

Telltale



September 2006

Monthly Newsletter

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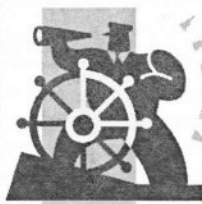
AYC Business Hours

Tuesday-Saturday: noon—5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 11:00 a.m. —12:30 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



'Are you ready for some Sailing' fall is here and that means great sailing, football, hunting and all that goes into the Texas fall.

Fall sailing is personally my favorite. We can convince ourselves the heat of the summer has passed (OK we can pretend), we can enjoy the beautiful fall with good winds and fair skies. At this time of year we get a second opening day for the year as the racing calendar picks up again with series races, circuit stops and regattas. The Leukemia Cup is fast approaching and I would encourage those racing who would also like to raise funds to start asking for donations ASAP.

Don't forget the Leukemia Cup takes the place this year of our Governors Cup/Fall Regatta. Entrants are promised good races, good parties ashore (one of the sponsors is Mount Gay Rum), good food and music. If you're lucky you may even win a shiny trophy. Entry is open to all, just like our normal Regattas. Fundraising is encouraged but voluntary. This will be a fun weekend that I encourage everyone to make the most of.

Our Fall Series starts on September 10th along with the juniors fall series

which should get a lot of boats back on the water after a summer recess. The J24 and J22 fleets had great participation during the Dog Days Series but many other fleets were well below their average. Not that I can blame them as I only managed to race in one race during the series. Our best turnout seemed to be for the end of series Buffet which was well attended. Many thanks to **Rene Ruais** and her happy band of helpers for looking after everyone.

In this issue of the Telltale you will see that requests for nominations for the Board and for the annual awards are being sought as we prepare for the end of the club year in November/December. Plans are well in stride for next years Sail Training, events and Racing Calendars. If you have anything you need included for next year, please contact **Laura Barry** in the office.

Also in this issue you will see details of changes in the AYC office hours to provide a more focused period for member and office interaction. We have been very focused this year on getting our office/staff operations to a level of higher efficiency and to be more cost effective (this is our single biggest expense as a club). I want to particularly thank **Eric Nelson** for his

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New Business Hours

The Board and the Office Staff have been talking about how to improve being available to take care of business items for members and guests that prefer to handle such in person. Items like questions about or paying their AYC bill, filling out and submitting

a Facilities Usage Request form or say registering for an upcoming regatta. Believe me, we all understand that the members who wish to do club business in person have been frustrated at times when they have tried to randomly come into the office and can't find the appropriate staff person to help them.

What we have come up with is to create what I call 'lobby' hours for the AYC Office. Like a bank, these lobby hours are the times the primary focus of the Office Staff will be to handle your business items (on the phone or in person). Said another way, these will be the core hours for you to interact with the Office Staff to work on whatever AYC business you may want to take care of in person. And if you prefer to call the office to get something handled, the goal will be for the Office Staff to answer your call in person (not roll over to voicemail) when you call during the lobby hours. If you call during non-lobby hours and leave a voicemail (which will be the case most likely if you call during non-lobby hours), the staff will be returning you call during the next lobby hour period after you called.

Keep in mind the Office Staff will rotate being on point during the lobby hours so you may not be able to close on all you business items at the time. Say you have a question about billing and our Events Coordinator/Sailing Director is working during the lobby hours you come in/call, well depending on the particulars, she may need to take your information and have our Office Administrator get back with you later. But you will be able to talk with someone and make sure all the details are understood. Like wise if you have an events related question and the Office Administrator is on duty, you may not be able to close on your request. But for the vast majority of common items you will be able to get what you need done. And over time your requests will help the Office Staff understand what are the common request and get training to be able to handle them to your satisfaction at the time you make the request or have the question.

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2006 Racing Schedule

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	J-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
October 20	Beer Can Series (7:00)
October 21-22	Pam Am Pre-Trials (Sunfish)
October 27	Beer Can Series (7:00)
October 29	Fall Series #5 (1:30 FWS)

AYC Upcoming Non-Racing Events

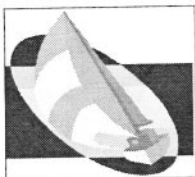
September 3	AYC Fund Social
September 7	Full Moon Raft-Up
September 10	Roadrunners Board Meeting & Elections (10:00 a.m.)
September 10	Roadrunners Car Wash (noon)
September 10	J-24 Social
September 10	Ensign Social & Baker Shower
September 28	AYC Board Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
September 30	Mini Racing Clinic (9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) (Beginning Sunfish and Laser sailors)
October 3	Roadrunners Board Meeting (noon)
October 7	Full Moon Raft-Up
November 2	Keel Handicap Fleet, Handicap Committee Open Meeting (7:30 p.m. Clubhouse)
December 2	AYC Annual Banquet (Hills of Lakeway Country Club)
December 9	Catalina 22 Fleet Christmas Party (5:00 p.m.)

Dog Days Series Overall Race Results

One Design Class-Catalina 22	1. Grzinich, J., 2. Robison, G., 3. Allan, W.
One Design Class- Ensign	1. Lien, D., 2. Curra, B., 3. Bertin, R.
One Design Class-J24	1. Harden, R., 2. Broadway, D., 3. Gamble, D.
One Design Class-J22	1. Bartlett, C., 2. Hammett, D., 3. Rehage, J.
One Design Class-SC21	1. Bobek, C., 2. Kuc, J., 3. Dobson, D.
PHRF A Class	1. Fink, I., 2. Mandell, J., 3. Wellman, M.
PHRF B Class (Non-Spinnaker Division)	1. Donovan, L., 2. Casnovsky, B., 3. Ehlers, S.
PHRF B Class (PHRF B Division)	1. Chambers, M., 2. Lewis, D., 3. Goldsmith, B. & J.
Portsmouth	1. Manning, P., 2. Leach, T., 3. Manning, V.

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

Sail Training News By Johannes Brinkmann



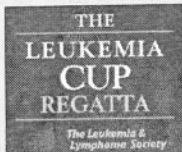
Thanks **Gail Bernstein** for an excellent job teaching the August 26th rules seminar. Judging by the turnout and participation there are plenty of AYC sailors studying and perfecting their knowledge of the rules. For those of you who aren't,

Look out on the race course! ... or read on.

There is a link to 19 animated rules scenarios on the AYC website. From the home page click on "Junior's Web Site" then "Junior Training" then "Racing Rules Quiz". Each quiz has a short animation, and you can click on an explanation of the applicable rules for that scenario. It's a great way to learn or review the rules.

Mark your calendar and tell your friends about the Beginning Laser & Sunfish clinic on Saturday September 30th, 9:30am - 2:00pm. **Renee Ruais** will be teaching this class aimed at beginning adult sailors who want to work on sail trim and boat handling skills. 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 www.active.com/donate/leukemicupctx or www.austinyachtclub.org 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.

AYC WANTS YOU!



AYC 2007 Board of Directors Nominations

Please submit nominations to the nominating committee members listed below, or fill out the form available in the AYC office, or fill out the form below, cut it out, and send it to the AYC office.

Doug Laws
David Bernstein
Danny Lien (chair) dannylien@austin.rr.com

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Fleet Commander _____

Sail Training Commander _____

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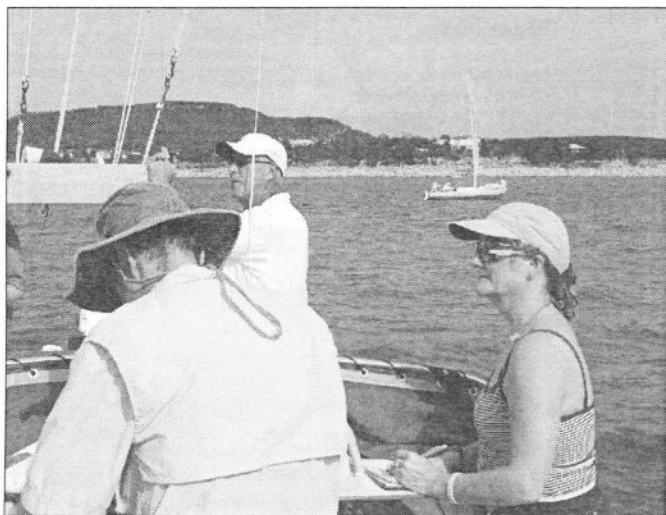
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C-22 Fleet News By John Grzinich



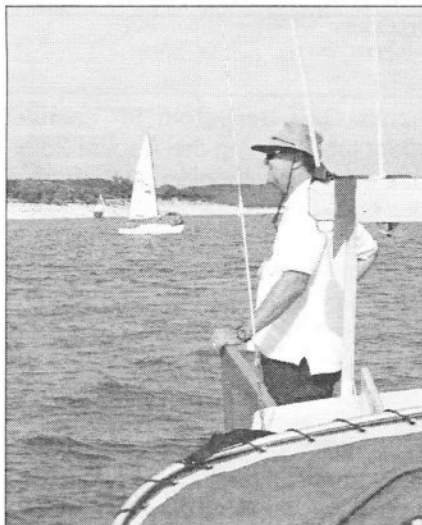
After some very light winds in July, the breezes picked up in August resulting in some fun races for the C22 fleet during last remaining dog days series races. Turnout continued to be light, but enough boats sailed to make the races official and the winds provided some good C22 spinaker racing. **Be-Bop-a-Lula** took home the first place trophy. **Paul Jensen** and

George Robison sailing **Dumbo** edged out **Walter Allen** in **Kati-B** for the 2nd place trophy. **David Shockley**, who continues to improve and gain racing experience, finished 4th.



Dave Shockley in first RC gets coached in the art of score keeping from Chris Bataille while Roy Crouse looks on.

The C22 Fleet had Race Committee duty for the last dog days series race day on August 19th. We had another terrific volunteer turnout with 13 people. **Bruce Foster** ran the races as PRO. The breeze was running 4 to 8 knots, gusting to 10, shifting from NE to SE. With the lake down it is getting tight trying to set up an east-west race course, but **Bruce** picked a good spot for the RC boat and the marks. **Bob Jones** and **Roy Crouse** assisted **Bruce** handling the signal flags, timing, and horn. **Roy** also piloted the RC boat. **Chris Bataille** and **Dave Shockley** did a great job with the scoring. I handle the starting class flags. Chase 1 was run by **Wade and Cathy Bingaman**, and **Johannes Brinkman**. Chase 2 was driven by **Gary Devin**, with **Joe Whelmy** and **Ryan Kucera** setting and pulling the marks. Thanks to everyone who made the RC team. A special big thank you to **Wade Bingaman** for keeping the fleet hydrated and fed with sandwiches, chips, and Oreos.



Bruce Foster surveys the starting line and wind conditions (Photo Left)

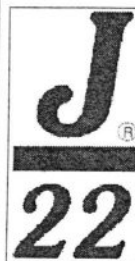
We will take a little break from racing, while looking forward to some cooler racing in the fall. **Jordan Owens** has finished repairs and paint job on **Grooner** hull number 170, which means it is

one of the original 1970-71 Catalina 22's built. Look forward to seeing **Jordan** back out racing the restored C22 in the fall series. The fleet will also be working to get a strong turnout for the C22 fleet for Leukemia Cup in October.

I need to thank **Eric Nelson** and **Tom Lang** for there assistance in helping me get the C22 fleet web site set up within the AYC web site. I finally found enough motivation and got the C22 fleet web site updated and moved over to AYC. Check it out, it includes a photo album and links to a lot of C22 information. From the AYC Home page, just click on fleet web pages, and then Catalina-22. See you on the lake soon.

John Grzinich, Catalina 22 Fleet Captain

J-22 News By Renee Ruais



The J/22 fleet participation continues to grow with average participation in the Dog Days Series on par with that of other fleets! We welcome **Jimmy Cain's Toy Monster** to the club and also hope to see **Ricky Petit** re-joining us soon on **Thumper**. We are very thankful for the support the club has provided to our budding fleet, especially the J/24's who have welcomed us to their start in the series races! The combined start has provided some very competitive and exciting race conditions, something both J/22 and J/24 sailors seem to appreciate. In addition to race activity, the J/22s are becoming more active at the club in a volunteer spirit, having provided a significant number of volunteers (including PRO **Dave Hammett**) for RC duty on the J/24 RC day and also having volunteers to serve up the Dog Days End of Series Buffet. Thanks to **Dave and Amanda Hammett, Jimmy**

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J-24 Fleet News By Eric Nelson

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Dog Days Series See Big J/24 Turnout!

We averaged over 9 boats this last series, which was close to twice as many as the next largest average fleet participation. And who had the next largest average fleet participation?...our starting partners the J/22s, who averaged close to 5 boats. So we had the real pleasure of having an average (some times many more!) of over 14 competitive and well matched boats starting every Dog Days series race. Wow! To top off our participation stats, we had 14 different boats race at least one race...one design racing at its best (but we already know that, right?).

Early in the series it looked like **Ryan Harden** and Team **Running on Empty** was going to run away with it but **Dave Broadway's Superman** team closed in late to tighten things up but came up short by 1.5 points to give ROE First overall. **Superman** easily held off **Dave Gamble's OOH-AAH!** to take 2nd overall when **OOH-AAH!** closed out the series by posting a disappointing 6/4 set of finishes (after putting a couple of bullets together the week before) to finish 3rd overall. **mr. happy** came out for the last 2 races and showed the Fleet how it was done by taking 2 bullets after not racing all summer, I guess things must be heating up for the upcoming AYC J/24 Circuit stop! Check out all the scores at <http://austinyachtclub.net/scoring/s20060819-Dog%20Days%20final.htm#> Overall Results.



mr. happy's foredeck doing some pre-circuit warm-up exercises while they work on running down one of those pesky J/22s

Let's Keep It Rolling...Starting with a Fleet Social!

Fall Series starts in a few days on Sunday the 10th. To kick-off the series we will be having a traditional after series start Fleet Social. The fleet will provide the drinks as well as burgers & brats. Of course please bring a side dish to share and plan to come out even if you can't race.

Remember we switch back to Sunday afternoon racing with first signal at 1:30 PM. Hopefully everyone will be able to come out so we can keep our participation numbers up...and the J/22s will be starting with us again so look forward to plenty of competition no matter where you are racing within the 'J' fleet! If you don't have a ride just come out on race day between Noon and 12:30 by the North ramp and you are sure to find a ride.

Also there will be a Leukemia Cup information booth set up after the races to answer anyone's questions about this big upcoming event. I noticed on the AYC web site that the J/24 entries are pretty lacking right now...start making plans to race and sign-up! Remember you don't have to fund-raise to race (nor do you have to race to fund-raise!). And you can plan on just coming out for Saturday evening's dinner, band and huge raffle also if that works best for you.

J/24 Austin Circuit Stop Coming Up Quick: The weekend after the opening Sunday of Fall Series is our local stop of the J/24 Texas Circuit....yeah that means it is just over a week away! You can view the NOR and get to the links to register and see who has already registered by going to the AYC Events calendar (<http://www.austinyachtclub.net/events>) or of course the US-JCA D14 website (<http://home.austin.rr.com/j24district14/>).

...And don't forget that we will need some volunteers to pull this off. Our Fleet Captain, **Tom Lappin**, is looking for helpers to staff the registration desk for an hour shift here and there and also to help with some snack food setup. If you can't race but want to be involved on the water, he is looking for a few more RC helpers also. You can call him at 695-2403 or drop him an e-mail at tom@bevobus.com.

Regards,
Eric
Austin J/24 Fleet Reporter

Fall Series Opening Day

September 10, 2006

Leukemia Cup Kickoff
and Beer

J-24 Social

Ensign Social and
Baker Shower

RoadRunner Fall Series, too!

RoadRunner Car
Wash:
\$5 Car Wash

Membership News By Danny Lien



A. Approval of Probationary Members: **Elissa Moeller** and **Reed Hines** submitted applications to be AYC RoadRunners Student members, and were accepted by the RoadRunners Board and subsequently the AYC Board of Directors.

Michael Tita and family, accepted as Sr. Member, have purchased a SC21 which they have been making race ready. **Michael** has been an active racer for many years and we are happy that he and his family joined.

Brad Davis was accepted for Sr. membership. **Brad** is a recent transplant from Rush Creek YC and is very active as a PRO in Texas and national events. Brad has offered to be a PRO at our Leukemia Cup and is also signed up to help at the upcoming J24 AYC Circuit stop---we are thankful for the upcoming help.

Rick and Kandis Nelson applied for Associate membership. **Rick** has been active as crew, mainly for **Jim Rehage**, and **Rick** felt it was time to be a Club member. Welcome!

B. Membership Status Changes: **Sheryl Perier** requested and was granted a status change to non-resident as she qualifies by living in the DFW area.

Jim Dower requested and was granted resignation after a little over a month of membership. He did try and did sail his boat in a race or two but decided to move on.

Rey Garza opted to resign as he did not make his second attempt at probationary requirements. I'll bet we see **Rey** again when he has more sailing time.

Patricia Hanger and **Don Putnam** have not responded to a couple telephone calls or emails. (Vacations?) They are both at the end of their probationary year and we will continue to attempt contact in this month's statement. They both are current in dues and have boat slips assigned. If you know them please contact **Danny Lien**.

Matt and Diane Bartlett requested and they were granted resignation as they state they are not currently active at AYC.

Steve Bangs requested and was granted resignation. Steve tells us that his Merit 25 has been sold and is reportedly sailing in some of Texas' bays.

Paul Meyer successfully completed his probationary year and is accepted as a Sr. Member.

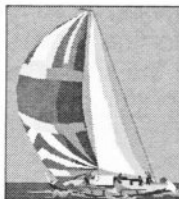
Imre Szekelyhidi was IPSOd automatically by rule due to non-payment as reported by the Treasurer at the last Board Meeting but was reinstated the following day.

C. Membership Class Totals (Note: This differs, by two student members less, from that posted in the Board

Meeting minutes as one family asked that we cancel their daughters' current applications.)

MEMBERSHIP TOTALS	June EOM	ADD	SUB	July EOM
Senior	345	5	2	348
*Honorary	7			7
*Life Member	21			21
Associate	15			15
Young Adult	7	2		9
Junior Student Member	11	2		13
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			419
Total Members	457			465

Harbor Commander News By Bob Gal-



NOTICE: To those storing boats or trailers on the point: The Leukemia cup Regatta is coming soon, and we expect a large influx of participants & visitors. We want to have a clear point for traffic and trailer parking. Please move your boats and/or trailers

to one of three places: (1) Empty trailers of boats in slips may be stored in the trailer parking area immediately below the dry sail area (DSA) area; (2) A DSA slot already assigned for your use; or (3) The open area usually used during floods. This is the open field you see on your left as you enter AYC's gate. This area is most accessible from the gravel roadway next to the dry out area, or from AYC's main entrance drive.

THIS IS NOT A DRILL! As a reminder, AYC harbor rules state that you must have your name and AYC marked on both sides of your trailer tongues. This includes dollies! Per last month's Telltale, the Harbor Committee put you on notice that there would be a painting of trailer tongues in the Dry Sail Area to bring trailers there into agreement with harbor rules. Arrangements are in process as we speak to have our youth sailing organization do this work. If you are not interested in making an assessed donation to the youth sailing group, get your trailer names on fast. Time is running out!

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One more point on this; keep in mind that also just like a bank, the Office Staff will still be working during non-lobby hours, they just won't be available to the general membership in an unscheduled manner. The objective is to give the Office Staff the quiet time they need to work on their tasks that take an extended period of uninterrupted time. This means that the office door will be locked and a "Closed" sign will be posted on the door. You may see through the windows the Office Staff running around the office still then but they won't be available. Please honor this arrangement. Of course you can always make arrangements ahead of time to schedule a mutually agreeable time to handle your club business in person or on the phone outside the lobby hours, but you have to plan it!

OK, so what are these lobby hours going to be you say...we plan on implementing the following lobby hour schedule starting Tuesday, September 5: 12-5pm Tuesday through Saturday and 11am-12:30pm on Sundays.

New Office Copier Access: As you may or may not know we now have a state of the art copier system in the office. We have been doing the Telltale publishing on it for several months now and saving lots of money in fact!. It can scan and e-mail an image with a single push of a button as well as store images of our standard forms to print them on demand. But just like where you may work, we have to keep control of the number of copies and track usage to ensure we can keep a lid

on costs and possible abuses. So the copier is set up where you have to provide a charge code to access the copier and the Office Staff will track usage via those codes. Don't worry, if you need to use the copier for AYC business, the charge will be absorbed by the area the work is related to (whether you knew it or not, this has been standard budgeting procedure all along, nothing new here except now we can track it automatically). So if you are needing to make copies for say the B&G Committee, just get the code from the B&G Commander. Of course there is still an strong element of the honor system here so please don't further distribute any codes you may be entrusted with.

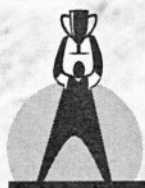
This system also will now allow any group at the club to use the copier and take advantage of the low per page costs (and in the case of just scanning and e-mailing, no cost). All that is required is to set up a billable account with the Office Administrator (yes that means you will get a monthly bill!). Currently examples of this are where the Keel Handicap Fleet and the J/24 Fleet already have billable accounts set up with the club so they are already good to go to use the copier for their fleet business as they want. If your fleet or club group wants to also do this and has a billing address, plus the money to pay the bill! :-) just contact our Office Administrator to get an account setup. An account like this can be used for more than charging copier costs; for instance if you want the club to allow members to charge registration fees for a fleet event to their member charge, this is how you can do that also.

Eric Nelson, Vice Commodore

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work on the technology side and **Robbie Nelson, Danny Lien** and **Bob Goldsmith** for hours of work in the area of record keeping and organization. One of the

things that they brought to light were some very interesting photos of club parties from the 50's, 60's and 70's. I will say no more – to protect the people pictured, other than to say **John Bartlett's** hairstyle was a thing of beauty!



2006 Perpetual Award Nominations

Many members go above and beyond to make AYC a special place. Please take the time to recognize these special members through your nominations for AYC perpetual awards. Doug Laws is Chair of the 2006 Perpetual Award committee which will consider your suggestions and comments in selecting the award recipients for the 2006 racing season.

You may nominate a whole slate or a single category—the most important step is to turn in your nominations to

the committee. Please return the nomination form on Page 9 of this Telltale to the AYC office by mail, fax (512) 266-9804, or by clicking the "Perpetual Awards" icon on the club web page www.austinyachtclub.net.

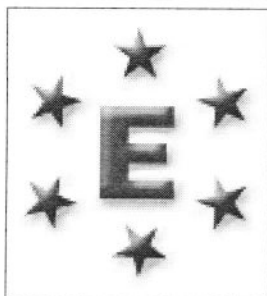
Thanks in advance and don't forget the Blue Duck will be awarded by audience participation at the Annual Banquet on December 2nd at the Hills of Lakeway Country Club.

Doug Laws,
Perpetual Awards Committee

Mark your calendars!

September 30, 2006: Mini Racing Clinic

Ensign Fleet News By Randolph Bertin



Dog Days Done: The Dog Days series closed out with some atypical afternoons which (though hot as usual) featured plenty of breeze (where was this wind during regionals?!). The **Liens**, **Danny** and **Norma** and sometimes **Bekka**, sailing with **Carolyn Wilsford** took control with three firsts and a second

over the last two weekends of sailing and claimed the top honors at the Dog Days' end. With most boats missing a race or three during the series, the competition for second place was a bit closer with four boats all looking to make some noise. The **Rombergs**, sailing aboard **Eagle**, had a nice weekend on August 11-12. They started with a top finish in the Friday Beer can race to earn a nice bottle of wine. Then on Saturday, they picked up a second and a third in the two races of Dog Days 5 to put them into the middle of the fleet standings. **James Wilsford** was right in the thick of it too. Unfortunately, having to steer, and handle foredeck, and clear fouled lines, (and probably mixing drinks as well) made for a little extra difficulty in getting to the top of the fleet. **Randolph Bertin** and his crew were also competitive. Having **Jonathan Baker** on board for Dog Days 5 to help them earn a bullet in the second race gave them a chance to get in the mix. But it was "the new guy" **Bill Curra**, sailing **Dos Locos**, who passed **Festina Lente** on the final upwind leg to pick up a second place on the first race of Dog Days 6 and thus cement second place overall in the series. Congratulations!

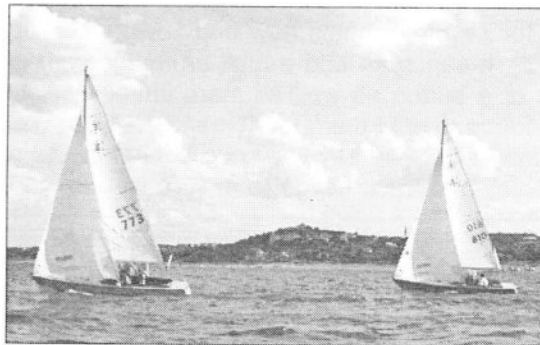


An Ensign fleet start during the Dog Days with **Dos Locos** at the pin and **Eagle** leading the way.

Final thoughts on the Dog Days: A victory by the **Liens** adds yet another team to the list of series winners in the Ensign fleet. Each of the three series this year has been won by a different boat. And though

Danny and crew claimed a majority of bullets over the course of the ten race series, four different skippers (**Lien**, **Groll**, **Baker**, **Bertin**) picked up a first, and four additional skippers (**Wilsford**, **Curra**, **Romberg**, **Dahmen**) picked up at least one second. Plenty of competition across the fleet.

Even with many of the regulars (**Hawk**, **Groll**, **Dahmen**, **Baker**, **Bené**) out for various reasons during much of the series, we still averaged almost 5 boats. It was fantastic to have some new additions to the start line. The **Rombergs** came out for the second half of the Dog Days series, and we hope they will be back for more in the fall. And, of course, **Bill Curra** made his debut as a driver in the only boat that didn't miss a race this series. We could hit double digit Ensigns again in the fall series if most of the active sailors make it out regularly, and a bigger fleet usually makes for some great competition from top to bottom. Whether you are a regular, or only an occasional racer (or even if you haven't raced lately), please make an effort to come out this fall. There are six race dates scheduled, though only five opportunities to compete as the Ensign fleet draws RC duty on September 24 (see below). That's it: only 5 more opportunities for series racing in 2007. Don't miss out.



The **Rombergs** aboard **Eagle** ahead and to leeward of the **Liens** aboard **Chaparral**

Hello Cleveland! Ensign 578 hit the road this past month, heading up to Ohio for the Ensign National Championship regatta. Helmsman **Tom Groll** was joined by his wife **Kelly**, **Frans Dahmen**, and **Larry Ratliff**. Here is how **Tom** summed it up: "We didn't do so well at the races. We finished 16th place out of 35 boats. Our best races were a 5th, 6th and 7th place finish out of 10 races. Otherwise, we sailed in the middle of the Fleet the rest of the time. We did manage to round the weather mark in 1st place in the 2nd race, but after that we could get no closer than 5th place. Our other finishes included a 14, a 15, two 16's, two 19's, and a 23. The weather conditions were pretty ideal. There was wind every day from 6-20 knots and the temperatures were nearly perfect. We just had a hard time getting our boat speed up to those in the

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front of the pack. I don't know if it was their new sails (the top four places all had a brand new set) or the way they tune their rigs, but they were obviously faster than we were." Naturally, there were some very good and experienced Ensign sailors competing up there, but **Tom** noted that of all the top ten finishers in the regatta he has beaten every single one of those guys that he had previously raced against (which was all but two of them). Sometimes it just isn't your week. Even if the racing didn't go as well as anticipated, hopefully everyone had a great time.

Race Committee: The Ensign fleet has one more Race Committee assignment, scheduled for Sunday, September 24. Don't forget, the Fall Series starts are on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. Plan to come out and help so we can make sure we give our fellow sailors a good race. More details and reminders will be sent to all fleet members via email as the date approaches.

Afternoon Shower: Following the Fall Series opener on Sunday, September 10, the Ensign fleet (joined by the laser sailors) will host a wedding shower for fleet captain **Jonathan Baker** and his bride-to-be. We are all very happy for **Jonathan** and **Tamara**, and hope their marriage will be as smooth as the sailing on **J. Seagull**. It isn't always perfect, but usually pretty good! The only downside to the shower is that it won't help fill up the lake.

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Update on Ramps: At the present lake elevation of 647.88' MSL, the end of the south cove ramp has less than three feet of water over it's end point.

The north cove ramp ends at 639' MSL, which puts a little over eight feet of water it's end. I'm told that there's a short length of pierced steel planking at the end of that. Hopefully we won't find out!

NEED RAIN.....BADLY! I read today that one week ago, some of the major cities of the Texas high plains had city council resolutions calling on their constituents to pray for rain. Whether you noticed or not, this last weekend, they got drenched. So....as a duly elected AYC official...I urge you to pray to the God of your choiceto supply rain on non-race or regatta scheduled days.....in sufficient amounts to fill our fine lake back to full....in the least destructive way possible! AMEN!

Bob Gallant, AYC Harbor CMDR



2006 Perpetual Award Nominations

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.

Nominee: _____

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.

Nominee: _____

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.

Nominee: _____

Corinthian Woman Sailor Trophy: To a woman sailor exhibiting traditional Corinthian traits. This trophy is to be given annually to a woman whom 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.

Nominee: _____

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.

Nominee: _____

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.

Nominee: _____

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.

Nominee: _____

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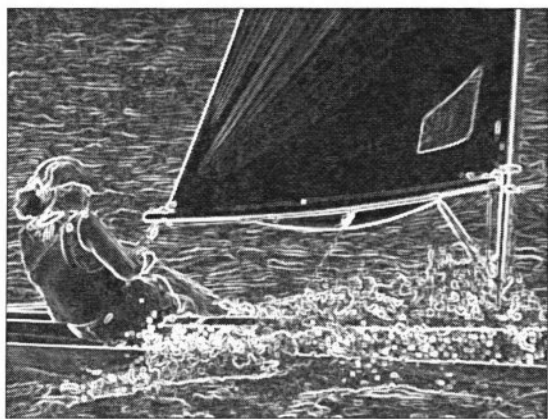
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Laser Fleet News By Renee Ruais



We have a bunch of happy Laser sailors these days, as Wednesday nights throughout the summer

have provided nice gentle breezes and rain-free weather. Yes, we're happy to sacrifice the grass for this pleasure but we do lament the drop in the lake level. In fact, it's getting downright treacherous sailing out of the South cove as we are forced to tack up a very narrow channel. This past Wednesday I was not the only one to get caught on a couple of dock cables. But...it's all worth it for the Wednesday night races. We have had 12-15 boats out every week and are hoping for a few more to show up in September as the weather cools off.



In addition to more Wednesday Night racing, the fleet is happy to support the AYC Adult Sail Training's 'Sunfish/Laser Sail Training Clinic' in late September. Details about this event will be published on the AYC website. It is focused on raising the skill level of novice Sunfish and Laser sailors. We will have experienced coaches on the water to give boat handling and sail trim tips to the students as they make their way around a typical Wednesday Night Style course. The club Sunfish will be available on a first-come-first serve basis, but since we don't have any club Lasers *yet*, you'll have to let me know if you want to try one out and I'll see if I can round one up for you. Otherwise, it is BYOBoat.

Speaking of boats, the Laser Fleet is currently asking its participants to support the club's effort to build a Junior Sailing Laser fleet by way of boat, sail and parts donations as well as financial donations (did I mention Tax-Deductible?...Ask Sailing Director Laura Barry for details). We are very excited that the club has decided to move in this direction. Many of you may not be aware, but in the past few years, the Laser has added

a new rig, the 4.7, which is designed for the transition from the Optimist to the Laser Radial. This rig allows smaller sailors to start working on their Laser skills at a younger age and keep the same hull as they grow! Other clubs in Texas have active Junior Laser fleets in the 4.7, Radial and Full Rig, and we look forward to seeing AYC join in the competition!

We are also looking forward to the typical Fall Laser Regattas, including Fall Dinghyfest at Rush Creek and the infamous Wurstfest Regatta at Canyon Lake. Details are always available on-line via the AYC Fleet home page for Lasers and through there to the District 15 website.

Renee Ruais

J-22... (Continued from Page 4)

Cain and Ravi Subramanian for their volunteer efforts to keep the buffet line moving and making sure everyone was well fed.

In the broader J/22 world, there are a couple of significant events coming up, the first of which is the J/22 North American's in Minnetonka, Minnesota, Sept. 11-15th. A few local boats will be making the trip up I-35 for this event, including **Bill Mitchell's Impetuous**, **Bonner Cordelle** and **Eric Faust** on **Slo Poke** and **Dave Hammett** on **DNA**. They will be joined by a few other Texas boats for this National event. At this time, approximately 65 boats are registered. Later, in October, we are very much looking forward to the J/22 Circuit Regatta as part of the AYC Leukemia Cup at AYC. We are working with the Regatta Committee on final arrangements!

Traveling back to local issues, at the August board meeting, the J/22 activity was reviewed by Race Commander **Larry Ratliff**, he noted the strong participation and recommended that we continue under the current arrangement through the 2nd Series of 2007 at which time there will be another review of the activity. In the meantime, the J/22s will be assigned one RC duty day in one of the first two series of next year. Again, the J/22 'fleet' appreciates the support from AYC as it works to solidify the current growth spurt!

Happy Sailing, Renee Ruais



Next Full Moon Raft-Ups:

September 7, 2006

October 7, 2006

Windsurfing Practice!

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Schedule:

September 10, Sun., 11:30 a.m.

September 10, Sun., 12:00 p.m.

September 10, Sun., 5:30 p.m.

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September 11, Mon., 5:00 p.m.

September 12, Tue., 6:00 p.m.

September 17, Sun., 6:00 p.m.

September 18, Mon., 5:00 p.m.

September 19, Tue., 6:00 p.m.

September 24, Sun., 1:00 p.m.

September 24, Sun., 6:00 p.m.

September 25, Mon., 5:00 p.m.

September 26, Tue., 6:00 p.m.

October 1, Sun., 12:00 p.m.

Prep for Car Wash
at Club

Car Wash fundraiser
starts at Club

Board Meeting--
Voting in of 2006-
2007 Officers

Opti/ HS/MS Practice

Windsurfing Practice

HS/MS Practice

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HS/MS Practice

Fall Series #2 and

Social afterwards

Opti/ HS/MS Practice

Windsurfing Practice

HS/MS Practice

1st Board Meeting of
2006-2007

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

Board Member Positions Available are:

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Captain

Secretary

Social Commander

Treasurer

Photographer

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Questions? Contact Laura Barry at AYC of-
fice or at: laura@austinyachtclub.org

Notes by Laura Barry....

Code to get in gate during any sail training practice is 1456. The gate will be closed starting next week, you will need this code to get in. It will only work around times that practices are held.

Fall Series starts September 10th. I have many people that have said they are going to participate, but have yet to sign up. Please do so now, I will be releasing all held boats on Thursday, September 7th that do not have a registered kid to them.

Car Wash-- also happens on September 10th. We need more hoses, hose splitters, buckets, extension chords, sprayers, and we still don't have any vacuums...

Windsurfing Practice at 5 p.m. by Darran Rolls, on Monday, September 11, 18, 25, and October 2, 9, 16, and 23!!!!!!!

**Come
out and
ride the
waves!**

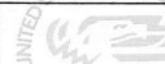


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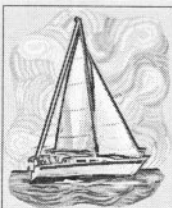
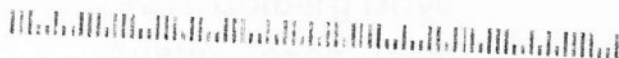
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