with plenty of chocolate and AYC member Eric Faust winning the Area F O'Day title for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. And this weekend just past, the Southwest Regional Sunfish Masters Regatta was a great success.

After all that, you probably think May is going to be light - wrong! How about three series races, a J22 Circuit Regatta and Turnback Canyon? Turnback is looking to be even bigger than last year. Chairman Scott Spurlin is actively recruiting catamarans and kayaks, as well as the keelboats and centerboards. If you don't have your registration in, log on to [www.austinyachtclub.org](http://www.austinyachtclub.org) and register now.

Has your family been meaning to improve its sailing skills this year? We have something coming up for everyone. PB&J starts in

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## AYC Racing Seminar

### Focus On The Downwind Leg

**31 May 2003**

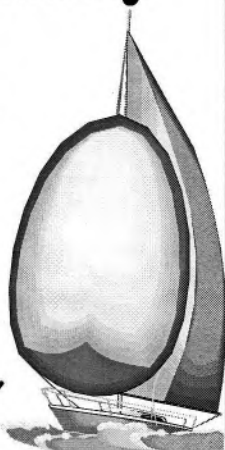
**9:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

**World-famous instructors**

**Bring your own boat or use  
one of ours**

**Half day classroom, half day  
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**Good winds and weather guaranteed  
Or double your money back**



## Memorial Day Party with our New Members Everyone Welcome !!!

Join us for beer and wine  
hot and cold appetizers  
as we socialize  
with existing members  
and welcome our new ones!

Where: AYC Clubhouse

When: Monday, May 26

3:00 – 5:00 pm

For more information,  
please contact Corey Block.



## Summer Series RC Duty Roster

PRC Reps — John Howard/James Wilsford

May

4<sup>th</sup> ..... Race 1 ..... Keel B  
11<sup>th</sup> ..... Race 2 ..... Keel C  
25<sup>th</sup> ..... Race 3 ..... J/24

June

1<sup>st</sup> ..... Race 4 ..... Keel D  
8<sup>th</sup> ..... Race 5 ..... Ensign

## Racing Schedule

May

10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> ..... J/22 Circuit Regatta  
11<sup>th</sup> ..... Summer Series #2  
17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> ..... Turnback Canyon Regatta  
25<sup>th</sup> ..... Summer Series #3

June

1<sup>st</sup> ..... Summer Series #4  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> ..... SC21 Intergalactics  
8<sup>th</sup> ..... Summer Series #5  
14<sup>th</sup> ..... Evening Series #1  
21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> ..... Centerboard Regatta  
28<sup>th</sup> ..... Evening Series #2

July

12<sup>th</sup> ..... Evening Series #3  
19<sup>th</sup> ..... Evening Series #4  
26<sup>th</sup> ..... Evening Series #5



May 17-18, 2003

Austin Yacht Club



Early registration has had a great response with 35 boats signed up. We have elected to waive the late fee for those that register after May 1. Our Lago Vista hosts have added some exciting entertainment for the afternoon, the lakes full, so sign up and race or cruise Turnback. Sign up online at: [www.austinyachtclub.org](http://www.austinyachtclub.org) or call 512-266-1336.

### From the Commodore (Continued from page 1)

June for the little ones, Summer Day Camp for those who are a little older, and an adult racing clinic focused on downwind sailing as well. Check elsewhere in this issue and on the web for details.

And don't forget our first summer party coming up in a few weeks!! On Memorial Day, May 26<sup>th</sup>, plan to join the rest of AYC at 3 PM for food and drink, and your second opportunity this year to meet new members, or old members (depending on which group you fall in.) Bring the family, come early, sail, party, sail, stay late, and have lots of fun! Social Chairwoman Corey Block promises fun for all.



## J24 News

by Eric Nelson

### Congratulation to Spring Series Winners

We had 9 different J/24s come out to race during the Spring Series. The mr. happy team put on a race clinic for the fleet the last Sunday of racing to hold on to a first overall. While our average number of boats is down still, at least we have a variety of boats coming out. Add to the diversity and make plans to join the fleet during the Summer Series that is now underway!

### Summer Series Kicked-Off With a Crawfish Boil

by Stephen Burke

We only had three boats come out for the first Sunday of the Summer Series; Superman, Double Trouble and Out of Control. Everyone who took the weekend after the local circuit stop off missed some great conditions of good wind (15+). With all three boats short on crew and weight, everyone sported jibs on the starting line (...more pick-up crew opportunities!). Superman won both races with Out of Control and Double Trouble trading off 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> places in the two races. As we agreed as a fleet at the beginning of the year, we continued with having an opening series weekend social last Sunday...the crawfish boil! As always it was good fun thanks to the help of Social Committee (Amy Davidson and Brenda Spletter) and Greg (I don't know his last name.) Since Adam Brown had an injured arm and could not do trimming, he recruited his roommate (Greg) to take his place on Out of Control. Just happens that Greg crewed for Broadway about 8 years back. And, more critical to this particular weekend, Greg happens to be an expert Crawfish Boiler. So, Greg was kind enough to help us out with the cooking of the mud bugs. And to complete the seafood theme, Tony Slowick brought up some great shrimp from the Gulf. Hopefully those who could not make it this time will still be able to race later in the series!

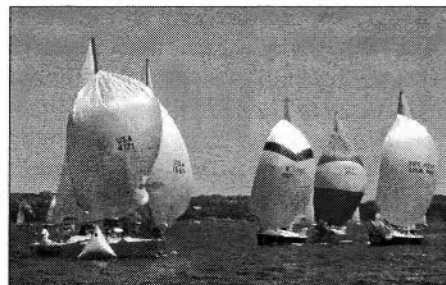
### West by Southwest AYC Circuit Stop a Big Success

If nothing else our fleet has a lot going on all the time...just one week before the crawfish boil the fleet hosted the AYC stop of the 2003 J/24 Circuit. We had 21 boats race in what turned into great conditions after a slow start of no wind with an on shore postponement until early Saturday afternoon. But this may have worked out well for those who stayed up "too" late Friday to hear the great live jam of a mix of local and visiting J/24 musicians. After getting in four races Saturday afternoon (Thanks to our PRO, Bruce Foster, and the great RC of J/80 people recruited by Chris Block!), everyone was ready for more live music (this time the Reggae mu-

sic of Urban Root with guest guitarist Joe King Carrasco), great cheap food (custom made Chipotle Grill burritos) and a mix of complimentary keg beer. I think just about everyone hung around and everyone had a great time as far as I could tell. The fleet was blessed with good Sunday morning breeze and three great races off in solid 10-12 knots of just enough shiftiness to be Lake Travis. With Trophies going 10 places deeper than the traditional 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> places (Thanks to John at Bartlett & Banks Sails), everyone was in the running for something and it showed with very close mark roundings and lots of people looking for and finding passing lanes, especially down-wind when at times the course right shore could play big...just ask mr. happy, coming back from a deep start in the last race (and being in 3<sup>rd</sup> overall at the time), they were able to get back into the hunt going that way at the right time twice in the last race to get into position to run down the regatta leader to win the event overall at the end of the last leg of the last beat. The other AYC boats to finish in the top ten were Roger Harden (4<sup>th</sup>), Fred AmRhein (7<sup>th</sup>) and Dave Broadway (10<sup>th</sup>). This was a challenging, high scoring regatta with the eventual leader averaging 4<sup>th</sup> in seven races for a total of 28 points...averaging just 5<sup>th</sup> each race would have scored you 3<sup>rd</sup> overall! After Sunday's races everyone enjoyed one last quick visit as the crane pull out was timed well and everyone was out and ready to head home before you knew it.

A lot of Fleet people really put in the work hours to make this happen so smoothly including Stephen Burke as overall Chairperson, Robbie Nelson/Brenda Spletter on food, Dave Gamble/Jason Goltz/Danny Lien/Lorne Parks on Registration, Leon Lance on Beer and Trophies and Dave Broadway/Greg Buck on launching/crane out. And of course there were those special last minute helpers that ran some unplanned

interference; Tony Slowik on running around town the Friday of the Regatta to get out Trophies embroidered on an emergency basis when West Marine f\*%#^ked up and bailed at Noon that Friday on getting that done (which was part of the deal...not sure West Marine is to be trusted with your next boat part purchase to be honest!), Keith Vanderlee coming to Robbie's aid by picking up the Thunder-



Leeward gate roundings had there share of circuit action also!



Tight, overlapped weather mark roundings were common throughout the circuit stop.

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## C-22 Regional Genoa Championship

by Wade Bingaman

Grapevine Sailing Club hosted the Region 8 Genoa. Dallas is a long way to go for a regatta when you sail poorly, but a short drive if you win. For me it was a long drive.

Don't get me wrong, the regatta was fine. It was held on Lake Grapevine. The Grapevine Sailing Club members were friendly, had good food, and ran a good regatta. However the lake is a nondescript north Texas lake with murky water - think Lake Travis after a flood. The sailing club is located on a floating commercial marina. It rents a small office. The rest of the marina is shared with the commercial users. (AYC is looking better and better.) And yes the nearby City of Grapevine has at least two vineyards that we saw. The town was a quaint, artsy little place. I probably should have spent my time there instead of on the water.

My crew and I got there Friday afternoon and started our set-up. We met several other C-22 owners. That is really a big part of the fun because you see many of the same faces at all the major C-22 events so you develop friends. However, one guy was new to the sport, and we had to show him how to operate his out-board!

The racing was to begin Saturday at 10:30. We were ready, but the wind wasn't. We waited. After about an

hour one of my crew told us of a becalmed ocean voyager who went nuts and set his boat on fire. We laughed. But after three and a half hours of drifting, we were looking for matches.

What there was of wind kept moving to the right. It actually circled us. Finally with the wind not yet set, the desperate race committee started a drifter race anyhow. With little wind, we got hung out left - not good with the wind going right. When it was mercifully over, we were 12th out of 13. We barely avoided last by edging out the new guy. We sailed fairly well the rest of the regatta only making two more mistakes, or as we like to say, two more cases of bad luck. We lost two places in one race because on a down wind finish a fleet of spinnaker boats stole our wind and stopped us 100 feet short of the line. Another time, 20 feet from the finish, while back-winding the genoa on a tack the spreader punched a hole in the sail and it hung up - drop two more places. Like I said it was a long drive back.

In contrast, for Pete Harper, the drive back must have gone quickly. He did have plenty of competition and was in third after Saturday's racing. However he came back hard on Sunday, needing and getting two bullets to win by one point. It was quite a feat because the wind built to over 15mph on Sunday, and Pete had only David on board. Other two person boats suffered in the blow, but Pete, with his new Bartlett genoa, got it done. Congratulations to Pete and crew, for repeating as the Region 8 Champion.

## Laser Fleet News

by Renee Ruais

The Laser Sailing season is off to a fabulous start with back to back regattas, the Easter Laser Regatta and the No Coast Masters. The Easter Laser Regatta was host to 74 lasers, full rig and radial rigs, while the No Coast Masters had 21 boats. People came from all over, Florida, Minnesota, New Jersey, and Oklahoma, either flying in and borrowing boats or making the long drive with boats in tow. The Easter Laser Regatta provided evidence of new enthusiasm among young sailors for the Laser with a large number of Junior Sailors in Radials (Boys...pay attention, most of these were girls!). The No Coast Masters proved that the older



folks 'still got it', and you can sail a Laser at any age. The future of Laser Sailing looks strong! Both events had great weather and nice winds. Congratulations to

Fred and Claude for organizing such successful events, and thank you to the many volunteers and AYC staff who helped with Race Committee, food preparation and other necessities! Results from both regattas can be found on [www.ayclasers.org](http://www.ayclasers.org).

AYC Laser sailors are looking forward to the start of Wednesday night racing on May 7, and many sailors have been coming out on Wednesday evenings to practice since Daylight Savings time began. Other events on the horizon are the D15 Circuit event at Spring Dingyfest in Dallas, Turnback Canyon Regatta and the AYC Centerboard Regatta in June.



## Sunfish News

by Vic Manning

Hello all you AYC Sunfish Owners! It's started! The famous Wednesday Night Sunfish/Laser races are under way. Come on out and join us on the starting line. First signal is at 6PM and we race until 15 minutes before sunset. Afterwards we congregate at the Club House patio and socialize for a while. Even if you do not want to race, come on out to watch and enjoy the fleet gathering where you can hear all the typical racer stories, learn some new tricks and talk about racing rules, mark rounding, starting line techniques and or any thing else you like. The Wednesday Night race committee schedule has been sent out. If you did not get a copy please let me know. If you need to reschedule, please let Paul Jensen know. Remember show time for committee members is 5 PM and you only have to do it once a year if all show up as scheduled. A reminder, the third (3rd) Wednesday of each month is Championship Night and we also do a pot luck dinner that night.

For those who want a little different type race, consider doing the Friday Night Beer Can Races which are open to Sunfish sailors. Start time is 7:00 PM and there is food and drink available after. This event is sponsored by the Keel Fleet and open to all. If you don't want to do it on a Sunfish, get on a bigger boat and have fun.



We still need a volunteer from the Sunfish group to help support Turnback Regatta. If you can help this is a great way to enjoy the social activity while supporting the fleet and the club. In a message from Kurt Carson:

"Turnback is weekend after next!! Man does time fly. To cut thru the thick of it, I am looking for volunteers to help with race committee May 17 and 18. Everyone gets free lunch and dinner (maybe even some free beer) those who do both days even get a free tee shirt, not to mention a FREE motor boat cruise all the way to Lago Vista, and back. Now how much would you pay for all this, well don't answer, just send me names, I need about 10 people at least. Thanks for the help. Yours Truly, Kurt Carson"

In addition to Turnback Regatta, upcoming is the Sunfish Masters in Wichita, Kansas, May 23-25, where you'll have an opportunity to qualify for the 2004 Sunfish Worlds and then our first Fleet 70 Family Sailing Adventure on May 31 starting at noon. We'll meet under the big tree by the swimming pool, so plan to come out do some sailing and then have a picnic. I'll provide the hamburgers and hot dogs, the rest of you please bring a covered dish. Next month, don't forget the Centerboard Regatta on June 21 & 22.

See you on the water.

## From the Vice Commodore

by Doug Laws

Sailing and racing is now in full swing with several events scheduled every month, and even multiple events on the same day. On April 5<sup>th</sup>, David Durocher chaired the spring regatta with a 48 boat turnout and great winds. Thanks for a good job David. Then the Easter Laser Regatta, with over 80 boats, followed the next week by the J24 Circuit, Laser Masters and Texas NROTC regatta all on the same day. May is just as busy with Sunfish SW Regionals, J22 Circuit, Turnback Regatta and series racing. Wow. However, the lake is full, weather good and lots of good sailing for everybody.

Turnback Canyon Regatta on May 17 & 18 is our next big event, really the major regatta for AYC. Scott Spurlin has everything lined up for a grand outing. Just read the green insert in your monthly billing and register by email or in person. This is a joint endeavor

with Lago Vista Boat Owners Association and we are all anxious for a very successful regatta that can carry into future years. In addition to the regular PHRF, One-design and Portsmouth classes there are two new classes — Kayak & Cruising. So your first challenge is to beat the kayaks. However, cruisers who just like a long distance sail for fun and the on-shore excitement, please sign up. You won't regret it.

Many thanks also to John Mandell who instituted the very popular Friday Nite beer can races from May thru September. These races are low key, short, lots of fun and provide an opportunity to introduce friends to the joy of sailing and do a little sail training. Just be there for the 7:00pm reverse handicap start. PHRF, Centerboards, & Multihulls are welcome. Following the race, the Keel Fleet puts on a hamburger dinner (usually \$3/plate). Just bring your beverage of choice. But John hasn't stopped with just the beer can race. Now he is promoting a social cruise on Tuesday's at 3:00pm (No Spinnaker). This format is gaining popularity; join us for the sail followed by popcorn and fellowship.

## Navy ROTC Regatta

by Steve Gay (former LT and VP Pilot)

On April 26, the Austin Yacht Club successfully hosted three non-AYC events simultaneously. About 15 minutes after the J24's and Laser Masters left the harbor, the UT NROTC Unit arrived (a little over 50 strong) for their annual Battalion Staff vs Platoons Regatta. Their course was set in the south cove aboard Gunny's 25' bass fishing boat (by the way he is a world class professional fisherman) as the wind veered a little east and got lighter. The event format was a little different from your basic round the buoy format. The start was a standard three minute sound system start but there was a little confusion about the start line itself (after all this was their first real race format regatta and no one had ever practiced a start). All four boats (collegiate 420s) were clear at the start and the race was on.

The course and format was as follows: Double triangle then round the leeward buoy to starboard (instead of returning to start/finish line) and proceed to the Junior Pier. Second skipper and crew then swapped into the Platoons assigned boat and continued to another double triangle. The process was continued as the third crew swapped into their boat. With the light wind, we shortened the third rotation to a single triangle and the first boat back to the Junior Pier was the winner. Three boats rounded the last mark on port tack overlapped, however, one boat (Battalion Staff) was a leg behind. The first two boats finished "Beep", "beep". The Battalion Staff still had to change crew for their final lap.



Both during the race and after it concluded, the Battalion BBQ pit, located on the AYC Point was pumping out burgers, brats and chicken for all (including a few AYC members who came by to check out the fun.) The participants were easy to spot by our members. They were the ones who greeted AYC members with "Yes Sir" and "No sir", wore Blue NROTC shirts, Blue and brown UT hats and mostly khaki shorts. Did I mention clean cut, physically fit and (many - not all) studying engineering. It was a super event and our thanks go to Commander Ned Ash (Unit Executive Officer), all the LTs, Gunny and other staff. This reporter, an Austin Yacht Club member salutes you and what you do.

## 2005 College Nationals at AYC

by Spencer Ogden

During the first week of June 2005, AYC and the UT Sailing Team will be hosting the ICSA North Americans, college sailing's national championship. The 2005 Nationals process began last fall with the preparation of our proposal. This spring, the district approved our proposal. The district voted overwhelmingly to hold the event at AYC, one of the district's favorite sailing spots. In June of this year the proposal will be presented to the ICSA board at spring championships. We expect full support from the board and the national sailing community. As a result, in 2005 Austin Yacht Club will host the biggest college sailing event in the country.

Nationals are host to more than eighteen teams from all over the country, ranging from Hawaii to Boston. During the week of sailing about 250 sailors will compete in Team Racing, Women's and Co-ed championships. These three events, each three days long, will see over 150 races started within 100 yards of the AYC point. For the sailors, we plan a dose of Central Texas hospitality, plus revealing the best place to sail in Texas!

The event should prove to be a very exciting for all involved. There is much planning to be done and the UT Sailing Team is eager to start. Our first task will be to organize a fleet of Collegiate FJ's for the event. In college sailing, the host provides the boats so that the racing is one-design perfection. Essentially we are responsible for organizing the purchase of eighteen boats. Our goal is to fund the purchase of twelve of those boats for the team. The remaining six new boats and our current fleet of eight will be sold to other college teams in the area. This financing is the most important issue for the team in the near future. Our goal is to raise the required \$55,000 in the next year and a half.

The support of AYC has been instrumental in making this event possible. We hope we can return the support and help the club has been so generous in giving. If you are interested in making a donation, helping out with the event, or have any questions or concerns, please send us an email at [spencero@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:spencero@mail.utexas.edu) or visit our Nationals website at [www.spencerogden.com/nationals](http://www.spencerogden.com/nationals).



## Junior Sailing Day Camp for Children and Young Adults (ages 9-16).

The four sessions run for each week in June, from 9am to 5pm and cost \$300 per session. AYC Members receive a discount of \$50 and there is also a multiple camp discount of \$50 for attending additional camp sessions. Please call or email the AYC Office for more information.

## Twenty-Four J80s Came to Austin

by Chris Block

March 29 and 30 was a BIG weekend for J80s in Texas. AYC hosted the second J80 Circuit Stop of 2003 with an unprecedented 24 boats on the line! This is the highest number of boats to date at a J80 circuit stop and equals the number of J24s at their last stop in Houston. If you haven't heard about J80s yet, get ready to hear more as the number of boats in Texas continues to grow!

Saturday's winds were high and constant throughout the day. The first gun was at 11:00 am and four races followed. With winds blowing from 15 to 25 knots, heavy air boat handling skills were a crucial factor. We would have gladly given some of that wind for Sunday when the lake looked like glass and racing was abandoned for the day.

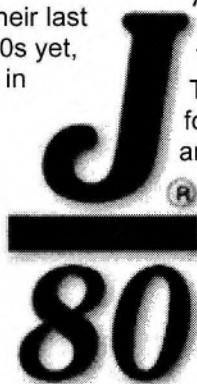
Top finishers in the regatta include AYC's own Scott Spurlin on Boomerang in first place with Scott Young behind the helm, followed by Craig and Martha White on Warrior and Rick Schaffer on C'est Nasty, both out of the Ft. Worth Boat Club. Congratulations to Scott and his team for a first place finish at their home club!

Not only do J80 sailors know how to race, they also know how to party! On Saturday night teams enjoyed the 2nd Annual Fajita and Margarita Party with live music and plenty of food and drink. We received a lot of great feedback about AYC - J80s love our club and our circuit stop!

After the Austin circuit stop, the J80s were off to Lake Texoma the weekend of April 12 and 13. Then to Ft. Worth the weekend of May 3 and 4. The top Austin finishers in Ft. Worth were Dave Bal-four and team on Kicks (3<sup>rd</sup> place) and Greg Buck and team on Lickety Split (5<sup>th</sup> place). The Ft. Worth Circuit Stop was good practice for the upcoming J80 Worlds to be held at the Ft. Worth Boat Club in October.

In addition, the AYC Spring Series was a success for the J80s. Of the top three places, two were held by J80s: Ira Rush on Flyer 2000 came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Chris and Corey Block on Sting picked up a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish.

J80s are growing with the goal of challenging other successful J Boat fleets like the 22s and 24s. As always, if you'd like to get involved in the excitement of racing J80s, forward me your information to be added to our ongoing J80 Crew List.



## Membership Committee Report

by Vic Manning

The AYC Membership Committee is pleased to announce the new members that were accepted at the AYC Board Meeting on April 24, 2003.

### New Senior Members:

**Laura Kimbrough**, the daughter of Pat Kimbrough, a founding member at AYC applied for Senior Membership. Laura has sailed for years at AYC and more actively for the past year, crewing for a number of members.

**Michael & Theresa Kamen** applied for Senior Membership. Michael has actively sailed in a variety of boat over the past 20 years, a member of three different yacht clubs, been a fleet captain and traveled around the country teaching. Michael is looking for some good racing and sailing while he resides in the Austin area. He currently owns a Holder 20, an Escape and a rowing shell, teaches at Southwestern University in Georgetown and is actively trying to build a college sailing team at Southwestern.

### New Associate Members:

**Alana Knuff** applied for Associate Membership to

AYC, after moving from Charleston, SC where she was a member of the Charleston Yacht Club. She actively participated in series races, racing her own 40' Beneteau, has sailed off shore and in the Caribbean where she chartered numerous boats. Now living in Austin, she would like to continue sailing and meeting people who have the same interest.

### Resignations In April:

**Alston Boyd**, a long time member of AYC, recently has not been able to take advantage of the club due to job commitments.

### Current Membership as of March 2003

Senior Members	354	+2-1 =	355
Associate Members	15	+1 =	16
Non-resident Status	6	=	6
Ol'Salt	16	=	16
LOA	1	=	1
Juniors	6	=	6
Total Paying Members	398	+2 =	400
Honorary	6	=	6
Life	21	=	21
UT	16	=	16
Total Non-Paying Members	43	=	43
Total AYC Membership	441	+2 =	443



## Southcoast 21 Fleet News

by Mike Parker

Here we are into the Summer Series, with four races in the Spring Series behind us. Two Sundays with no wind, and one Sunday with committee duty made the Spring Series short on racing; although we had an average of 12 boats. A special thanks to Ray Shull for running race committee for the Southcoast Fleet on March 16 and also for all you Southcoasters who showed up to help! The top of the fleet for Spring Series finished up as follows... 1<sup>st</sup> Ray Shull, 2<sup>nd</sup> Barbara Hawn, 3<sup>rd</sup> Kevin Reynolds, 4<sup>th</sup> Pat Feagin, and 5<sup>th</sup> Dave Speed. Great job guys!

Spring Regatta brought seven Southcoasts out for a big windy day of racing. Be sure to question Nancy

and Camden about their first broaching experience. When we got back to the rigging dock Camden said, "Did you see us?!?" Well the finish is as follows with a great regatta... 1<sup>st</sup> Linda McDavitt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Reynolds, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Carl Morris. Thanks Ray for helping out with race committee for Spring Regatta and thanks to race committee for excusing me from the duty to race. It was a good day of racing indeed.

OK, mark your calendars for June 7 and 8, when AYC will host the SC 21 Intergalatics. There'll be lots of racing with the two-day regatta format. Get those Southcoasts in shape, and let's have some good old fashion SC racing. More details to follow.

See you under the big tree for G & T!



## PB&J Announcement

by John Morran

It's PB&J time again. Come join the fun each Saturday morning - June 7, 14, 21 and 28. This program is for 4-8 year olds and parental involvement is required. Early session for the youngest kids is from 9:30 -11am with the older group from 11 -12:30 pm. World Class instruction provided by Coach Doug (Kern) and Coach John (Morran) - World Class PB&J lunches provided by the parents. Sign-up sheets are now available in the AYC office and on the web site.



Remember Coach Doug only has three rules:

1. Wear Your Life Jacket
2. Listen to the Coach
3. Have Fun!

The 2003 PB&J Series will consist of two sailing semi-

nars 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 6 - 8 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 (\$25) 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.

## Friday Night Beer Can Races

by Bob Gallant

Last Friday evening marked the return of our favorite Friday night activity. You know, BEER CAN races!

Beer can races are held every Friday night. The starts are done in order of handicap rating, with the earliest starts around 7:00 PM. Check the board under the clubhouse for handicap rating and start time. Synchronize your watch with the clock in the board, then start at the proper time.



Add 30 seconds to your time if you plan on using your spinnaker. The start/finish line is between the two markers at the mouth of Pool Canyon, then you round B, E, & K marks in any order preferred, passed to any side of the boat preferred. The first one across the finish line wins a bottle of wine.

Afterwards, enjoy a relaxing time under the clubhouse having the best \$3.00 hamburger on the lake! We're looking forward to seeing you out there. Contact your fleet captain, or the Keel Fleet captain, Bob Gallant with any questions.



## Board Motions

by Peter Jolin

Board of Directors April Meeting:

Upon motions made and seconded, the board unanimously approved:

- Minutes of the March 2003 meeting
- Senior Probationary Membership status for **Laura Kimbrough**, and **Michael & Theresa Kamen**
- Associate Probationary Membership status for **Alana Knuff**
- Senior Membership status for **Bill McCaffrey** and **Jay Newman**
- Resignations-in-good-standing for **Alston Boyd**
- Hosting the Naval ROTC Regatta 26 April 2003
- By acclamation, the news that the UT Sailing Team & AYC have been awarded the privilege of hosting the 2005 ICSA North American Championships
- Representation of AYC at the 3M company's wellness program in April by **Renee Ruais** and **Vic Manning**.

Duly made and seconded, the following special motion by email passed during the Month of April:

- To approve the expenditure of up to \$ 1000.00 for repair of the VW truck



## AYC 2003 Directory New Member Updates

Just clip and paste in the back of your directory.

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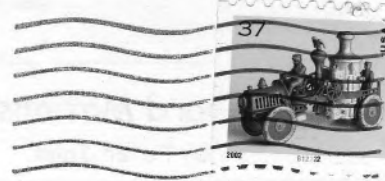
cloud lunches so she could take care of last minutes items at the club during the Regatta, Tommy & Ann Gairloff for getting up at 5am to get the coffee started both mornings and Vic Manning for getting the Laser trailer/boats off the road where they were blocking the crane's ability to get down to the ramp to setup Sunday. I am sure there are others I have not mentioned but everyone's efforts were very much appreciated...we all helped set a pretty high bar for Texas Cir-

cuit Stops in general...

### 2003 North American Championships

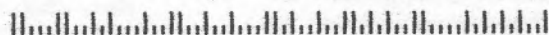
Look for an article next month from the two AYC J/24s (mr. happy and Running on Empty) trailering down to Valle de Bravo, Mexico for the J/24s NAs this month. More so than your usual regatta trip, getting there will be a big part of the "adventure"! Racing starts May 12th for 5 days. Keep up with the scores, photos and other news during the event at <http://www.j24mex.com/j242003/home.html>.

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