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

Closed Mondays Closed Club Holidays:

New Year's Day 1 January
Easter Sunday 16 April
Independence Day 4 July
Thanksgiving Day 23 November
Shopping Day 24 November
Christmas Day 25 December

From The Commodore By Paul Ballett



My Article this month is going to be a little different from the norm. First, let me start with the information you will need after

reading this article. My telephone number is 512-795-2524 and my e-mail is paul_ballett@ml.com. If you are interested in the long term development of YOUR club, you should be contacting me to help. As I mentioned last month I have formed a number of committees focused on various areas of the club, I have some very experienced members already signed-up for some positions NOW IS YOUR TIME TO JOIN THEM!

The Committees are as follows:

<u>FACILITIES</u> – Reporting to the B&G Commander

This Committee will establish and propose a multi-year strategy for capital level refurbishments and improvements to the Building, Grounds and Docks. IF THIS AREA INTERESTS YOU, CONTACT ME NOW!

MEMBER SERVICES/SOCIAL – Reporting to the Commodore

This committee will focus on designing and providing the level of member services the club will offer. Including Officer of the Day, caring activities and social (non-racing) events. IF THIS AREA INTERESTS YOU, CONTACT ME NOW!

<u>SAIL TRAINING</u> – Reporting to the Sail Training Commander

This committee will plan and direct the Sail Training Focus of the club. Including summer camps, year round training programs, ladder event preparation and equipment needs. IF THIS AREA INTERESTS YOU, CONTACT ME NOW!

REGATTAS - Reporting to the Vice Commodore

This committee is responsible to develop and improve our three annual club regattas. Turnback Canyon, Centerboard and Leukemia Cup. IF THIS AREA INTERESTS YOU, CONTACT ME NOW!

<u>FINANCE</u> – Reporting to the Treasurer

This committee will establish and maintain a multi year fiscal strategy for the club and advise on good reporting principles. IF THIS AREA INTERESTS YOU, CONTACT ME NOW!

The description given above are abbreviated and only designed to give an

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Website News By Eric Nelson



For most this past year I have been writing about the various aspects of the AYC website in the Telltale to help the membership become more familiar with this powerful communication tool. Past articles have dealt with how to use the website's events calendar, how to access the racing related information (NORs, SIs,

results, etc.), the importance of keeping your member information current, password management, the extra functions available to members who sign-in using their password and using the news section to keep up with what is going on at the Club. I would like to close out this series of articles by bringing to your attention all of what I will call secondary information that is contained in the site.

For instance, did you know that each member has space reserved on the website to set up their own personal web presence? This is an ideal way to keep your crew up to date on your racing/sailing plans, post pictures of your sailing adventures for members, friends and family, etc. Each recognized fleet at AYC also has a reserved area for setting a fleet web page (which some of the fleets have taken advantage of). Of course almost everyone is familiar with accessing the AYC weather station data from the website (and its webcam feature) but it is such a great tool that I wanted to bring it up here for completeness. Something almost as cool that most people don't seem to know about is the interactive map capabilities in the About Us section. This feature allows the usual custom directions to/from any location to the club but it also can find for you locations and directions for nearby lodging and restaurants. It also allows you to overlay the appropriately scaled satellite image to the map. You can even zoom in and see placement of the permanent AYC marks! In this section is also a great write up of the history of the club. Read it sometime and I am sure you will learn something you didn't know about our history.

Of course, as comprehensive as the website is currently, there are lots of additions people would like to see and so be on the lookout for additions and improvements to be rolled out over time. Some near term ones are on-line new member application submissions, posting our By-laws/House Rules/Polices/Procedures for easier reference and integrating the boat information portion of the on-line directory data with the scoring computer database. And, I am sure

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2006 Racing Schedule

August 4	Beer Can Series (7:00)
August 5	Junior Dog Days Series #4 (Junior Racing)
August 5	Dog Days Series #4 (4:30 FWS)
August 11	Beer Can Series (7:00)
August 12	Junior Dog Days Series #5 (Junior Racing)
August 12	Dog Days Series #5 (4:30 FWS)
August 18	Beer Can Series (7:00)
August 19	Junior Dog Days Series #6 (Junior Racing)
August 19	Dog Days Series #6 (4:30 FWS) - EOS Buffe
August 25	Beer Can Series (7:00)
September 1	Beer Can Series (7:00)
September 8	Beer Can Series (7:00)
September 10	Junior Fall Series #1 (Junior Racing)
September 10	Fall Series #1 (1:30 FWS)
September 15	Beer Can Series (7:00)
September 16 & 17	7J-24 Circuit Regatta
September 22	Beer Can Series (7:00)
September 24	Junior Fall Series #2 (Junior Racing)
September 24	Fall Series #2 (1:30 FWS)
September 29	Beer Can Series (7:00)
October 1	Junior Fall Series #3 (Junior Racing)
October 1	Fall Series #3 (1:30 FWS)
October 6	Beer Can Series (7:00)
October 8	Junior Fall Series #4 (Junior Racing)
October 8	Fall Series #4 (1:30 FWS)
October 13	Beer Can Series (7:00)
October 13-15	Leukemia Cup Regatta

AYC Upcoming Non-Racing Events

August 3	Keel Handicap Fleet, Handicap Committee Open Meeting (7:30 p.m. Clubhouse)
August 9	Full Moon Raft-Up
August 20	Vice Commodore Appreciation Day (5:00 p.m.)
August 24	AYC Board Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
August 26	Rules Seminar (9:30 a.m1:00 p.m.)
September 3	AYC Fund Social
September 7	Full Moon Raft-Up
September 10	Roadrunners Board Meeting & Elections (10:00 a.m.)
September 10	J-24 Social
September 10	Ensign Social
September 28	AYC Board Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
September 30	Mini Racing Clinic (9:30 a.m2:00 p.m.)
	(Beginning Sunfish and Laser sailors)
October 7	Full Moon Raft-Up
November 2	Keel Handicap Fleet, Handicap Committee Open Meeting (7:30 p.m. Clubhouse)
December 9	Catalina 22 Fleet Christmas Party (5:00 p.m.)

Centerboard Regatta Race Results

Laser:

1. Subramanian, R., 2. Peckover, D., 3. Flynn, C.

Sunfish:

1. Bartlett, C., 2. Burks, E., 3. McDavitt, L.

Portsmouth:

1. Wesson, S., 2. Loehlin, J., 3. Powers, R.

Note: Please see the AYC Website for official race results.

Sail Training News By Johannes Brinkmann



Mark your calendar and tell your friends about these two sail training events coming up in August and September:

Saturday, August 26th, 9:30am – 1:00pm: Our very own US Sailing

Senior Judge, **Gail Bernstein**, has volunteered to teach a rules seminar. The class will be open to members and non-members, and there will be a \$10.00 fee that will include the class and lunch. Sign up will be via the website or at the door. This will be an excellent opportunity for skippers and crew to improve their knowledge of the rules before the Fall Series and the Leukemia Cup.

Saturday, September 30th 9:30am – 2:00pm: Mini Racing Clinic for beginning Laser and Sunfish sailors who want to get a jump start on Wednesday night racing at AYC. Learn starting and round the buoys techniques. The class is open to members and non-members. Bring your own Laser or Sunfish, or sail an AYC club Sunfish. Clinic fee: \$15 for those using their own boat, and \$25 for those using a club boat. Lunch will be provided.

Johannes Brinkmann, Sail Training Commander



October 13-15, 2006

Ready to Register for the 2006 Leukemia Cup Regatta?

Simply visit <u>www.active.com/donate/leukemiacupctx</u> or <u>www.austinyachtclub.org</u> to register today!

Fundraising is easy and the staff at The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society are available to provide support and fundraising tips along the way. In addition to helping to find a cure for blood cancers, sailors can win exciting prizes for their fundraising success as well!

The grand prize for any sailor raising at least \$8,500 is a Fantasy Sail with Gary Jobson. During the Fantasy Sail, you and a guest will enjoy an all-expense paid trip in 2007 and spend a weekend sailing and celebrating with Gary Jobson and other top fundraising sailors from around the country.

If you have any questions or would like help registering online, please contact Laura Wallace at (512) 491-6610 ext 31 or via e-mail at laura.wallace@lls.org.

Race Commander News By Larry Ratliff



BEWARE! BEWARE! BE-WARE! Lake Travis is out to get you or at least your keel. As the lake gets lower more and more shallow spots are showing up often outside the shallow

water markers. The two most dangerous are Kellers point, just outside the entrance to the AYC harbor, and the area to the east of the shallow water off of Travis Landing. These spots are as shallow as 4 feet and extend into the lake as much as 30 feet beyond the shallow water markers (as of Tuesday the 7th). Be especially careful when approaching or leaving K Mark. Things change fast and what was deep enough yesterday may well be too shallow today. Be careful out there.

HELP! HELP! It is mid-August and we only have about 8 weeks till the Leukemia Cup. We are planning on having three separate start lines, one for the J22 circuit, one for Keel boats, one design and PHRF, and one for the Centerboards. We will need about 24 volunteers to staff the three RC's. If you are available to help and are not racing (remember racing drop comes first) please me an email (wratliff@austin.rr.com) or give me a call at 266-2262. Any help is appreciated.

THANKS! THANKS! THANKS! Many thanks to all the people who helped us pull off a very successful Centerboard Regatta. Despite shifty winds that were light to lighter Mike Kilpatrick and his RC did a great job of putting on the races. Many thanks to Mike, Bobby & Margo Crouch, Tom Lappin, Leslie Stranahan, David Yoder, David Wahlberg, Bay Perterson, and new members Jimmy Cain and Jim Dower.

Remember, Dog Days ends on the 19th of August and the Fall Series starts on September 10th. Fall Series is back to Sundays with the first gun at 1:30PM.

Larry Ratliff, Race Commander

A HUGE THANKS......

Goes to all AYC members who have helped in the last month and a half on the moves and adjustments of docks 2 and 3.

Every time I've called for volunteer help from the membership I've been blessed with willing and able AYC members who have gotten the job done.

Your AYC Harbor Commander, Bob Gallant, thanks you!

C-22 Fleet News By John Grzinich



Sailing activity slowed a little for the Catalina 22 fleet during July as we started into the dog days series.

During the first weekend of July, the C22 fleet had a fun social outing. On Saturday evening members of fleet and families

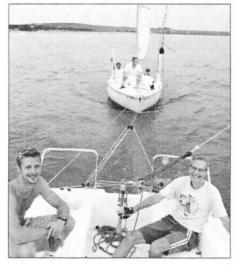
headed up north to Walburg for some good German food, cold brew-skees, and dancing. Johannes Brinkman and wife Liza led the dancing for the polka's and waltzes. Wade Bingaman and wife Cathy led the way for the two-steps. Roy Crouse, Art Bussey, and Peter Broberg led the "Tiki-Taki, Tiki-Taki" beer hoisting cheers. The Walburg Boys play a wide variety of music, not just German tunes. This band takes requests. Someone snuck up to the bandstand and requested the "Chicken Dance". Ann Marie Grzinich made sure there were no slackers for this resulting in the entire C22 group out on the dance floor doing the old chicken dance. Thanks to George Robison for getting a photo this momentous event in C22 fleet history.



C-22 Fleet does the "chicken dance" at Walburg.

The 2nd dog days race day in July was perhaps the most bizarre sailboat race in the history of C22 racing on Lake Travis. Calling it sailboat race is perhaps an over statement. Just as soon as the start was signaled, the wind dropped to zero. We had 5 boats attempting to start. While the C22's sat still, power boats were cruising by. The wakes gradually drove the C22's backwards away from the starting line. I have not experienced this problem since the days when I raced on the Hudson River where there was light air and strong current. The starting line was set over on the west side of the lake. As we drifted backwards I could see us getting closer to the sand bars that show due to the low lake level. Fi-

nally a very light breeze filled in, but it took awhile just to get back to the starting line. It was long slow slog up to windward mark. Shortly after the fleet finally rounded, the light winds disappeared completely. The race committee had shortened the race course for the one design fleets at the leeward mark. Only one C22 managed to make it across the finish line of the shorted race course. That was Dumbo, sailed by George Robison and Paul Jensen. When George was asked what was the secret to winning such challenging light air race, George revealed that the key was getting to west side of lake first so the power boat wakes gradually pushed his boat across the finish line after the wind died. I am wondering, if AYC is going to hold races on days like this, should we add a W0.5 to the set of one design round the marks race courses the race committee can use?? The C22 one design class rules require an operational 40 pound motor attached to the normal motor mount. This comes in real handy on days like this, not only for returning to AYC, but for helping tow back some of the non-powered sailboats. Thanks to Jenny Meadows for taking photos of Be-bop-a-lula towing in an Ensign, and a photo of a rare moment during dog days 2, Walter Allen on Waltz'n-Kati-B, actually sailing instead of drifting.



Fortunately, the next dog days series race day had plenty of wind, and we got in 2 W2 races in one day for the first time in the dog day's series. The turnout was low, but I am hoping with wind good winds returning to Lake Travis participation will pick up.

Ryan Kucera and John Grzinich on Be-Bop-a-Lula towing an Ensign back to AYC after dog days 2.

Finally, I'd like to welcome Mark Haralson to AYC and to the Catalina 22 fleet. Mark has purchased Fat Cat from Louie Soefje. Mark had been crewing for the Shepardsons, and got the bug get his own C22. Mark's done beautiful job restoring the boat, it looks great. Mark's been out sailing his boat, and we are looking forward to Mark joining us for some racing in the future.

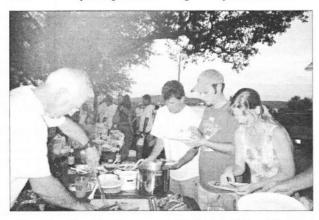
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Lot's of tall story telling went on during the Fajita & 'Rita social...



Dr. Dave Gamble using his surgery skills to delight the Fajita serving line.

J-24 Fleet News By Eric Nelson



<u>Dog Days Series Competition as HOT as the Weather!</u>

The J/24 Fleet kicked off the Saturday Evening Dog Days Series with their traditional Fajita & 'Rita party. With 10 boats on the line plus a good group who came

out especially for the party, we had a big group that stayed late. With plenty to eat, great margarita's and entertainment provided by El Roto-Shooter, most people had valid concern that the Fleet photographers may have something on them by the end of the evening! But don't worry, the really good shots are worth too much as blackmail to publish here!

David Kenyon also took advantage of the beginning of a new series to re-christen his boat as ayeBOAT. Anyone near the mast hoist that early afternoon was treated to the sight of David and his crew spinning around the compass rose and spewing champagne while chanting as part of the required ceremony of asking Neptune to accept banishing the boat's old name of Chapter XII to the depths...it must have worked to some degree as he promptly took a third against 9 tough competitors in ayeBOATs first race!

And the series racing has just gotten bigger and better throughout the Dog Day's schedule. So far, 12 different J/24s have participated and we have never been below 8 boats on the line. And with the J/22s starting with us, who put an extra 6 boats on the line a few weeks back, we have had great competition and very close racing across the combined fleets. And when I say close, I mean real close...as in the first finish line tie score I think I have ever seen in AYC series racing.

This occurred in race 5 of the series between **Dave Gamble**'s *OOH-AAH!* and **Ryan Harden**'s *Running on Empty*, who tied for second. And speaking of AYC series racing first, we even had a General Recall and the subsequent restart was under the I Flag (and then there was even an I Flag violation!). Hey, this is real racing!...you should make it a point to come out and join in. Check out who has been racing and all the scores on the AYC website at http://www.austinyachtclub.net/scoring/.

Next Fleet Social

Our next social event will be in conjunction with the start of the next series on September 10th. You will

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Membership News By Danny Lien



A. Approval of Probationary Members

Dylan Moore, Jack Ivie, Philip Brinkman and Randy Rankin submitted applications to be AYC RoadRunners

Student members, and were accepted by the RoadRunners Board and subsequently the AYC Board of Directors.

Mark and Jeanne Haralson, accepted as Sr. Members, have purchased C22 "Fat Cat". They have been actively fixing up the boat and racing with **Steve and Meredith Shepardson**.

Dawn Drewry was accepted for Sr. membership and brings another Laser to the Club. **Dawn** has past experience in sail training in the Chicago area and we hope to tap her as a consultant in the Sail Training Committee in the future.

Andrew Katz, a Young Adult Member, is another transplant from Southern YC and comes with dinghy and big boat experience. He may be looking for a Laser and a midsize keel boat.

Michael and Marilyn Ingram, new Senior Members, keep a C27 in San Diego, purchased a double handed RS Feva dinghy which they hope will stimulate a few more CB handicap sailors to the series line. Michael has been racing recently at AYC with Ken Jolly and Bobby Crouch.

Marco Vegara, accepted as a Young Adult Member, sails a Laser and a Sonar and also is active at bay sailing in the Corpus Christi area. He is primarily interested in Laser sailing at AYC.

Tim Arnold, who resigned in good standing a while back, was reinstated as a Sr. Member. Tim has been active in the J24 and J80 area Circuits and has sailed many Regattas at AYC in the recent past. He now requests the privileges of Sr. Membership.

Mat Thompson, accepted as a Sr. Member, is an avid racer, mostly in dinghies but with some worldly big boat experience.

B. <u>Membership Status Changes</u>

Tony Slowik requested a change of status to Non-resident for which he qualifies due to his move to Corpus Christi/Padre Island.

James and Amy Bené successfully completed their probationary year and are accepted as Sr. Members.

Ed Marty successfully completed his probationary year and is accepted as a Sr. Member.

John Fogarty has relocated to Washington State as he was about to complete his probationary year.

Grant Headifen's resignation in good standing was approved this month.

James Pennington's request for resignation in good standing was approved.

Curtis Reddehasse's request for resignation in good standing was approved.

Charles Puryear (action last month) confirmed that he did not request reinstatement after his Leave of Absence expired (April) and that since he did not complete his initial probationary year, when his work travel demands are less and he intends to return, he will start the application process at the beginning.

Dave Speed is formally reinstated as a Senior Member at AYC.

C. Membership Class Totals

MEMBERSHIP TOTALS	June EOM	ADD	SUB	July EOM
Senior	345	5	2	348
*Honorary	7			7
*Life Member	21			21
Associate	15		1	15
Young Adult	7	2		9
Junior Student Member	11	4		15
UTIST Member	16			16
*Leave of Absence	0			0
Non-Resident	7	1		8
Ol' Salt 10 Year	10			10
Ol' Salt 30 Year	18			18
Total Non-Paying Members	46			46
Total Paying Members	411			421
Total Members	457			467

Save The Date! Rules Seminar: August 26, 2006



Did you know...

More than 785,000 people in the United States are battling leukemia, lymphoma or myeloma.

Long Range Planning Report

By Lanelle Montgomery



If you have been to the clubhouse lately, you are probably wondering what in the world those posters in the trophy case are all about. The "Mission of the Austin Yacht Club"? The "AYC Core Values"?

As many of you already know, several months ago the Long Range Planning Committee (Lanelle Montgomery, Bob Goldsmith and Tom Groll) asked Hap Arnold, Clift Price, John Mandell, and Tom Romberg to work with them on developing a Strategic Plan for the Club. The goal of this sub-committee is to create a snapshot of what the Austin Yacht Club should look like five years from now. The snapshot will also include strategies for reaching the desired end result. process of developing the Strategic Plan requires first knowing what this Club is all about (i.e. what is our purpose or "mission") and second, what values do we hold dear (i.e. regardless of what we may do in the future, what values must never be sacrificed). The Strategic Planning Sub-committee has met frequently over the past few months and has identified what it believes to be the Core Values and a statement of the Mission of the Austin Yacht Club. A big thanks to Bob Harden for taking this information and creating the posters you see in the clubhouse.

First of all, the AYC Mission Statement reads, "To have a premier sailing club, with a membership characterized by broad social, economic and sailing experience levels and sustained by individual participation, volunteerism and Club generated revenues." While the original Founding Fathers never actually sat down and wrote these words as their "Mission Statement", according to the Founding Father members on this sub-committee, this statement is an embodiment of the original vision of their aspirations for the sailing club they were then creating.

Second, we believe that the intrinsic, core values of our Club include the following:

- To support active sailboat racing.
- To maintain diverse membership.
- To promote volunteerism in Club activities.
- To maintain fiscal sustainability.
- To maintain operational sustainability.
- To identify and manage risks to the Club's continued existence.

The Strategic Planning Sub-Committee continues to gather information and comments from all members of the Club. We would love to hear what you have to say about any of this. Please feel free to direct your comments to any of the members. However, the most efficient way to get your comments heard is to email them to me, lanelle@austin.rr.com. I will forward all comments to the entire committee so that everyone gets the comments first hand. Thank you for your interest.

Lanelle Montgomery, Long Range Planning Committee Chairman

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there are many more in people's minds!

My key motivation in writing these articles was to help you get the minimal website use skills so you feel comfortable enough to give it a try... As I have said in all my articles, if you try something out on the website and have problems, feel free to contact me and I will try to help. I am not as responsive as a commercial 7 x 24 tech support line but I will get back to you!

Eric Nelson, Vice Commodore

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overview of the activities of each of the committees. These committees have no decision making ability and can only make a recommendation to the board for action. Each member would be asked to serve at least two-years on each committee. The intention is to give members with a particular area of interest or skill a

conduit to give a small amount of time to the club in a focused way and allow the club to function and serve its members better.

Paul Ballett



Every five minutes, someone new is diagnosed with a blood cancer. That is 35,070 this year alone.

Every ten minutes, someone dies from a blood cancer, which is 22,280 men, women or children each year.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is the world's leading non-governmental funder of blood cancer research, donating more than \$59 million in 2006 alone to the most cutting edge cancer research in the world and more than \$483 million since its inception in 1949.

Ensign Fleet News By Randolph Bertin



<u>Doggin' it:</u> The Ensign fleet welcomed a new skipper to the line with the opening of the Dog Days series. **Bill Curra**, swapping roles with **Bill Hawk** (who joined **Fred Deboes** to crew) is sailing on the **Price's** boat **Dos Locos**. **Bill Curra** didn't waste much time at the back of the fleet learning the ropes: one leg, in fact. After

getting to the windward mark, he took **Dos Locos** to the course right, splitting with the rest of the fleet, and rode a nice breeze downwind to pass **Randolph Bertin** (experiencing spinnaker problems) and catch **Frans Dahmen** at the leeward mark. From there, **Dos Locos** outmaneuvered the **Flying Dutchmen** to finish 2nd on the W1 course (in the midst of a crowd of J-24s getting ready to start a second race). Congratulations on a solid opening race and welcome to the fleet. Its great to have a new helmsman, and see the return of **Dos Locos** to action!

Oh, and **Tom and Kelly Groll** were tuning up for Ensign Nationals with a solid bullet on the first race of the series.

REALLY DOGGIN' IT: So, we were all set for a second race, with a beautiful summer early evening, with winds around 8-10 knots, SE-E. Does it get any better than this in mid July?! It didn't even feel too hot for temperatures in the upper end of the mid 90s. Tom sailed by and asked for a W2 this time. No response? "So, are we racing?" "No" "Why not?!" "The winds are shifty and they might die."

Welcome to Lake Travis... when is the wind not shifty?!! And, of course, there is always a possibility that the wind will die. If you have wind, you start a race! If it dies later, you can always abandon. Apparently, the race committee had other things to do than conduct a race. Anyone listening on a radio already had a good idea there would be only one race that day as the early decision (before the Ensign fleet even started race 1) was to get through the rest of the start sequence and call it day! Somehow the J-24 fleet managed to get a second start: perhaps having 12 boats full of angry skippers hurling threats was sufficiently persuasive. No such luck for the other onedesign fleets. We are a racing club, aren't we? Let's just say that there were plenty of dissatisfied sailors around the grounds, and it didn't have anything to do with their order of finish.

More Dog Days: On the following weekend, Dog Days 2, the midday weather radar showed red cells headed south toward Lake Travis and the postponement flag was flown from shore. As often happens, the storms dissipated and five Ensigns sailed out for a start, most honoring the crew swap plans. Bill Curra in Dos Locos showed some speed as he was helped by Lewis Price and Sarah Baker. We were also pleased to see Amy Rodnick out with crew on aptly named Travis Moons. By start time the east wind was patchy and filled from the right, left and center. Forty-five minutes later, the first Ensign 578 with Nationals' crew actually rounded the weather mark and shortly after boats headed to the west shore. Tom Groll made it to the bottom mark for a shorter course finish, all others were scored DNF though some were just boatlengths from the finish. The real race was to the Club by tows where a great dinner was spread out on the picnic tables for another Ensign Fleet Social. Thanks to Norma Lien for heading up the feast and to all the other sailors for the wonderful sides.



Cries of "James, that is an \$800 sail!" courtesy of Carolyn Wilsford aboard 810 were heard from quite a distance on Dog Days 3. From aboard 872 itself was heard: "Not that line, the OTHER GREEN line!"

For the third installment of the Dog Days, the forecast was for 5 to 15 and the forecast was spot on. It was windy enough for small jibs but only part of the time so genoas were flown on all five boats. More than a few times puffs came in at 15+ and the main trimmers on boats were tested. The fleet endured a few crash tacks, and one tack actually led to a crash; egoes bruised only. Boats were often heeled with crew in on the sole trying to dump a mainsheet while others were low trimming in a jib. Not fast. The **Liens** were even seen bailing downwind in race two and proved that sometimes no spinnaker is faster than having your

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boat rocking and shrimping at the bottom mark.

First race, the Dahmens with about 6 or seven on board were just passed on the last upwind leg by the Liens. James Wilsford took a third and Bill Curra with the Bakers and two Rombergs on Hap's boat were also on the course. Second race Matt Romberg won the start and sailed out fast under the fleet to Cypress cove and beautifully tacked over to port on the corner and just cleared Chaparral. However, the Flying Dutchman was to just weather and had Chaparral pinned and so the Rombergs then needed to duck quickly just as one of those Cypress gusts blew 810 over and up and also 773. Frans and Matt got a little tangled and as the Dutchman with a backed jib tacked to avoid, a few of their seven crewmembers went swimming. Turned out they maybe were the most comfortable as it was a hot day. The Liens snuck by and James Wilsford and Bill Curra finished that race with a second and third respectively. Special thanks to Danny Lien for reporting the above notes while the regular secretary was on vacation].

For the fourth of the Dog Days, Randolph was planning to re-launch his docking-on-the-point-hardened boat and race, but the line of (mostly) J boats trying to do the same stretched almost all the way back to the dry sail area, and eventually the decision was made to abandon ship on the shore. Jonathan Baker, with his own crew out of town, came out to hop on someone else's boat. In any event, they teamed up in a crew swap as Randolph and crew (Michael Bertin and Iggy DeCardena) hopped on to Jonathan's J. Seagull, and sailed to a couple of firsts in the three boat fleet. Frans Dahmen was sailing with the French National Bikini team, who helped him just enough to claim two seconds. And Bill Curra was out as well, building a crew and getting more time on the water. And, by the way, with their two thirds, they are sailing Dos Locos in first place overall for the series to date! If the Price's were hoping their arrangement with Bill Curra would lead to more race participation for Dos Locos, their hope is showing early promise as that boat is the only one to appear in all the Dog Days races so far.

Although we only had three boats out for what turned out to be great racing conditions (aside from the heat and low water level) there was plenty of fleet activity to report: the **Hawk** family joined **Larry Ratliff** aboard his Ross *Fastbreak* as they raced in A fleet. **James and Amy Bené** were out making progress on the refurbishment of *Hedonist*, and 1152 was spotted heading out for a late afternoon cruise.

Looking ahead: The rest of August features the conclusion of Dog Days with a few looming questions: How will Region IV Champion Tom Groll and crew (Kelly Groll, Frans Dahmen, and Larry Ratliff) fare at Ensign Nationals in Cleveland? Will Bill Curra hang on to his lead to win the Dog Days? What color will Hedonist be painted? Will it ever rain again?

J-24 Fleet... (Continued from Page 5)



Dave Broadway's Superman working his way to the start line through a swarm of J/22s.

hear more about this as it gets closer but mark your calendars now.



El Roto - Shooter in action!

Circuit Stop Planning

The next big thing for the Fleet will be just one week after the next Fleet social; the AYC stop of the Texas Circuit. Preliminary planning has started for the September 16th/17th restart of the circuit series. The usual key areas like race committee, registration, social planning and Friday/Saturday morning continental breakfast all need someone to coordinate. If you want to head up one of these areas or just help out, please drop our Fleet Captain, Tom Lappin, a note at tom@bevobus.com. Either way start lining up your crew!

Harbor Committee News By Bob Gallant



Twelve Thousand Dollars annual windfall for AYC! The AYC Board approved a clarification to the fees structure pertaining to Harbor Rules such that boats authorized for temporary storage on grounds be charged 1.25

times the nominal dry sail fee. Current rules already stipulate charging for storage in and around the work area (dry out) and that storage elsewhere on the grounds is unauthorized unless approved by the Fleet Commander such as the point, the back of dry sail, etc. The written consequences for unauthorized storage are draconian in the Harbor Rules, and we suggest you don't go there. We do suggest you read the rules some time.

At the temporary storage rate, the 28 to 30 boats without assigned storage and stored in "vacant" dry sail slips, on the grass behind dry sail, in the dry out area and the work area and at the south cove ramp and on the point on August first would bring in about \$12000 per year in annual revenue or about \$2.50 of each member's AYC monthly bill. This boat count did NOT include boats belonging to members with assigned wet slips but now parked on the grounds in open space areas. About one third of the boats counted do not have correct trailer identification. A few of the boats owners stated that they wish to be assigned to a dry sail slip and that is happening.

The dry out area is for wet slipped boats. Boats in dry sail slips do not need another place to dry out. Many boats were in dry out and work area and on the point because a few members have more boats than they have slips.

Trailer parking is only for trailers paired with boats in wet slips or on the board boat docks. The point is not for parking of boats with dry sail slips, two currently are doing so.

Rules have not been enforced enough for us to internalize them. Unfortunately our current Club marina management structure of friendly anarchy with a touch of Dock Nazi once in a while is not working. Trailer parking is busting at the seams.

In the early fall expect trailers in dry sail to be painted with slip holder's name and "AYC" on the trailer tongue if not already there. If your trailer is in trailer storage and does not have a name it may be removed. A charge of \$30 will be levied for painting of names.

Expect to sign an agreement for slip storage and to place a small numbered AYC sticker on your boat indicating you have assigned storage. This will help eliminate the subletting of slips (if any) so that new slips can be offered to those on waiting lists and allow identification of boats. Currently we have about five keelboats to get rid of. Without current rental agreements stipulating AYC rights for leftover boats, disposal becomes a significant legal action which can be avoided in the future.

These procedures will allow us to conduct marina management efficiently and track down loose boats so we do not have to bother the 95% percent of us that are in compliance and only want to sail and socialize while at our Club.

Lastly, if you relinquish a slip in the future it will need to be by a date certain to be effective in a given month. Currently the vast majority of slip releases are received that last couple of days a month, therefore assignments are not made until the following month, limiting Club revenue and delaying new slip assignments. So, if you plan to vacate, provide notice! It is good for the Club.

It is the long term plan to make marina management efficient and as seamless as possible with both office and grounds staff support, but that can only be done if we get an organized system in place. A few of you have commented to the Harbor Committee that we need a paid Harbor Master on staff. Let us move toward a more organized system and see if we can avoid the expense of additional staff.

Thanks if you have read this far,

Your Harbor Committee



Would you or your company like to be an official sponsor of the 2006 Leukemia Cup Regatta?

Sponsorship levels start at \$2,500 and include a number of benefits like a table for ten at our Sail and Soiree Gala at the Lakeway Resort and Spa on Friday, October 13th, recognition in more than two thousand event invitations, seats on our sponsor spectator boat during the Regatta and much more. For more information on sponsorship levels and benefits, please contact Jane Sierra, Development Director at The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, at (512) 491-6610 ext 23 or via e-mail at jane.sierra@lls.org.

Dog Days Series Photos

Courtesy of Hector Lujan and Yolanda Cortés Mares





Boat II photos above and below: Ian Fink, Cody, and Rick Powers in the pit; Ian Fink helming to the finish line for a bullet on the 2nd race of Dog Days Series 4;; Yolanda and Adolph Mares; Jim Brown and Shane Hall (on his first big sailboat ride)









Wasabi (Photo above)



Dave Broadway on Superman (Photo right)



Evil, Wicked, Mean & Nasty (photo above)



Tom Groll on No Name (Photo left) Bad Moon (Photo below)



SC 21 Fleet News By Yolanda Cortés Mares





Some of the fleet members opted to sail on "big boats" during the Dog Days Series. lan Fink, Fleet Captain, took a first place bullet during the second race of series 4 on J-29 Boat II, with SC crew members Jim Brown, Adolph & Yolanda Mares. and SC'er by osmosis, Shane Hall who is Mike Kilpatrick's son-in-law (Mike's

daughter, Amy Hall, was crewing for Mike on his SC). Doug Powell, who is also opting for Boat II racing

during the hot Dog Days series was out of town. Despite such seemingly mutinous behavior within the fleet, everyone joined afterwards, as always, for camaraderie, salsa, chips, and Gin & Tonics (graciously provided by Dave Speed) at the SC21 table. Photos left (via this writer's cell phone) show John Grzinich and Bob Gallant joining the SC'ers with John Bartlett and Dave Speed (photo above left) and Roseanne (a big-boat-sailor-hopefully-soon-to-be-SC'er), John Kuc, Claudia Bartlett, and Hector Lujan (photo beleft).



Camden Bobeck, Nancy Nitardy, and crew aboard Panacea (Photo courtesy of Hector Lujan)

Fleet Commander News By Bob Gallant

Updates needed! With the docks out on the point it is necessary to do mass e-mailings from the AYC website to solicit help, give notifications, or post advisories.

As I've sent out these advisories, I've received quite a few bounce backs.....or, in the words of the king of rock....return to sender, address unknown. In other words I'm not getting through to you.

Perhaps, you've gotten a new e-mail address (and haven't updated the AYC site) or you've never accessed the AYC site to check your e-mail address, and it's wrong or not there. In any event, we'd like you to access the AYC website and check your information. You can edit your information by going to the AYC website: www.austinyachtclub.org

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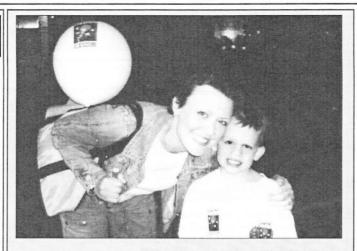
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Edit your information until correct! Correct information makes it easy for all of us! Please update your info soon! The boat you save might be your own!

Thanks, Bob Gallant, Fleet CMDR

Note: Please be aware that any changes made on the AYC Website do not affect billing. If you need to update your email address, address, phone, etc... Please also contact the AYC Office at (512) 266-1336 or via email at office@austinyachtclub.org.



Meet Kristen, our 2006 Leukemia Cup Regatta Honored Hero. In January of 2005, Kristen was diagnosed with Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia (ALL) as well as a genetic transposition of chromosomes known as T4-11, making her leukemia even harder to treat and more life threatening. Due to the intense nature of Kristen's cancer, she was given a bone marrow transplant, during which her body was treated with the maximum amount of chemotherapy tolerable without actually killing her. Luckily, Kristen's sister Jennifer was a near perfect genetic match and served as her bone marrow donor and Kristen underwent the bone marrow transplant in April of 2005. Kristen recovered remarkably well from her bone marrow transplant and is currently considered in remission. Kristen will have to remain cancer free for four more years until she can actually be considered cured.

Kristen's story is an inspirational one and because of advances in research made possible by money raised through programs like the Leukemia Cup Regatta, Kristen is able to continue living a relatively normal life with her husband, Trek, and her seven year old son, Casen. Kristen still must take immunosuppressive drugs, which have dramatically reduced her physical strength, but she is glad to be back practicing law at her firm. A cure is within our reach and with your support, our dream of eradicating leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma will become a reality.

As part of the Leukemia Cup Regatta, sailors may fundraise and race in honor of a friend or family member that is affected by blood cancer, or in honor of Kristen. By sharing stories about the struggles and triumphs of blood cancer patients and survivors, you can inspire donors and yourself as you work towards reaching your fundraising goal and change the lives of the more than 785,000 living with blood cancer.



Schedule:

Frì Aug 11th 7:30 - 8:30pm ----- Polling Beer Can Racers about Car Wash
Sat Aug 12th 7:30 - 8:30pm----- Polling Series Racers about Car Wash

Sun Aug 13th 6:00pm ----- Sunday Practice for Optimists and HSMS

Tues Aug 15th 6:00pm ----- Practice for HSMS
Sun Aug 20th 5:00pm ----- Finalizing plans for car wash/boat wash

Sun Aug 20th 6:00pm -----Optimist and HSMS
Practice

Tues Aug 22 6:00pm ------HSMS Practice

Sun Aug 27th 6:00pm -----Optimist and HSMS
Practice

Tues Aug 29th 6:00pm-----HSMS Practice

Labor Day Holiday Sun Sept 10th 10:00am----- Board Meeting-

Voting in of 2006-2007Officers

Sun Sept 10th 11:00am-----Prep for Car Wash

at Club

Sun Sept 10th 12:00pm-----Car Wash fundraiser starts at club

ALL Nominations for Board Members must be received by email NO later than Sept 4th.

Board Member Positions Available are:

Commodore

Vice Commodore

Captain

Secretary

Social Commander

Treasurer

Photographer

Scrapbook Commander

Questions? Contact Laura Barry at AYC office or at: laura@austinyachtclub.org

SC 21 Fleet... (Continued from Page 11)



Dave Speed and John Cockle? (Photo Courtesy of Hector Lujan)

With an 8-boat participation this series, the SC-21 Fleet has had great turnout (despite the summertime worries of not having a motor!). As of the writing of article, this

Camden Bobeck and Nancy Nitardy's Panacea is in first place, John Kuc's Rock Star is in second, and



Carl Morris in 4th place! (Photo Courtesy of Hector Lujan)

Duane Dobson's *Viator* is in third.

Thank you to all who have provided GnT's thus far this year.

Mark your calendars!

August 26, 2006:

Rules Seminar

September 30, 2006:

Mini Racing Clinic

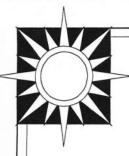


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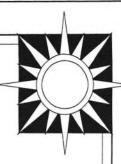
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Raise a sail and help fight leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma.



DOG DAYS OF SUMMER END OF SERIES BUFFET



Stick around after the final Dog Days Series races for the traditional end of series buffet and trophy presentation in the AYC Clubhouse. The menu will be Rudy's BBQ plates for \$7/person, including complimentary beer. Cash or member account charging will be accepted.

No reservations required.



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