

Telltale



December 2004

Monthly Newsletter

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AYC Business Hours

Tuesday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday: noon—5:00 p.m.

Closed Mondays

Closed Club Holidays:

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| New Year's Day | 1 January |
| Easter Sunday | 11 April |
| Independence Day | 4 July |
| Thanksgiving Day | 25 November |
| Shopping Day | 26 November |
| Christmas Day | 25 December |

From The Commodore By Doug Laws



This year has gone by so quickly, and its with mixed emotions I look back to review club activities and see just how much has been accomplished. Then, to realize these activities were achieved by AYC members, working to promote our club and sailing. It's remarkable and you all can be proud.

There are many people to thank for making this such a special year for me as commodore. I will start with **David Bernstein** and **Danny Lien**. They were a real source of counsel to me on all the questions and issues that came up during the year. Their background information and input on issues were of tremendous help. I also want to thank the remainder of the board, **Tom Lang**, **Renee Ruais**, **Paul Ballett**, **Billy Eno**, **David Durocher** and **Ira Rush** for all their work and special projects this year. Your input, help and cooperation on the many issues we covered this year is certainly appreciated.

I want to give a special thanks and expression of appreciation for the south cove dock project completed this year under the direction of **Jon Fitch**. Right along side him was **Mary Ann** preparing delicious meals to keep

workers happy and coming back each weekend. I believe this has been the biggest work project since the Christmas floods of 1991. **Jon** started the project last year and completed it in October. A total of 47 weekends of work. The project included a new board boat dock, rigging dock, walkway and modifications to the junior sail pavilion. Thanks again **Jon**, **Mary Ann** and all the workers.

I also want to recognize several members who provide a lot of service to the club, but tend to be in the background. First there is **Sharon Woodul**, social chair, who has organized top notch events. Then **Yolanda Mares**, Telltale editor, who has provided a very entertaining and newsworthy edition each month. **Yolanda** has also agreed to continue as editor next year. **Ken Jolly**, our web master, has designed an excellent web page and keeps it current for all activities. Finally, I want to recognize two members who are always available and provide a tremendous service to the club, **Vic Manning** and **Terry McDermott**. Many thanks to all of you.

I want to thank the AYC staff, **Nancy**, **Tom**, **Matt** and **Tina**, for all the work they have done to keep this a first class club. A good example of their efforts was shown recently during our

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News From The Vice Commodore

By Danny Lien



AYC Annual Membership Meeting

December 2, 2004

It's hard to believe the year is nearly over and it is time to transition to a new AYC Board. Last week I was watching the lake level and considered its potential effects on the Club. I was relieved when the flood level started receding. I saw **Wahlberg** at the Club and commented that "I really don't want to be Commodore during a flood like the flood of Christmas 1991, as you were." He rolled his eyes a little and smiled, and I immediately realized that had a 'big one' come our way we would have moved the Club office to high ground, and started cleaning up for the next sailing season just like we have in the past, and likely will do again some year.

I have been racing at AYC for about 28 years minus a couple when Norma and I took a break to work on houses and landscapes. I have been on the Board a couple of times and have served on AYC Race, Harbor, and many B&G Committees, but I was not prepared for the new perspective I got of the Club this year as VC! It has really been a training year for me.

The primary responsibility for the Vice Commodore is overseeing Regattas and non-series racing events at AYC and being in charge of the Tech Committee. Last December, I dreaded the thought of recruiting Regatta Chairs. (The Tech Committee members recruited themselves and then proceeded to tell me all year what was needed when and then did it.) Getting Regatta Chairs turned out also to be an easy job too. The one or two people that turned me down offered their support and recommended others who took the job. Good volunteers! Great Regattas!

I have said that as a primarily volunteer organization, AYC takes a lot of people, time, and expenses to get some things done at the Club, but since this yields personal investment to us as members, it is very worthwhile. I am a little embarrassed to admit that though this characterization may be good 'beertalk' and somewhat true for out of the ordinary projects, it is an entirely untrue representation of AYC's routine accomplishments --- those involving sailboat racing and eating and socializing. The Scoring Committee (these guys should get the head table at the banquet) never lets us down, even given the older software and scribbled data that comes in off of the race



2004 Racing Schedule

December 12 Wild Turkey Regatta

January 1 Red Eye Regatta

AYC Upcoming Non-Racing Events

December 2 AYC Annual Membership Meeting

December 4 AYC Social Annual Banquet (Lakeway Inn)
7 p.m.-12:00 midnight; \$35 per person;
RSVP to AYC by Nov. 30

December 11 AYC Children's Christmas Party
(10 a.m.-12:00 noon); Sign-up at AYC office

December 11 J-24 Fleet Christmas Party

December 18 C-22 Fleet Christmas Party

course. Race Committee's review of NORs and publishing of SIs for Regattas is efficiently coordinated and then provided well in advance to Regatta Chairs. Nancy and Tom schedule Regatta Chairs to meet and identify planning needs to prepare the Office for any unusual requests. Regatta registration is all done in a set schedule to an established organized routine. The monthly Telltale deadlines are set and a few days thereafter the Telltale is in each of our mailboxes. Tech fixes to an Office software/hardware problem is a phone call away. And for almost every summer weekend, food and beverage is purchased, stored, prepared, served, and the kitchen cleaned---and all of this happens like clockwork.

Let me sincerely thank all 2004 Regatta Chairs:

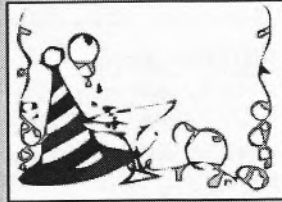
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| Terri Rush/Bill Hawk | Roadrunner Regatta |
| Augusto Villalon | Spring Regatta |
| Judith McCrackin/ Dave Speed | Turnback Canyon Regatta |
| Bruce Foster/ Kamille McIver | Centerboard Regatta |
| Bob & Missy Gallant | Governor's Cup Regatta |
| Bob & Jeane Goldsmith | Fall Regatta |
| Frank Woodul | AYC Night Race |

Very special thanks to those of you who worked to help the Regatta Chairs. Hosting a regatta involving 60-80 boatloads of people, who come out to race, eat, socialize and be entertained takes more than a few people to help in all areas.

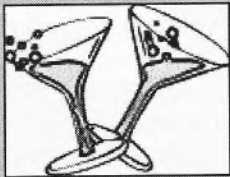
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2005!

Ring In The New Year at AYC!



- Hot Hors D'oeuvres
- Beer, Wine and Set-ups
- Share a Side Dish
- A Dominoes Round Robin, and...
- Plus Champagne at Midnight



*Music and dancing
Starts at eight
Prizes given
So don't be late!
And just a' midnight*

as we hop,

*Down the flagpole
the ball does drop.
A Champagne cheer
An AYC Year!
Of more Regattas,
Clinics, cruises,
and...*



Cabin #4 (upstairs) available for children
BYOBabysitter
RSVP AYC Office by Wednesday, December 28, 2004 (512 266 1336)



All AYC Children are Invited To Attend The

AYC Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 11, 2004

10 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Arts and Crafts, Refreshments, and a Featured Guest (Santa!)
Please sign your name on the sign-up sheet located at the AYC office.

Vice Commodore...(continued from page 2)

Special thanks to **Karen and Terry Reitz** who through their time and dedication have conducted Regatta Registration efforts this year as well as for the past several years.

Special thanks to the scoring committee: **Larry Ratliff; JoAnn Welles, Bill Hawk and Jim Johnstone and Carolyn Wilsford.** Thank you so much for your work.

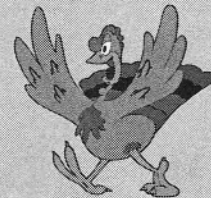
Special thanks to **Ken Jolly** for managing and updating the AYC web site: Our web page is very helpful, current and a credit to the club. Thanks Ken.

Special thanks to **Tom Lappin and Bill Hawk:** for hardware/software work, installation of an additional wireless hub and also to **John Mandell** an unofficial but hard-working member of the tech support team.

I really enjoyed working with the board this past year and the guidance provided to me by **Doug Laws and David Bernstein.** Thanks to all of you for the opportunity. Finally, I want to thank the AYC staff for their help; **Nancy, Donna** and then **Tina, Tom, and Matt.**

Respectfully submitted,

Danny Lien



Wild Turkey Regatta Rescheduled!

Sunday, December 12, 2004

- Registration, Annual Meeting and Skippers' meeting starting at 12:30.
- One Race to start as soon as possible after the meeting's over.
- Snacks and beer to follow the race.
- Open to all PHRF-rated boats.

\$15 Keel Fleet members, \$20 non-fleet members

Last Regatta of 2004!

Catalina 22 News By Wade Bingaman



Our sailing season is winding down again. The upcoming pause in racing is the traditional time for boat repairs and up-grades. With Nationals in our backyard early next summer, now is the ideal time to get your boat ready. A quick fleet survey of planned off-season projects yielded the following results:

Mark Tremayne has the biggest plans for upgrades. He bought his boat about a year ago, and it was not race rigged at all. He now has inside tracks and a new genoa but intends to add an adjustable backstay and internal cables. He is also in the market for a trailer with a bottom job to follow. If he is able to accomplish this ambitious list, his boat should be considerably faster next season.

John Grzinich has more modest goals for **Bebop**. Installing a new keel cable is the main job. **John** also doesn't think his boat should take on water while afloat and will once again try to stop the mysterious leak. I have recommended chanting and incense burning as a solution.

Peter Broberg has some secret plans he won't reveal, but I did pry out of him that he has purchased a lighter outboard motor. He's dropping from a 10 horse to a 4 and losing 20 pounds off the back of his boat in the process. Don't be surprised if come spring his boat has a faired keel. No matter the upgrades, with its crew now having a year of experience working together, **Paradox** will be in front of many of us next year.

Neil Jones has a simple wish – a new bottom. Whether he plans on doing it himself or writing a check is unknown. However **Neil** already has a busy schedule next year as he is the yacht club's new Sail Training Commander.

Surprisingly, **Roy Crouse** has very little planned. He's already removed an inoperable knot meter and patched the hole. I think since he intends to go to Nationals that trailer work will take place. Also knowing **Roy**, I doubt he will be able to restrain his urges, and I expect additional rigging work will be done on **Lone Star**.

Well, that's the scuttlebutt. Nationals are the week of June 12th. It will be here sooner than you think. You need to make your plans now. Block off that week, get crew committed, and save your money for a new genoa. Use the off-season to get your boat ready so you can have the spring season for practice. I foresee good times at Canyon Lake in June.

2004 Race Commander Report

By Paul Ballett

PRC Members

I would like to begin by thanking the members of this PRC. **John Howard, James Wilsford, Bryan Bayerdorffer, Eric Nelson, Phil Spletter, Pat Manning, Bill Hawk and Larry Ratliff.** **Larry** also acted as scoring coordinator, an essential and under appreciated post. Everyone provided 100% and made my job very easy. Thank you.

I would like to particularly recognize **Eric Nelson** who put in countless hours in continual refinement of our various Sailing Instructions. I would also mention **Frank Woodul** who has continued his hard work as keeper of the permanent marks.

2004 Racing

2004 was a very busy year, with a varied selection of racing formats thru the year. Following numerous requests from members we experimented with different course options for a number of fleets in the Series Races, this was met with approval by most racers. Volunteer RC attendance was patchy this year with some fleets performing better than others, also it was felt that the busy club schedule and other volunteer commitments acted as somewhat of a drain on members time.

Other Activities

We held various RC training seminars and Fleet Captains meetings during the year to enhance communication with members and fleet representatives.

Equipment

During the year we have continued to upgrade and maintain the essential equipment need for running reliable races. Special thanks go to **Tom Cunningham** and the AYC staff for their diligence and hard work keeping everything well stocked and in great shape.

Editor's Note Thank you all for the timely and well written articles submitted for publication this past year, all the great photos, and your encouragement and support. I have really enjoyed being your Editor and I certainly look forward to Editing next year's Telltale. Please continue to send me any and all articles of newsworthy interest and any and all photos of AYC members and activities, wherever they may be. Your ideas are most welcome. The monthly deadlines for submission will continue to be the same, on the fifth of each month. It's been a sincere pleasure and an honor to be entrusted with this creative task, and I wish you all a very blessed Merry Christmas and a healthy, successful, safe, and prosperous New Year. May you win lots of races!

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Dave Broadway Wins Fall Series

The various faces of the **Superman** team barely beat out our Fleet Captain, **Stephen Burke**, for overall winner's honors for the AYC Fall Series. **Out of Control** was the only J/24 to race all 9 races of the series but once throw-outs were factored in, they ended up second overall, two points out of first. **Dave Gamble's OOH-AAH!** was 6 points further back, having to eat a DNC after throw-outs, to place third overall. We had 7 different J/24s race this last AYC Series of 2004 and we never had less than 4 boats out on any given race day. Noteworthy in the overall scoring were 2 'one hit wonders' where on different race days both **Ryan Harden's Running on Empty** and **Pam & Butch Wilson's Aeolian** each took bullets in the only races they came out for. However there was plenty of racing to keep up with, so check out all the scores on the AYC website. Hopefully the 'one hit wonders' as well any others who have not been out much lately will want to increase their participation in 2005! Our Fleet is showing some good trends toward increased participation and **Stephen** was even recognized at the recent AYC Annual Banquet for his high level of Series participation relative to the club as a whole...do what you need to make sure you can join in and make it even better!

Stephen Burke Wins Overall Fleet Championship

As you may remember, this year we switched to a participation based Fleet Championship scoring system with a big emphasis on doing Fleet RC duties. **Stephen's** relentless Series participation, plus the key RC duty of being PRO for our Fleet's last Series RC obligation, easily pushed him over the top and is our 2004 J/24 Fleet Champion...Congratulations **Stephen!** 10 points behind **Stephen's** total of 61 point was yours truly, riding the generous points allocation for doing RC duty, putting me in the runner's up position (hey...I raced series races also!). Just 2 points behind second was last year's Fleet Champion, **Dave Broadway**. Rounding out the top 4 in the Fleet Championship scoring was **Tony Slowik**, just 7 points behind **Dave**. One of the nice side benefits of this year's scoring setup was that we tracked RC participation closely...the Fleet would like to recognize the following people as J/24 Fleet RC "All Stars"; **Eric & Robbie Nelson** (5), **Tony Slowik** (3), **Tom Pullen** (2), **Amy Davidson** (2), **Neal Graham** (2), **Pam Wilson** (2) and **Tim Arnold** (2). We will need to decide how we want to score next year's Fleet Championship so start thinking about if the system we used this year was an idea to keep or not.

AYC J/24 Fleet Well Represented in the Final 2004 J/24 Texas Circuit Standings

AYC had 3 boats place in the top 5 of the overall standings in the 2004 Texas J/24 Circuit. 51 different boats competed in this year's best 5 out of 8 regatta series. **Bob Harden & Eric Nelson's mr. happy** placed first overall with 5 points (actually throwing out a regatta first place!), **Roger Harden's Wet Spot** team successfully fought off a strong contender from the Ft. Worth Boat Club and placed second overall with 10 points (just one circuit point ahead of third overall). And **Tony Slowik's Yikes!** closed out the circuit season with 5th overall. **Yikes!** came out on top of a virtual 4 way tie for 5th overall going into the last circuit stop of the year and as a result moved up 9 positions from their overall circuit finish in 2003! While out of the overall circuit top 10 due to inconsistent participation, 2 local J/24's finished the circuit season on high notes with **Dave Broadway's Superman** taking a 4th and **Ryan Harden's Running on Empty** losing a tiebreaker to **mr. happy** to end up 2nd at the last circuit stop. One final note on this subject; with the AYC Series racing over the week before, the last stop of the circuit (at Canyon Lake's LCYC) saw 7 AYC J/24s race, a new record for out of town participation! To help your 2005 circuit planning, the first J/24 circuit stop next year will be the Beasley Cup at HYC on March 19/20.

Upcoming Events

While you may see this article after the fact, the J/24 Fleet Holiday Party will be held at **Jason & Marcie's Goltz's** home on December 11th...everyone and anyone involved in any way with the fleet is invited, drop me a line if somehow I missed sending you the party information. Also with the Wild Turkey race rescheduled for the day after the party now, several J/24s are already planning on racing it, come out to join us either by racing your boat or as crew. If the Wild Turkey date change doesn't allow you to race at that event, you have no excuse not to race Red Eye about 3 weeks later on January 1...the J/24 Fleet traditionally does very well at these PHRF scored events, come out and enjoy if you can!

Ring Out the 'Old'...

While the Fleet will formally Thank this year's J/24 Fleet Officers for all their dedicated work and accomplishments at the before mentioned Holiday Party, we realize not everybody will be able to join us in person then. So I would like to do some acknowledgement now to **Robbie Nelson** for being Fleet Treasurer this year, the Social Committee (**Amy Davidson, Brenda Spletter and Robbie Nelson**) for spearheading making all of our great Fleet socials happen all year long and our Fleet Captain, **Stephen Burke**, for keeping the Fleet on track (to where

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Membership News By David Bernstein



In the month of November we held our final membership committee meeting of the year. A summary of the year was presented at the AYC Annual Membership Meeting on Dec 2nd, and is available in the office for those interested.

New Senior Members

John and Susan Domagala applied for senior membership in November. They are in the process of relocating from Louisville, Ky. **John** works for GE Security and **Susan** works at Brackenridge hospital. **John** has been sailing Flying Scots since 1979, and also owns a Laser and a Pearson 30. **John and Susan** have never lived near and active racing club and are anxious to join AYC

The **Bach** family, **Craig and Lauren**, plus **Preston, Sara and Alex-isi** all attended the meeting. All 3 children have been active in high school racing this year, including a trip to New Orleans for the Great Oaks Invitational, with father **Craig** as a driver. The family owns a Chrysler 22, but is looking forward to racing on a variety of boats at AYC

Young Adult Probationary Review

Rebecca Lien was up for probationary review. She was nervous about her chances earlier, having "only" raced 11 events in the last year, but a long list of volunteer activities, as well as a couple of times on race committee, which she forgot counted, insured that she had met all requirements. It's good to see the Commodore's daughter rejoining the club after a few years absence.

Junior Membership

Holly Guerrero has been sailing and racing with the LTHS team this fall and is enjoying it very much. In addition 5 juniors from last year asked for reinstatement - **Candice Cox, Virginia Barber,**

Lindsey Bollinger, and Robert and Christi Brewer.

Ol' Salt

Ray Lott, a member since 1979, has removed all of his boats from AYC and has been granted Ol' Salt Status.

Honorary Membership

Shirley Slaughter, a 20 year member of AYC, attended a Halloween Party at AYC and was as pleased to meet many of her old friends as they were to see her. While **Shirley** no longer sails, she expressed an interest in seeing her old friends on a more regular basis. In view of her many years of service, winning the Corinthian Woman Sailor trophy in 1984, and the Ol Salt award in 1997, **Shirley** has been granted Honorary Membership.

Resignation

Senior Member **Ann Kilby** has resigned due to family issues and her inability to use her boat. She has removed her Laser from the grounds.

I find it healthy that for the year our total paying membership is up 3% and the total memberships is up 4%, but let's not pat ourselves on the back too hard. Those 12 paying new members, because of a shift to lower dues paying categories, produce a total of only \$80 additional income per month - positive, but not outstanding. We are a healthy club, but need to do more in future years to attract additional sailors to our club.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Membership chairman this year, and thanks to **Frank Woodul, Kamille McIver, Claude Welles and Wade Bingaman** for serving with me.

AYC Membership status - 2004

| | Initial 04 | Oct EOM | Nov adds | Nov subs | End 04 | Change |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|
| Senior | 351 | 342 | 2 | 2 | 342 | -9 |
| Associate | 12 | 15 | | | 15 | 3 |
| Young Adult | 0 | 4 | | | 4 | 4 |
| Student | 0 | 0 | | | 0 | 0 |
| Juniors | 8 | 10 | 6 | | 16 | 8 |
| Ol Salt 10 year | 9 | 13 | 1 | | 14 | 5 |
| Non Resident | 7 | 8 | | | 8 | 1 |
| Total paying members | 387 | 392 | 9 | 2 | 399 | 12 |
| LOA | 2 | 2 | | | 2 | 0 |
| Honorary | 5 | 6 | 1 | | 7 | 2 |
| Life | 22 | 22 | | | 22 | 0 |
| UT Team | 23 | 23 | | | 23 | 0 |
| Ol Salt 30 year | 8 | 12 | | | 12 | 4 |
| Total Members | 447 | 457 | 10 | 2 | 465 | 18 |

AYC Trophy Winners 2004

Jimmy B. Card Memorial Trophy

To the Club Senior Sailor new to the sport.

This trophy is to recognize the beginning sailor who enthusiastically, bravely, and with a real zest and enjoyment for life becomes a reasonably competitive sailor in their first or second year of sailing.

Presented to: Camden Bobek

Max White Memorial Trophy

To the Club senior member for outstanding service to the club in the past year.

This trophy should be awarded to the individual who has given freely and unselfishly of their time and/or talents over and above what might otherwise have been necessary or expected of them.

Presented to: Jon & Mary Ann Fitch

Special Contribution Award 2004

For his outstanding service to the Austin Yacht Club by giving freely and unselfishly of his time and talents above what might be expected of him.

Presented to: David Rehberg

Jessie McIlroy Smith Bowl

To the Club junior or senior sailor who has made an outstanding contribution or achievement in yachting beyond the Club level or normal Club activities.

This award is intended to recognize a Club member for outstanding service to yachting or racing achievement beyond the Club level or to recognize an individual's accomplishments that are not within the normal scheduled activities of the Austin Yacht Club such as significant application of sailing skills in a rescue, ocean crossing, yacht construction, etc.

Presented to: Stephen Gay & Steve Gay

Corinthian Women Sailor Trophy

To a woman sailor exhibiting traditional Corinthian Traits.

This trophy is to be given annually to a woman who is an individual or family member who has exhibited good sportsmanship, enthusiasm, and participation, thereby making an overall contribution to the enhancement of the sport of competitive sailing.

Presented Posthumously to: Judith McCrackin

Liz Bauman Memorial Trophy

To the most improved female junior sailor.

This trophy is to be given annually to a young woman who, though not necessarily the most accomplished, demonstrates those traits of cooperation, discipline, willingness to learn, and good sportsmanship that are the goals of the junior sailing program.

Presented to: Brittney Speed Rosales

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Commodore....*(continued from page 1)*

high water scare and last winter during office disruptions from the walkway construction. I certainly appreciate all your work and help. You made my job as commodore a lot easier.

Last year the board started work on reorganizing the club from one non profit corporation into three separate corporations. The primary reason for change in legal structure was to provide greater protection of assets. The organization change was approved by your board last spring, and final documents were signed December 1st. Official operation of the new structure will start Janu-

ary 1, 2005. Two Limited Liability Companies have been formed; Beacon Land Company which will own land and improvements and Road Runner Dock Company which will own all docks and underwater land. Both Limited Liability companies will be owned by the Austin Yacht Club, which will also own all personal property and carry on normal club activities. From a daily operational point of view this change will be invisible to members, but will require some additional work on the part of staff and the board.

In closing, thank you for giving me the honor of serving as your commodore. I've really enjoyed it.



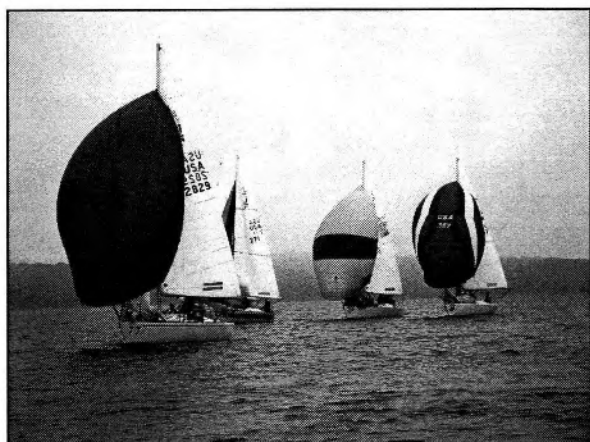
we don't know but it was fun!) and being a great example of supporting the Fleet with his consistent Series racing participation! And I will take a small bow for my efforts to keep the Fleet's communication channels flowing. Whether you make the Fleet Holiday Party or not, make an effort to say Thanks to these folks when you cross paths with them...remember next time it might be you! :-)

But don't worry too much about that in 2005, I hear that **Stephen** has already lined up next year's Fleet Captain (come to the Party to find out who) and several past officers have already agreed to continue in their roles (including me unless someone else has a ink quill they want to point our way!)

Regards,
Eric



Dave Gamble's OOH-AAH! (Bow 65) working the fleet trying to make a textbook pin end start at the last circuit stop.



Dave Broadway's Superman (USA 2380) trying to separate from the lead pack on his way to a season best 4th place finish at the last circuit stop.

Local High Schools Compete in National Sailing Competition

While most high school sports end at the state level, Cross Country Track and Sailing have National Championships. Sailors from Lake Travis High School and Cedar Park High School sailed in a National Championship in New Orleans on November 13-14. The Great Oaks Regatta is hosted every year by Southern Yacht Club and invites teams that are new to High School Sailing (ISSA). Sailing for Lake Travis HS were **Tyler Jones, Kevin Bartlett, Brittany Speed Rosales, Preston Bach, Sara Bach** and **Holly Guerrero**. In this competition each team has one boat sailed by two sailors. Thirty-three high school teams are represented from all across the U.S. including Florida, Hawaii, Rhode Island, and Washington State. The sailors sailed in two groups with the 17 Green Fleet teams racing each other and the 16 Red Fleet teams against each other. The top 9 teams from Green advance to Gold Fleet and the top 8 teams from Red go to the Gold Fleet. Those not advancing compete in Silver Fleet. All sailors sailed "420" Class boats provided by SYC, Tulane, University of New Orleans and a few private team boats. Ten races were sailed on Saturday with each team sailing a different boat after every two races to even out variances among boats and sails. While the crews swap boats, Coaches bring each team up to speed and replenish much needed food and water, and substitute crews. The conditions were challenging with a north wind whipping 30 miles across Lake Pontchartrain before pounding the sailors. The wind died in the middle of the afternoon but the waves did not and all sailors were soaked. Lake Travis sailed in Silver Fleet the second day along with all five of the Texas teams. Winds and waves began building early Sunday and by two o'clock the wind was 20 miles per hour with gust to 26. The Regatta was concluded after 8 races on Sunday, as conditions grew worse. Lake Travis HS emerged in 4th Place and beat very good teams from Dallas, Houston and Austin. They were the highest placed team among the Texas teams. The St Pete, Florida team was 1st in Silver Fleet while the overall winner was the Gold Fleet Champ from Hawaii. **Christi Brewer, Robert Brewer, Candice Cox, Georgia Swan, Virginia Barber** and **Lindsey Bollinger** represented Cedar Park High School. The Cedar Park team took 14th but said they had more fun. Maybe that was the French Quarter visit Saturday night. The supporting staff was **Craig Bach, Neil Jones, Janice Hazledine** and myself Coach **Steve Gay**. Many thanks to the Austin Yacht Club and the AYC Foundation for making the trip possible.

AYC 2004 Trophy Winners...

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Ron W. Harden Memorial Trophy

To the most improved male junior sailor.

This trophy is to be given annually to a young man who, though not necessarily the most accomplished, demonstrates those traits of cooperation, discipline, willingness to learn, and good sportsmanship that are the goals of the junior sailing program.

Presented to: Tyler Jones

Ol' Salt Of the Austin Yacht Club

To the Club senior sailor who has exhibited enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and a competitive zeal over a period of time, and has a quality of life that can be admired by all.

Presented to: Doug Laws

Men's Single Handed Champion

This year's winners were selected from the winners of the Laser & Sunfish Wednesday Night Championship For competition in a long series from May though September.

Claude Welles - Laser John Bartlett - Sunfish

Women's Single Handed Championship

This year's winner was selected from the winners of the Laser & Sunfish Wednesday Night Championship For competition in a long series from May though September.

All the female competitors from both fleets selected this years winner:

Renee Ruais

Women's Team Champion

The winners this year were selected for their participation and winning in the Texas State Centerboard Championship, a series of six competitions through out the state, along with their continued participation in AYC series events and regattas.

Presented to: Jennifer Loehlin & Robin Drummond

University of Texas Scott Young Cup

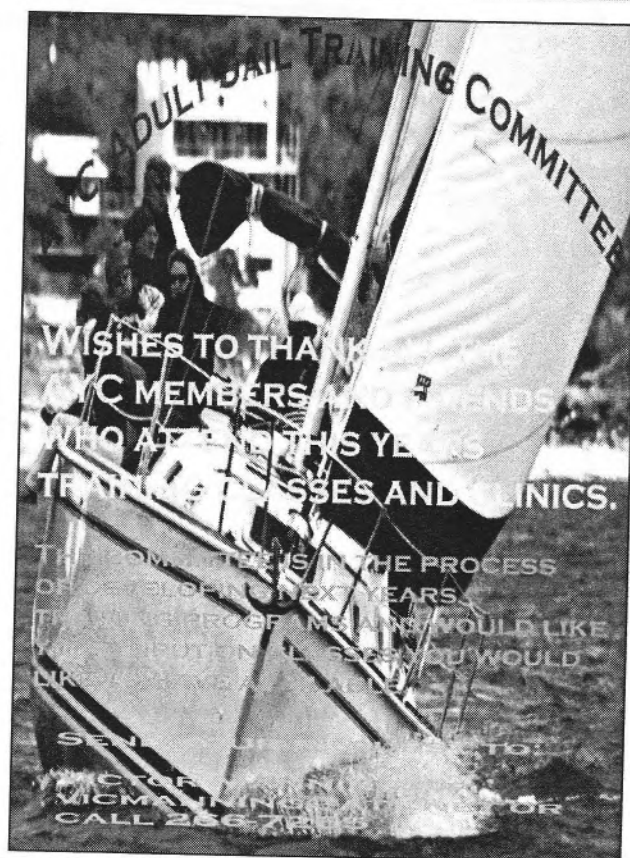
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Presented to: Habbo Engleke

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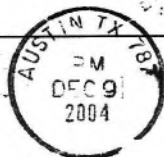
This award goes to an individual who committed a Blooper that was observed during the year. The selection is done by the membership at the annual banquet, after hearing their pleas to select another offender. The membership, decided by hand clapping, has selected this years winner to be:

Terry McDermott for moving a boat with water in it on a trailer and breaking the boat and trailer



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