

Telltale



November 2007

Monthly Newsletter

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AYC Business Hours

Tuesday:	noon—5:00 p.m.
Wednesday-Sunday:	9:00 a.m.—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 Eric Nelson



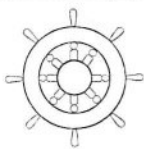
We hit the ground running this month with the Annual Membership Meeting and the Annual Board Meeting being held on November 1. The membership voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Nominating Committee... Congratulations to Commodore-elect **Bob Goldsmith**, Vice Commodore-elect **David Lewis**, Secretary-elect **Randolph Bertin**, Treasurer-elect **Tom Romberg**, Race Commander-elect **Steve Eller**, Buildings & Grounds Commander-elect **Jim Casto**, Fleet Commander-elect **Chris Dwight** and Sail Training Commander-elect **John Grzinich**!

As part of the plan to increase the time available to make a smooth transition from the current Board and the incoming one, the membership also approved the Bylaws change that sets January 1 as the official start date for this and future Board-elects. The intent here is to provide for a full 2 months of cross training time. At the top of the cross training agenda are the 2008 Budget and Calendar recommendations, which the current Board will be working with the Board-elect on for the final board meeting of the year on November 15th. This activity is where the rubber will meet the road for the various recommendations made by the current board as part of the annual reports they presented at the Annual Board Meeting.

Enough about AYC business, on the AYC social scene the Annual Banquet is just a month away! While you will be receiving your written invitation in the US Mail soon, this Telltale issue has several articles in it that will give you a great preview of the event. After many years of being hosted out at the lake, the venue moves to town at Green Pastures on December 8th. You can register anytime via the AYC website (look for the banner at the top of the home page) or you can just call the office during office hours. As in past years, please consider donating a seat for a UT Sailing Team member when you register! But unlike past years, we are not waiting until the Banquet to announce the names of the Perpetual Trophy winners (look for them later in this Telltale issue). Since not everyone is able to attend the Banquet, the Perpetual Awards committee and I felt it was very important that as many of the membership as possible is aware of who these 'AYC Stars' are. The winners for the various overall single-handed, series and regatta champions are also being announced now; don't wait until the Annual Banquet to acknowledge the significant accomplishments of these people when you see them next!

While my term as Commodore is beginning to wind down, you can see that there is still a lot going on at the club over the next month on both the business and social side...be sure take advantage of it, including participating in your local fleet's year end parties!

AYC Vice By Bob Goldsmith



You know the kind of two bit burg that has a lousy yacht club:

I first heard Personville called Poisonville by a red-haired mucker named Hickey Dewey. He also called his shirt a shoit. I didn't see anything in it but the meaningless sort of humor that used to make richardsnary the thieves' word for dictionary. A few years later I went to the Poisonville Yacht Club and learned better.

I shoved my way past the door of the PYC office and this broad behind the counter looked at me like she was going to call the cops. "Scram sucker, this ain't office hours" she suggested with a swift knuckle to my right earlobe. So I went over to the clubhouse. It wasn't pretty. The dump's floor was concrete, just like the Comrade's Collective in Minsk, and it was hot enough to make your teeth wilt. The door of the ladies' room swung open and a girl staggered out clutching a moldy shower curtain. She was small and blonde and whether you looked at her face or at her body in the powder blue bikini, the result was satisfactory. Except that she was vomiting.

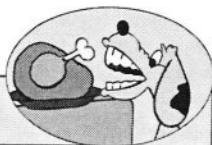
[with apologies to Dashiell Hammett for this butchery of his masterpiece *The Thin Man*].

Hey, has this been a good year at AYC or what? You tell me.

- is the staff serving you better?
- is the clubhouse better looking and more comfortable?
- did you enjoy Founder's Day?
- has there been a more lively social scene?
- was the Leukemia Cup the best regatta in years?

There are more good things to come in 2008 so stay tuned.

AYC Vice signing off.... Will be back next year as AYCDOTCOMM.



Happy Thanksgiving



2007 Racing Schedule

December 1 Wild Turkey Regatta
January 1 Red Eye Regatta

AYC Upcoming Non-Racing Events

November 1	AYC Annual Membership Meeting
November 7	Sunfish Annual Party (4:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.)
November 8	New Member Candidate Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
November 9	Keel Fleet Annual Meeting/ Party (6:30 p.m.)
November 10	Men's Sailing Camp (9 a.m.—9 p.m.)
November 13	KHF Handicap Review Committee Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
November 15	AYC Board Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
December 8	AYC Annual Banquet
December 14	Catalina 22 Fleet Christmas Party
December 15	J-24 Fleet Annual Holiday Party (5:00 —11:00 p.m.)
December 15	AYC Boat Auction (10:00 a.m.)
December 15	AYC Children's Christmas Party (10:00 a.m.—noon)
December 31	AYC New Year's Eve Party (8:00 p.m.- 1:00 a.m.)
January 5	Ensign Fleet Business Meeting/Social (6:00 - 11:00 p.m.)

Fall Series Race Results

Division: Spinnaker A

1. Rochard, E. 2. Hens/Vaugn. 3. Smith, R.

Division: Spinnaker B

1. Chambers, M. 2. Lewis, D. 3. Maddalozzo

Division: Non-Spinnaker

1. Galloway, D. 2. Stivers, B. 3. Dwyer, W.

Division: Multi-hull (Portsmouth)

1. Rehage, J. 2. Kuc, JK 3. Bettler, P.

Division: One Design - Ensign

1. Groll, T. 2. Lien, D. 3. Bertin, R.

Division: One Design - Catalina 22

1. Ohe, D. 2. Crouse, R. 3. Broberg, P.

Division: One Design - SC21

1. Shull, R. 2. Fink, I. 3. Musselman

Division: One Design - J/24

1. Harden, R. 2. Broadway, D. 3. Reynolds, N.

Division: One Design - J/22

1. McDavitt, L. 2. Mitchell, B. 3. Ruais, R.

Division: Centerboard Handicap (Portsmouth)

1. Manning, V. 2. Cordelle, B. 3. Foster, B.

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



Wild Turkey Regatta

December 1, 2007



You are invited to attend the

AYC

Annual Banquet

Saturday, December 8, 2007

Green Pastures Restaurant
811 West Live Oak Street, Austin, Texas

For reservations, please call the AYC Office at
(512) 266-1336

Winners of the

AYC 2007 Perpetual Awards and Annual Trophies

In This Telltale Issue....

Race Commander News

By Ravi Subramanian



The Fall Series wrapped up on October 14th, finally with some decent wind and a set of races. It's been a tough series, weatherwise. As I've said before – it's an outdoor sport, you just have to adapt. More predictably, **Robbie Nelson** capped it off with a great after-race social. This series wrapped up club organized events for the year. Should we have squeezed in a few more weekends before Thanksgiving? Probably, but we didn't think so when the calendar was set at the end of last year. Comments noted. All the same, don't forget that the KHF is holding the **Wild Turkey Regatta on December 1st**. There's still a chance to come out and warm up for sailing on New Year's Day!

But the big racing news of the month was Leukemia Cup. I'm sure that **Regatta Chair Claude Welles** will sleep much better now that his months of reviewing plans and worrying over details was rewarded by warm weather, steady breeze, and good attendance. The official registration count was 93 boats – one of the best attendance records in years. Counting the concurrent UT Sailing Team regatta (an intersectional with teams from across the nation), we hosted a 100+ boat regatta with three separate courses. The warm weather and steady breezes helped, but kudos to **PROs Brad Davis** (J/22 course), **Bruce Foster** (the rest of Leukemia Cup), and **Steve Gay** (UTST course) for coordinating equipment, volunteers, and space on the lake. Things were tight in a few places, but it all worked out very well. (I'm sure that there were a bunch of frustrated powerboaters out there that weekend. I love it.)

Leukemia Cup race management, as you can imagine, was a logistical challenge. Including the UTST regatta, we had ten powerboats and more than twenty people out on the lake setting marks, blowing horns, raising flags, and recording scores. Thanks to **Brad Davis**, **John Saunders**, **Steve Gay**, and **Tom Lappin** for offering up their personal boats to fill out our flotilla and to **Vic Manning** and **West Marine** for loaning us a few additional marks. With so many volunteers I'm bound to miss a few, but, at the risk of doing so, thanks to **James Wilsford**, **Dan Ellenbrook**, **Tom Holdridge**, **John Saunders**, **Steve Brown**, **Danny Lien**, **Terry McDermitt**, **Greg Grover**, **Mitch Barnett**, **Mike Chambers**, **Derek Miller**, **Frank Woodul**, **Barbara Prashner**, **Randolph Bertin**, **John Bargh**, **Allen Jensen**, **Ted Owens**, **Jim Rehage**, and **Jim Johnston**. And that's just for the racing. Claude had a whole

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2007 AYC Membership Annual Report

By Paul Ballett

MEMBERSHIP TOTALS	2006 EOY	ADD	SUB	2007 EOY
Senior	344	2		346
*Honorary	7			7
*Life Member	21			21
Associate	15	5		20
Young Adult	9			9
Junior Student Member	22		1	21
*UTIST Student Member	20			20
*Leave of Absence	0	2		2
Non-Resident	8	1		9
Ol' Salt 10 Year	10	1		11
*Ol' Salt 30 Year	18	1		19
*Totak Non-paying Members	46			49
Total Paying Members	408			416

AYC Photo Archives

We are in the process of collecting photographs which chronicle the history of the Austin Yacht Club. You can see photos by clicking on the McDonald Photography link on the AYC web site. I think that it would also be fun to make a chronology of the major events in the club's fifty-plus year history, including major floods, new construction, spectacular Blue Duck events or just fun stuff such as when we actually got Governor Mark White to attend the festivities at Governor's Cup and treated him to a swim in the AYC pool. I am not sure where this is going, but it could be a fun trip down memory lane for the long time members or a connection to the past for new members.

Tradition holds that the Immediate Past Commodore chairs the Membership Committee, and it has been my pleasure to do so this year. I would like to thank committee members, **Claudia Bartlett** and **David Kenyon**. We met prospective new members monthly. Each of us also communicated with some of the prospective new members throughout the year answering questions and were a source of information and encouragement. David was diagnosed with Lung Cancer during the year and had to step back from his duties, we wish him well with his treatment. My wife also helped as the sole member of the Membership subcommittee called the Caring Committee. She coordinated AYC responses and support for members/families who were involved in significant lifetime events or death this past year.

I would like to summarize the membership changes over the year.

First, with regard to the numbers above let me point out one difference from my monthly reported numbers. For the year end I have excluded UT sailing team although they are part of the total number. I do this because I normally include them as paying members but that description is only partially true.

Senior membership saw little change with only two net additions, we also saw two move to old salt status. We gained five associate members who are mostly active crew wanting to contribute to the club or people who had experienced our sail training program. Young adult has ended the same but has experienced a number of moves. Student membership is down by one.

I have been interested to see that many of the applicants are younger than the national average for people joining yacht clubs. Many have young families and were encouraged by our facilities and equipment for the juniors. I strongly believe it is imperative that we continue to develop and invest in our junior and adult sail training programs to give a cost effective way for people to enter our sport.

Excluding the UTIST Roster, we collectively gained eleven members over last year. Financially with respect to dues income the change is of little significance. However, we have shown modest gains in net membership the last three years.

Respectfully,

Paul Ballett – Past-Commodore

Sail Training Commander News

By Linda McDavitt

Wow, how time does fly! This has been a great year. In October we had the following events.

Women's Camp was a super success with the help of **Pat Manning, Vicki Stone, Erin and Tracy Hawk** with Centerboard, **Renee Ruais, Jo Ann Welles, Beka Lien, Kelly Hawk, Lanelle Montgomery, Karen Smith, Steve Vaughan, Jenny Loehlin, Linda Donovan, and Linda Frakes** on Keelboats. We had both beginners and intermediate level, and all had a chance to fly the chute, trim main, jib and steer. Dinner was prepared by Chef **Randolph Bertin** and served by awesome wait staff **Remus Brossard** and **Felipe Payet**. A great time was had by all and enthusiasm for a repeat of the program in the future.

The last sail training event for the year will be on November 10th with a Men's Sailing Camp. Committee member **Claudia Bartlett** will be running this one with the help of **John Bartlett** and **Claude Welles**. They have great plans for a positive learning environment for all levels. If you haven't signed up, you will miss a rocking good time!

Junior Sailing on Sunday afternoons continues to be well attended though we need more help from some Adult volunteers.



Club Member **Carolyn Wilsford** initiated a 6th grade Math class field trip to work to engage the student's curiosity about Math through the use of sailing. This was underwritten by the AYC Fund and Ann Rose Childrens Fund. Remember all the Leukemia Cup wind??? Well, we watched that wind howl all week and were getting a bit nervous at having 22 kids out to learn math and sailing on October 26th. But, not to worry, we were visited by the wind gods and there was 0 to 1 knots that day. However, we had some amazing volunteers that rose to the occasion and children were finding differ-



ences between weights of boats, lengths of boats, how fast the boat was moving by throwing a cushion off and figuring time, distance and speed. There was some navigation thrown in and many more inventive



mathematical uses that I have not ever thought about.

Bravo to volunteers: **Jerry and Carol Rabun, Barry, Rona and**

Cory Thornton, Michael Haecker, Deborah Dahmen, Steve Gay, Winston Cundiff, Susie McDonald, Jim Tillinghast, David Grogono, Rob and Sharon Agee. Many thanks to **Carolyn** for offering us an opportunity to provide a learning experience for at-risk math students in our community.



Fall Series Finale

We had our best turnout of the series in terms of sailors for Fall #5 on Oct 7. Unfortunately, we had our worst turn out in terms of wind. It was calm. And it was hot. More like the dog days than the dog days were this year. **Grolls, Bertin, Bakers, Wilsford, Rombergs, Liens**, were all on hand to compete, but there was nothing doing. That didn't stop the fleet from enjoying a planned pot luck meal later in the afternoon, though. Thanks to the sponsorship of the Labor and Delivery nurses at St. David's, the Ensign fleet enjoyed some tasty fajitas for a main course, with **Tom Groll** adding in a load of venison sausage. Others brought a variety of side dishes. Outside of the pitiful weather it was a good afternoon.

On our final series race day of the 2007 season, all the wind that had been missing in the earlier part of the series finally showed up. Conditions were challenging, to say the least. Most boats opted to go with the #2 headsail, only the **Rombergs** threw caution to the wind and pressed the #1 into service. That stood them in good stead, both going downwind without a spinnaker in the first race, and up wind as well as the wind moderated. The first race saw several lead changes with three of the four Ensigns on the course taking the lead at one point. **Brews'er** took the early lead, rounding the windward mark at the front, but closely followed by **Eagle** and **Chaparral**. **Festina Lente** had been relegated to a distant fourth early on after fouling **Chaparral** and taking two penalty turns. On the second windward leg, the **Liens**, who were joined by **Dave Gamble**, stayed on the left side of the course and worked **Chaparral** into a lead they held for the final leeward mark rounding. It was a long way back up to the committee boat, though, a distance that had been slowly lengthening over the race as the mark had been drifting downwind in the strong breeze. **Tom and Matt Romberg** and their crew aboard **Eagle** sailed a very strong final leg, taking the lead and the victory.

The second race of the day the **Grolls** were right on the tail of the **Rombergs** at the leeward mark, but could not find a passing lane on the final beat with the **Rombergs** taking their second first of the day. Meanwhile, **Festina Lente**, passed by **Chaparral** going downwind, manage to catch enough shifts at the right time to get within striking distance of third. After ducking on a port starboard meeting, **Randolph** split tacks. The next time they came together, **Chaparral** tacked right on top, but **Festina** was able to squeeze out underneath and pull ahead enough to tack and cross. After another couple

boatlengths, **Chaparral** tacked back to starboard and both boats just tried to squeeze out every ounce of boat speed toward the finish. **Chaparral** managed to get back most of the boat length they had been behind after the last cross, and two quick whistles at the finish as both boats shot the line leaving both guessing who had come out ahead (it was that close).

Who had come out ahead on the series was skipper **Tom Groll**, on the strength of three bullets early in the series, and holding on to beat the **Liens** by a single point to win the Fall series. In the eight races completed, five different boats recorded a first place finish.

On the Lighter Side

The **Benés** and **Bakers** were out sailing just for the fun of it, on Saturday 13th. In fact, the weather has been so pleasant most of the month, that perhaps one of the best turnouts of the Fall was Sunday, October 28, when **Randolph**, the **Liens**, **Hap Arnold** and his son, and the **Finleys** were all on the water!

The Ensign fleet is planning our annual meeting and party to be held at the AYC clubhouse on Saturday, January 5, between the hours of 6 and 11 pm. Plan to be there (or else maybe you will be elected fleet secretary), as it should be a festive affair! More details, of course, as the event approaches, via the next telltale, and email.

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separate crew for the onshore efforts – organizing parking, handling registration, providing food and snacks, etc. If I haven't made it clear, this was a major effort and it went exceedingly well.

Finally, it's been a full year (at least from my perspective!), but it's wrapping up. At the Annual Meeting on November 1st, **Steve Eller** was elected as **Race Commander for 2008**. In addition to serving on PRC this year, he served as PRO for the Spring Long Distance Race, and I'm looking forward to seeing his organizational talents applied to racing at AYC. Over the next two months we'll be working together to get next year set up.

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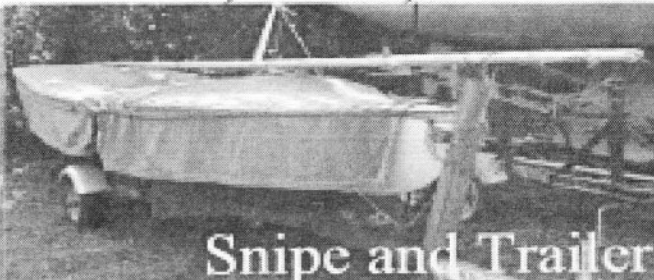
The AYC Office will be closed for the extended Thanksgiving weekend (Thursday through Monday) as well as on December 15th and 16th.

Auction: December 15th, 10:00

Austin Yacht Club, 5906 Beacon Dr, Austin, TX 78734



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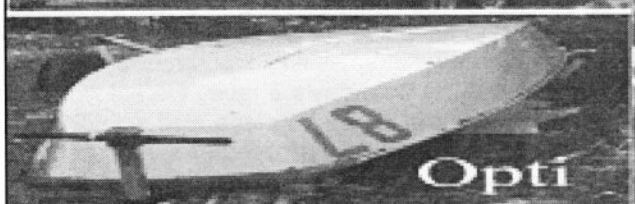
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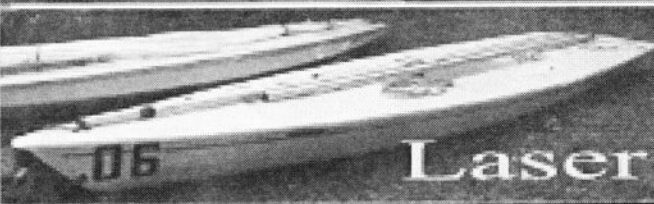
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Fleet Commander Report By Vic Manning

This month at the Board Meeting it was decided to auction off a number of boats that have been abandoned on the AYC grounds; so for the record:

An auction will be held on Saturday, December 15th 2007 at 10:00, near the gate of the Austin Yacht Club (5906 Beacon Drive, Austin, Texas 78734), to sell off boats abandoned at Austin Yacht Club. This auction is being held to recover funds owed to the Austin Yacht Club for the illegal storage of boats and all proceeds from the sale of the boats will be used to pay off back debts. Any remaining funds will be sent to the owner if they can be located. The starting bid will be based on the amount of storage fees owed for illegal storage at that date. Persons who can and do identify their boat prior to the auction may come by the AYC office to clear their account and remove the boat prior to the event. Individuals wanting to inspect the boats prior to the auction may do so between 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM on December 15th. All transactions will be in Cash, Money Order or by Credit Card (No Checks). Transfer of the title paper work will be provided in accordance with the State of Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Texas Department of Transportation and all fees for the registra-

tion with Parks and Wildlife or DPS are the responsibility of the buyer. All boats must be removed from the AYC grounds by December 22nd, 2007.



UT Students during the Leukemia Cup Regatta
(Photo courtesy of Susie McDonald)

C-22 Fleet News By John Grzinich



The first weekend for the fall series was a zero wind Sunday, races cancelled. But, since then we've had some beautiful sailing weather. It turns out; the weekend after the Centerboard Regatta was our first chance to race C22's in the fall series. Participation was light, but picked up as the series progressed with 4 boats in the first fall series races we could actually sail in, and 6 boats the 2nd Sunday, and 7 boats in the final series wrap up races, with 8 boats participating overall. **Dane Ohe**, with crew **David Rehberg** won the series. **Roy Crouse** took 2nd place. **Peter Broberg** and myself tied for 3rd, but Peter got the 3rd place prize due to a higher finish record. The fall series ended up with an excellent catered buffet of German food followed by the presentation of the prizes. **Wade Bingaman**, **Peter Broberg**, **Dane Ohe**, and **David Rehberg** all brought their guitars. We rounded out the evening with rounds of guitar picking and sing alongs.



C22 Fleet guitar picking and singing along after the fall Series wrap up. Dane Ohe 2nd from right, and crew David Rehberg(left) won the fall series, Roy Crouse(right) was 2nd.

Mark Haralson with crew, his sons. C22 family style racing during fall series.



The Austin Yacht Club held its 2nd annual Leukemia Cup regatta the weekend of Oct. 21st. Many one design fleets were represented, including our Catalina 22 fleet. This regatta was a circuit stop on the Texas C22 set of circuit races. 7 Catalina 22's registered and 5 boats came out to race. Since this is a fundraising event, 4 of our fleet members were actively collecting donations. **Peter Broberg**, **Johannes Brinkman**, **Wade Bingaman**, and myself collectively raised over \$4600. C22 sailors contributed this to the overall re-

gatta fundraising total, with **Peter Broberg** being our champion fundraiser pulling in almost half of the C22 fleet total. The wind gods were more than favorable to this regatta. We had 15 to 22 mph both days with plenty of gusts and shifts, and fairly choppy conditions for Lake Travis on both days. Most boats sailed most races with the 110% jib. A few attempted to sail with the 150% Genoa, but that didn't work out for those who tried. Spinnaker runs proved to be very exciting and included some broaches, near death rolls, and shrimp-ing expeditions. **Gene Ferguson** and **Brett Stewart** on **Bulletproof** didn't seem to understand the applicability of the MAD principle (Mutually Assured Destruction) to flying Spinnaker in 20+ knots of wind with a C22. Fortunately no one got hurt! Mark roundings, port tack crossings, and finishes were also thrilling at times due the race course set up, with the leeward mark and finish line being shared by all the fleets except the J22's. There were quite a few big boats, up to 36', in the PHRF fleet that we had to occasionally contend with. It made for great post race story telling. Equipment failures included a broken winch, a broken mainsheet, and missing mainsail battens. In spite of all this, everyone seemed to have a lot of fun sailing in these conditions with plenty water splashing over the bow, and lots of hiking out. After Saturday's 3 races we enjoyed the happy hour with the terrific 15 piece high school steel drum band while Mount Gay Rum drinks were served. An Italian catered dinner with a lasagna entrée really hit the spot after a day of racing. The evening finished up with a rock and roll band and silent auction. On Sunday, 2 more races in the morning. The entire race 4 was a nail biter with **Strings Attached** (**Johannes Brinkman**) and **Paradox** (**Peter Broberg**) changing places, lee bowing each other, and being within a boat length or two of each other, only to have **Bulletproof** (**Gene Ferguson**) come in from the left side to win it. Following the races everyone enjoyed a grilled hamburger and franks lunch.

Boat	Sail No.	Name	Results	Total
Bulletproof	170	Gene Ferguson	3,1,1,1,3	9
Strings Attached	13622	Johannes Brinkman	1,3,3,2,1	10
Paradox	9920	Peter Broberg	2,2,2,3,2	11
Bebop-a-lula	15563	John Grzinich	4,4,4,4,4	20
No-name	12002	Brian York	5,5,5,5,5	25

The regatta wrapped up Sunday afternoon with the trophy presentation. In a very hotly contested top 3 spots, only separated by a one point each, Gene Ferguson won the 1st place trophy, Johannes Brinkman took the 2nd place trophy, just ahead of Peter Broberg

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SC-21 Fleet News By Susie Corcoran



October, 2007 Race Results

The highlight of the month, and perhaps the year, for the South Coast 21 fleet was the Leukemia Cup Regatta. The event brought many boats that we had not seen on the water this year out of retirement producing a fleet of 13 boats. The winds were in the 15-20 knot range with frequent gusts well into the mid-twenties, leading many to speculate as to how many South Coasts would survive the event with their rigs intact. The event provided some exciting starts and some major traffic jams at the mark roundings. The social portion of the regatta was great with good food and grog for all. The team of **John and Claudia Bartlett** took first place with an amazing five out of five firsts. **Ray Shull** placed second and **Jim Brown** took third. Many thanks to Bartlett Sails for their generous contributions to the event. You can access photos from the regatta on the AYC home page through **Bruce McDonald's** photo link.



The South Coast 21 Fleet at the Leukemia Cup Regatta – A sight to behold!

Congratulations to Nancy Nitardy, South Coast 21 Sailor and Author!

Nancy will be signing her book, Get Paid to Play, on Tuesday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m. at BookPeople Bookstore, 603 N. Lamar, 78703. According to the November 1 press release, "Nancy's book is a handbook for college-bound high school athletes interested in playing sports in college. The book helps athletes get recruited by colleges that best match the athlete's level of play, whether that level is NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) Division I, II or III, NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, or NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association). Detailed

information about athletic scholarship opportunities, as well as tips on matching students (and marketing them) to appropriate coaches and programs, are presented in plain language with an appealing, accessible design." For more information, contact Nancy at nnitardy@yahoo.com or send an email to events@bookpeople.com.

December 21 Holiday Party and Carl Morris Birthday Bash at the McDonald's

Please mark your calendars for December 21, 2007 – the South Coast 21 holiday party and birthday bash for Carl Morris. Carl will be 85 years old the day after the party! More info to come.

The South Coast 21 Fleet is Looking for Associate Members

Everyone is welcome!

COST:

Host one gin and tonic party during 2008.

BENEFITS:

- You'll be on our email list and always up-to-date on SC 21 information and events.
 - Crew opportunities! A great chance to sail on a great boat.
 - Expand your AYC horizons. Meet new people!
- And best of all ... *Attendance at all gin and tonic parties during 2008.*

It's easy to sign up. Send an email to Susie McDonald at ghowiellc@aol.com.



Jim Brown and crew during Leukemia Cup Regatta (Photo left)

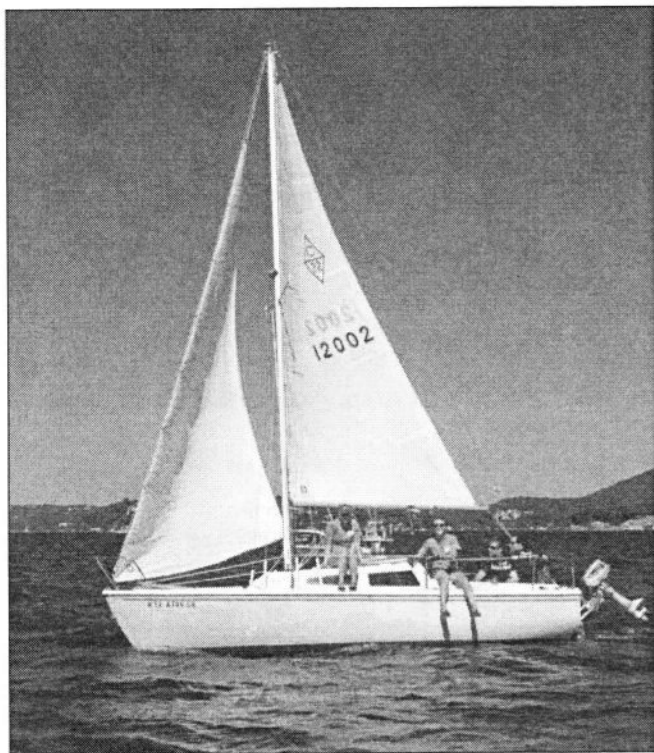
The Bartletts take the lead (Photo below)



Photos courtesy of Susie McDonald

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in 3rd place. All in all it was a beautiful weekend of sailboat racing for a very worthwhile cause, a win win event. Many thanks to all the Austin Yacht Club and Leukemia Society volunteers who did an excellent job putting on this wonderful regatta. **Bruce Foster**, from our fleet was the PRO for main race course.



Brian York and crew cross the finish line in their first regatta.
(Photo courtesy of Bruce McDonald.)



Gene Ferguson(left) shows off his 1st place trophy. His crew Brett Stewart is in the red hat on the left. Johannes Brinkman(right) with his 2nd place trophy accompanied by his crew, wife Liza and son Patrick.

3rd place finisher Peter Broberg watches in the background.



Gene Ferguson mesmerizes the C22 fleet with stories of past regattas.

Fleet 69 has three new members. **Brian York** has joined the fleet and

sails a good looking 1984 C22. He came out and raced his first regatta in the Leukemia Cup. **Brett Wilson** has joined AYC and Fleet 69 after purchasing a 1983 C22 that's in pretty good shape. He's working hard to get it race ready. He's a got challenge repairing a snapped off keel bolt, and is refinishing the bottom. **Brett** has crewed with me during the Fall Series and is enthusiastically learning racing and spinnaker skills. **Derek Miller** has joined the fleet, also with a 1984 C22. He came out for his first race during the last weekend of the fall Series. **Derek** did an excellent job on race committee working the busy finish line in the Leukemia Cup. We wrapped up October with a newcomers race day. **Brian, Derek, Brett, and Mark Tremayne** all came out for an afternoon of boat tuning and practice racing. As the coach, I did some "on the boat" feedback as we raced with 2 C22's around some buoys. I handed out information on setting up and sailing the C22 in racing conditions. A few of us are making plans to end up the year by racing in the Wurstfest Regatta at Canyon Lake. The C22 Texas State spinnaker regional championship is part of that event.

John Grzinich, C22 Fleet

Check out the AYC Website for great Leukemia Cup Regatta photos and Fall Series photos like these, courtesy of Bruce and Susie McDonald:



Long Range Planning Committee

By Lanelle Montgomery

The Harbor Improvement Sub-committee of the Long Range Planning Committee has completed its study and made recommendations for a long range plan for improvements to launching facilities, access to and configuration/location of docks. The full report can be accessed on the AYC website, by going to the September Board Meeting Agenda, then to the Harbor Improvement Sub-committee Report.

In summary, the LCRA has advised us to expect greater fluctuations in the lake levels in the future due to the greater demands being placed on the lake from recent development. They are particularly warning us to expect more frequent low-water conditions. So, in order to plan for such eventuality, the Harbor Improvement Plan, if implemented, would make it possible for all docks to remain in their current positions until the lake reached an elevation of 645' msl and continued to recede. This, of course, would require dredging a large amount of material from the harbor. The materials dredged would, in turn, be used to raise the point to an elevation of approximately 690' msl, and the trailer parking and dry sail areas would be raised to approximately 700' msl. This would allow the Club to leave boats and trailers in their current locations during moderate floods. In addition, the Plan provides for relocating the north ramp, widening it and constructing it at a constant grade, all of which would represent a major improvement to those who dry sail their boats.

As one might expect, these improvements, while resulting in immeasurable benefits, will involve a significant financial investment by the Club and will include disruptions to regular activities. The Long Range Planning Committee and the Harbor Improvement Sub-committee are keenly sensitive to the costs of such a project, both financially and otherwise. They have requested and the Board has approved the hiring of a geotechnical company to collect and analyze soil boring data from various locations around the proposed excavation area to determine the precise composition of the materials to be dredged. With this information, the Club can better determine the costs of completing such project. The cost of the improvements, offset by other savings to the Club, will then give members enough information to determine whether or not this is a project worth pursuing. In reality, even if we all agreed to the project today, it could be 2-3 years or more before the lake level is low enough to complete the project. However, if the Club believes it would like to pursue this project, we should get all the permits in place so that when the time is right, work can begin.

J22 News By Renee Ruais

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The J/22 fleet has been busy with series racing, hosting a circuit stop as part of the Leukemia Cup Regatta and traveling to the final 2007 Southwest Circuit stop at HYC. In addition, 2 of our women skippers and their crews have been preparing for the 2007 Rolex International Women's Keelboat Championship at Houston Yacht Club the week of November 12th.

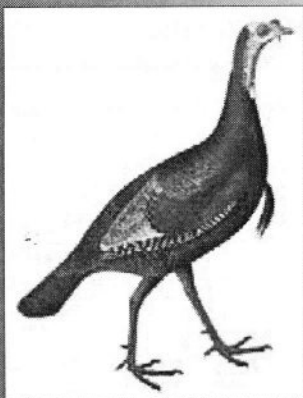
At the Leukemia Cup Regatta, we had the largest fleet and were deemed the most competitive fleet, with winner **Kelson Elam** from Rush Creek (Dallas) taking honors with the Governor's Cup Trophy. In all, 18 J/22s competed in very windy and shifty conditions. Rush Creek Yacht Club dominated the top 7 places but **Matt Romberg** took the top local honors sailing on **Mark Salih's** boat. **Bill Mitchell** placed 11th and **Linda McDavitt** 12th. **Ken Taylor** and I battled it out for the other end of the fleet. I would like to thank all of the AYC volunteers and staff that made it possible for us to host this event as part of the Leukemia Cup!

In the AYC Fall Series, we had 3 or 4 boats out each day, and **Linda McDavitt** took first place overall followed by **Bill Mitchell**, **Renee Ruais**, **Ken Taylor**, and **Christopher Dwight**. This was a light series for us, we hope to see stronger participation next year!

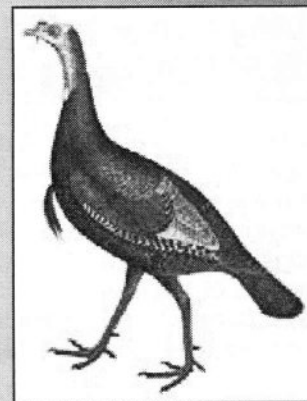
For the Houston Circuit Stop, there were 31 boats, including 6 from Austin. The weather was fantastic for November, though winds were a bit on the light side. We had a full 3 races on Saturday but started Sunday with Postpone ashore. The competition is very tough in the J/22 fleet, but our Austin folks did well, with **Matt Romberg** and **Eric Faust** both placing in the top 5, 1st and 4th, respectively.

The HYC Regatta was a great warm-up for our Rolex teams and there were many other women's teams participating, in fact, women skippers accounted for more than a third of the fleet! There are 41 teams entered in the Rolex, including some very notable women sailors. We are excited to have the opportunity to participate in this prestigious event so close to home! Other AYC sailors are going too, **Carolyn Wilsford** is sailing with **Linda McDavitt**, and **Barb Prashner** and **Stacy Tucker** are racing with me. Wish us luck!

All AYC members are encouraged to read the report and ask questions of the Harbor Improvement Committee members (**Tom Groll**, **Danny Lien**, **Ray Shull**, **Bob Leonard** and **Greg Buck**) in order to get their answers directly from those who completed the study. The Long Range Planning Committee expects there to be an extensive dialog regarding this proposed project before any final decision is made.



Wild Turkey Regatta



December 1, 2007

Skippers meeting 11:30

First Signal 12:30

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Social Committee Report

By Robbie Nelson



Large crowd stayed for the buffet. (Photo above)

Hoover himself frying up schnitzel. (Photo right)

The crowd kept coming. (Photo below) for the great german food buffet (Photo bottom)



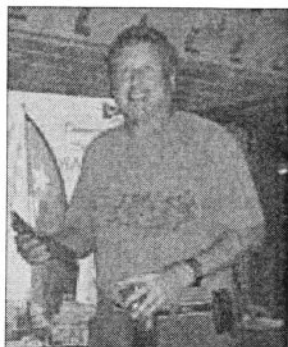
Trophy winner Danny Ohe. (Photo right)



End of Fall Series – Hurrah for Hoover's

We had an excellent turnout (about 130 people!) for the Fall End of Series Buffet, which featured a delicious German meal cooked by Hoover's Restaurant. The trophies, which were West Marine gift certificates, were very much appreciated by the race winners.

Many thanks go to the following folks for helping with the buffet: **Susie and Bruce McDonald, Claudia & John Bartlett.**



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

The following members spent their time in the office preparing the invitations for the AYC annual banquet, while the fair winds of Lake Travis beckoned outside... **Carolyn Wilsford, Sharon Agee, Susie McDonald, Muffet and Jack Livaudais, Norma Lien, Paulette Payne.** Thank you so much!

The Annual Membership Meeting snacks were a big hit, thanks to **Norma and Danny Lien** for doing the grocery shopping!

AYC Annual Banquet – December 8, 2007

Please be sure to sign up early for this year's annual banquet at Green Pastures Restaurant in south Austin. Invitations were mailed to the membership the first part of November. You may also find more info in this Tell-tale and on the AYC website.

The seating is limited and reservations will be taken on a first come first served basis. You can register on-line at <http://austinyachtclub.net/event/annual-banquet>, or by calling the AYC office at 266-1336.

AYC Children's Christmas Party – December 15, 2007


Kathryn Ballett is organizing this year's event with plenty of treats and magical entertainment for all the kids. The party will be held in the AYC clubhouse from 10:00am – noon.

Notice: The Clubhouse Decorating Party scheduled for November 30, 2007 has been cancelled.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

I am looking for some volunteers to organize and run a New Year's Eve party at the club. If you read this and are interested, please contact **Robbie Nelson** in the AYC directory.

If you have not helped with a social event this year, it's not too late. Without an organizer this event will not happen. So I hope to hear from you!

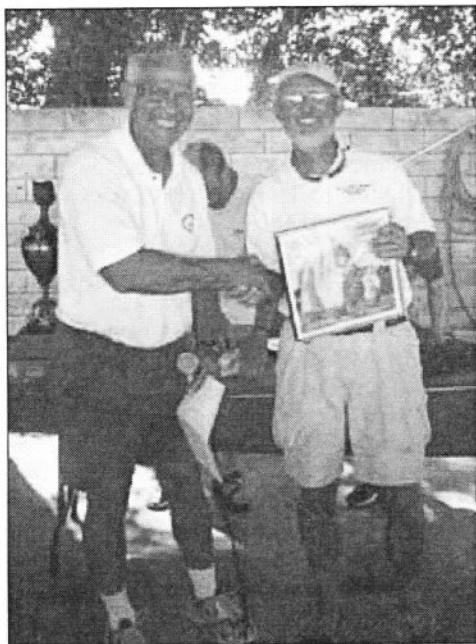


Please help support our 2007 UT Sailing Team!

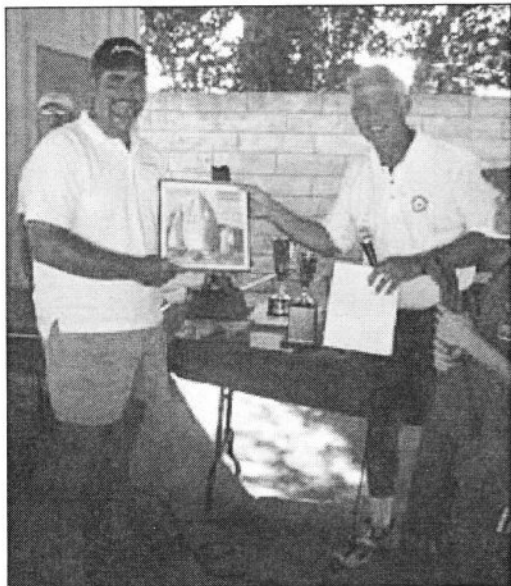
You can sponsor one of the UT Sailing Team members by making a reservation on their behalf at this year's Annual Banquet on December 8. If you register for the banquet online, simply click the button to add a UT Student. Or, you can call the AYC office at 266-1336. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated by the team!

Keel Fleet News By Steve Vaughan

Claude Welles, 2007 Champion
(Photo right)



Damon Galloway, 2007 Champion
(Photo below)



Keel Fleet Championship

The 2007 Leukemia Cup brought us the return of the Keel Fleet Championship awards. These beautiful fine silver cups were cre-

ated in 1914 and 1918 and were recommissioned by the Keel Fleet in 1989/1990. New this year, the award of these silver cups was to the overall PHRF Keel Fleet member that placed highest in the Spinnaker Class and Non Spinnaker Class of the Leukemia Cup Regatta. The recipient in Spinnaker Class was **Claude Welles** sailing a J-80. Claude has won this Championship award more times (4) than any other skipper. In Non Spinnaker Class a first time winner is **Damon Galloway** sailing a beautiful Hunter 27. Damon frequently collects non spinnaker awards and now adds his name to the

Fleet champion list. Plan to challenge these defenders next year.

Wild Turkey Regatta (Remus Broussard, event Chairman)

The year was 1979. Hip-huggers, leisure suits, and bell-bottoms had all but vanished (at least for the first time) and AYC saw the beginning of a long and well aged tradition called Turkey Day Regatta. Twenty boats raced that mid November day and 19 finished. In the following years the elements which have made this an enduring event get a little fuzzy.

It could have been a care free spirit, or the need to let one's freak flag fly to return a phrase from the day. It could have been a subtle nod to Ben Franklin's choice for the national bird. It could even have been homage to the close of a turbulent and socially challenging couple of decades. Most likely though, it was more directly related to the unique trophies and the lively sharing of those trophies that made the tradition. Regardless, somewhere along the way the Turkey Day Regatta morphed into the Wild Turkey Regatta.

No one now remembers, or in all good candor will admit to knowledge of, who the brain trust was behind one of the more inspired additions to the event, but who could challenge the wisdom of handing out bottles of Wild Turkey to thirsty sailors. This was a time in the Fleet when the prevailing approach was any excuse for a race, or post race party.

Even though the Club had a strong commitment to putting people on boats and boats on water, there was a general belief that national holidays like Thanksgiving were bad times to schedule races. The Keel-Fleet, being naturally undeterred by the irrational rationale of there ever being a bad time to race, was more than happy to step up and fill an open spot on the calendar.

Please adjust your schedule, get your ducks in a row and come to the 2007 incarnation of the Wild Turkey Regatta on December 1. Racing will be complemented with snacks, drinks (awards and otherwise) and a poker tournament. We are hoping to field 50 boats this year all yearning to satisfy the pent up racing demands of those that miss the sound of the starting gun these past few weeks.

Keel Fleet Business

The participation results for the year are in and I am very pleased to report that Keel Fleet participation is up 42% year over year with an average race turnout of over 21 boats. This is the first year of participation growth for the Fleet in many years and all Keel classes

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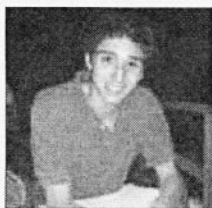
Racing on the "River Travis" Last Year is now a fleeting memory.

showed strong growth. We likely could have achieved even stronger growth if the year had not started with a drought ravaged lake, encountered a flood or two and endured a closed lake for a big piece of the summer. Regardless of what could have been, we should be very pleased with the delivered results. The growth is being attributed to addressing Fleet concerns raised last year in the Fleet survey. The key actions taken in 2007 were more communications (email/Telltale), more partying (food and beverage), a focus on bringing in new members at open events and helping with skipper/crew matching. I hope you got your 2008 survey in before the Fleet annual meeting to be sure your voice can help guide 2008 activities and events.

The 2008 Keel Fleet event calendar is being developed. The calendar is currently planning to include The RED EYE Regatta on Jan 1, race training events early in the year, a Fleet party/race in mid year, a night race in the fall and the Wild Turkey around Thanksgiving. Please pass on your thoughts/desires now for consideration in the final calendar.

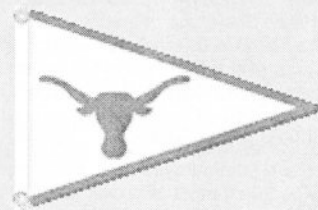
If you have not already signed up and paid Fleet dues for 2008, please give me a call or email (vaughansm@gmail.com) and we'll have the \$15 2008 dues charged to your AYC account. Membership insures your name on the Fleet Mailing List, Discounts at Fleet events and the Pride of belonging to a great group of sailors. Fleet membership is limited to AYC members but no allegiance is required. You can have multiple fleet alliances/memberships and we will still convey to you all rights and privileges and pride of Keel Fleet membership.

UT Sailing News By Ben Davis



The UT Sailing Team has been busy with another successful season. This year our first regatta was 'Frozen Hate' hosted by SMU on October 13. UT placed in second close behind University of Tulane. In mid-October, UT Sailing hosted the annual intersectional 'Kathryn Hammond' Regatta placing first. This regatta was a big win against teams outside of our SEISA district. UT Sailors also participated in crewing for the outstanding Leukemia Cup Regatta. Earlier this year two of our best sailors qualified for ICSA Single-handed Nationals. **Mark Hulings 08'** and **Nataleigh Vann 09'** sailed at Washington University for the 2007-2008 ICSA/Vanguard Singlehanded Nationals. More information and results of Nationals can be found at www.collegesailing.org. Upcoming regattas will be 'Southern Hospitality' hosted by University of South Alabama and our yearly excursion to Los Angeles for the Rose Bowl Regatta. Look out for more updates!
www.texasailing.org

Ben Davis



Nataleigh Vann 09' at the ICSA/Vanguard Singlehanded Nationals

AYC 2007 PERPETUAL AWARDS and ANNUAL TROPHIES

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. **Bill and Linda Casnovsky:** Bill and Linda joined AYC just over two years ago. They have owned a sailboat here on the lake for many years but were new to racing. Since joining they have been continually active, first as crew for one season and on their Columbia 26 the next. They have recently moved from the Non-spin fleet to try their hand in B-fleet. They will tell you that they now schedule their time to be able to race, as it is "contagious", exactly what we love to hear from our newer members!

Max White Memorial Trophy

To the Club Senior Member for outstanding service to AYC this year. This trophy is 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. **Lanelle Montgomery:** We are lucky to have many who have given their time to our Club as volunteers this past year and especially the few have put the overall time and effort equal to that Lanelle has in heading up the Long Range Planning Committee. Many members are eager to voice how the Club should be run. With her soft listening skills and acceptance of diverse input, Lanelle considered multiple opinions as she and her committee organized follow-up documents and presentations. Lanelle continues to do a lot for AYC. We thank her for the planning assets she helped to provide AYC this past year.

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 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. **Sanford "Sandy" Bauman and Homer "Hap" Arnold:** We honor the sailing achievement of two of our founding members, both who are older than dirt and are longstanding friends. They sailed a little Montgomery 17 up the ditch and through the bays from Port Isabel to Port O'Conner. The first leg was completed a few years ago and the second leg was completed this year. Some of us have heard stories of the evening storm in Baffin Bay ... the glorious sail across Copano Bay ... how hearing aids don't work in the wind and are just as useless when turned off...we look forward to hearing more about their adventure!

Corinthian Woman Sailor

To the woman sailor exhibiting traditional Corinthian Traits. This trophy is to be given annually to a woman, who, as an individual or family member, has exhibited good sportsmanship, enthusiasm, and participation, thereby making an overall contribution to the enhancement of the sport of competitive sailing. **Susie McDonald:** Susie has become a valued member of AYC in the few short years that she has been sailing. In 2007, Susie was fleet co-captain of the South Coast fleet and was responsible for the organization of the South Coast Intergalactics, an end of series buffet for the Fall Series, arranged for Race Committee volunteers and participated in several work events at the Club during the year. She also wrote for the AYC Telltale. Susie was planning to race in the Leukemia Cup Regatta on their South Coast 21 when she injured her arm a few days before the Regatta. Unable to race, she instead spent the entire weekend as a photographer on a chase boat capturing over 500 photos of the action during the regatta, and quickly posted them on her web site for viewing by all competitors. Susie raced with her husband Bruce in most of the 2007 Series Races, Friday Night Beer Can Races, and Regattas, which by itself is a testament to her patience, dedication, and enthusiasm for the sport of sailing.

Ron W Harden Memorial Trophy

To the most improved male junior sailor. This trophy is to be given ... 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. **Alan Ro-chard:** Just before sundown most evenings on the lake you can see Alan Ro-chard practicing in his Opti. It is something to watch him roll tack deep in light air or sail downwind with the boat on the weather chine and the sail as high in the wind as possible. Alan finished 82nd overall, and 26th in his fleet (Blue Fleet) at the US National Team Trials in Miami this year. Alan qualified for the US Sailing team by being one of the top 50 sailors less than 14 years old. Nearer to home on the Texas Youth Circuit, Alan finished 4th over all with a best finish of 2nd at a Lakewood Yacht Club stop, a Texas Junior Olympic event.

O! 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. **Tom Romberg** for O!Salt! Tom has been strongly engaged in sailing for over 40 years both locally and nationally. He is a founding member of the club and has infected his son and others with the sailing/racing desire. In most recent years he has reengaged in the management guidance of the AYC and the Club has benefited from his leadership. Tom is again very active and competitive on the race and beer can line.

AYC Men's Single Handed Champion

David Grogono-Laser
Kevin Reynolds-Sunfish

AYC Women's Single Handed Champion

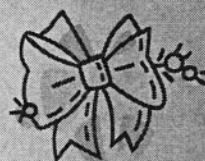
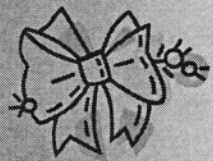








Kim Young Sheberle-Sunfish (Kim placed one point ahead of Kevin for the overall annual Sunfish score, winning on the last leg of the last race of the season!)

Regatta Championship

Damon Galloway placed first in Turnback, Leukemia Cup and the Long Distance Race!

Series Excellence

Mike and Bonnie Chambers placed first in four series this year!



AYC Annual Banquet

Saturday, December 8, 2007



811 West Live Oak Street, Austin, Texas

6:00pm - Cocktail Hour

Waiters will serve hors d'oeuvres featuring crab salad rolls, sausage stuffed mushrooms, and chicken almond bites. You will also receive two free drink tickets which can be used any time during the evening. We'll have two cash bars featuring beer, wine, and premium liquors.

6:45pm - Food Buffet

Enjoy a delicious meal of carved roast beef, grilled chicken, salad, veggies, and homemade rolls. Wine and tea will be served during dinner. We will also have a table with assorted desserts and coffee.

7:45pm - Awards presentation

We'll meet the new Board of Directors, recognize the outstanding achievers at the club, and salute the dubious winner of the Blue Duck award (bestowed upon the AYC member who made the biggest blunder in the past year).

8:30pm - 10:00pm - Live music and dancing to Flyjack

Jump up and dance to the jazzy sounds of Flyjack, including covers of your favorite soul tunes from the 60's and 70's. Here's a link to their website if you want to know more: <http://www.myspace.com/flyjacktheband>

Cost for the banquet is \$60 per person, seating is limited so make your reservations now. You can reserve on-line at <http://austinyachtclub.net/event/annual-banquet>, or by calling the AYC office at 266-1336. No refunds after December 2nd.

If you would like to spend the night downtown after the event, we have a special rate at Embassy Suites Town Lake. It includes a suite with one or two beds, a sofa bed, mini frig, complimentary happy hour, and full breakfast in the morning. Simply call 1-800-EMBASSY by **Nov 23** and ask for the Austin Yacht Club rate (which is \$50/night off the best available rate). The hotel is located at 300 S. Congress Avenue.

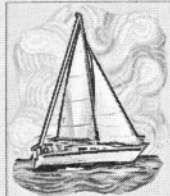


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