

Telltale



October 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



While October traditionally is the beginning of the transition to AYC's less intense late Fall/Winter racing and event schedules, it is still packed with several marquee events...

Of course the biggest of these is the second annual Leukemia Cup. This should be a Must Participate event for those that want a good taste of what bigger league out of town regattas offer without having to travel. Last year's Saturday post race party was the biggest racing related social of the year at AYC and this year is lining up to be even bigger! Of course, with 3 race courses the event will provide plenty of all types of racing fun also. The entry fee includes plenty of give-a-ways (including dinner tickets valued at \$20 each) and supports a great cause. Note, it is a personal choice if you wish to also participate in the fund raising aspect (and you can just fund raise without registering to race also). Be sure to check out how this regatta really delivers on many fronts by asking anyone that attended last year if you are still on the fence about registering.

This month will also windup the AYC Fall Series, the last race series of 2007. The end of series buffet and trophy presentation will be an event you should plan on attending whether

you raced much in the series or not. Hoover's will be the food caterer again. Many people raved about the last series' buffet and Hoover's has created a custom German food menu for us to raise the bar even higher! Be sure to check out the flyers posted on the web-site and around the grounds for details.

The Board of Directors has set a goal to recommend a preliminary 2008 race schedule and 2008 budget at this month's Board meeting. While they won't be binding on next year's Board, the intent is to provide for a smoother transition for the incoming Board and a timely closure on the official versions of these fundamental plans by them. If you wish to formally discuss any inputs you may have on these recommendations, be sure to attend the next Board meeting. Either way, check out these recommendations as part of the on-line agenda as the meeting date gets near.

Speaking of next year's Board, you should have already received your membership package for the Annual Membership meeting at 7pm on November 1st. It includes the Nominating Committee's recommendations and a Proxy statement if you won't be able to attend in person. Per our Bylaws, we must have a quorum for the Board membership vote to be binding...so be sure to fill out and return your Proxy even if you plan on attending!

AYC Vice By Bob Goldsmith



*We few, we happy few, we
band of brothers;
For he today that sheds his
blood with me shall be my
brother;
be he ne'er so vile, This day
shall gentle his condition:
And gentlemen in England now
abed*

*Shall think themselves accurs'd they were not here
And hold their manhoods cheap while any speaks
That fought with us upon Saint Crispin's day.
King Henry V
Wm. Shkspr. Esq.*

*Give me a Fast Ship, for I Intend to go in Harm's
Way.
Capt. John Paul Jones, U.S. Navy*

Inspiring, right? Well check this:

*The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society expects that
Ev'r'y Woman shall do her Duty (and be Sure that
Ev'r'y Man does His).*

*Commodore Lord Eric Nelson AYC (Commodore)
and J24 Fleet (Lord Eric the Leeward)*

Don't hold your manhood... (Shakespeare to the
contrary notwithstanding, maybe we should keep
moving here). If you don't have a sponsor, get one. If
you won't be racing, you spon-
sor a friend.
If you race sailboats, you're our
f r i e n d .



See you out there.....
with sponsors.

Errata...

The Membership Committee Report contained in
"Membership News" on Page 4 of last month's Telltale
incorrectly reported "David" Drewry as completing the
probationary requirements for Senior Membership.
Dawn Drewry completed the probationary require-
ments for Senior Membership.



2007 Racing Schedule

October 7	AYC Fall Series #5 (1:30 FWS)
October 14	AYC Fall Series #6 (1:30 FWS) and EOS Buffet
October 20-21	Leukemia Cup Regatta
December 1	Wild Turkey Regatta

AYC Upcoming Non-Racing Events

October 13	Women's Sailing Camp (9 a.m.—9 p.m.)
October 20-21	Ladies Leukemia Cup Pamper Hour
October 25	AYC Board Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
November 1	AYC Annual Membership Meeting
November 8	New Member Candidate Meeting (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

Dog Days Series Race Results

Division: Spinnaker A

1. Tillinghast, J. 2. Henrickson, J. 3. Welles, C.

Division: Spinnaker B

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

Division: Non-Spinnaker

1. Dobson, D. 2. Goldsmith, B. 3. Donovan, L.

Division: Multi-hull (Portsmouth)

1. Piche, S. 2. Horton, P. 3. Bettler, P.

Division: One Design - Ensign

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

Division: One Design - Catalina 22

1. Bingaman, W. 2. Ohe, D. 3. Broberg, P.

Division: One Design - SC21

1. Burke, J. 2. McDonald, B. 3. Musselman

Division: One Design - J/24

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

Division: One Design - J/22

1. Mitchell, B. 2. Ruais, R. 3. (Sail # 893)

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

THE LEUKEMIA CUP REGATTA



*The Leukemia &
Lymphoma Society*

October 20-21, 2007

Register Today!
www.austinyachtclub.net



September 23, 2007 Fall Series Race
(Photo courtesy of Editor)

Race Commander News

By Ravi Subramanian



Fall is here! Hot, sunny days! Light, variable winds! Postpone on shore ultimately followed by N over H! Oh, wait, that's supposed to be summer. At least according to the Gregorian Calendar, we have officially moved into the next season with the Equinox. Someone (probably me) neglected to inform Mother Nature about the seasonal shift.

Calendar and seasonal debates aside, the **Fall Series** began on **September 9th** and continues into October, culminating with Robbie Nelson's **end-of series buffet on October 14th**. As I write this, the fifth (scheduled) race day is wrapping up with another N over H (abandon, further signals in the harbor). Our lake needs to go on anti-depressants: too little water, too much water; too much wind, too little wind. How 'boat a happy medium?!? Oh well. My standard line is "You want predictable conditions? Try bowling." It's an outdoor sport and we just have to roll with it.

Somehow, we adapt. The Wednesday Night crowd wasn't happy with a drifter on their closing night and rallied to fight the seasonal change by informally extending the series a couple of weeks into this month. On a grander scale, the **rescheduled Centerboard Regatta (September 15th & 16th)** managed to get fifty-plus boats on the water. Kudos to **Regatta Chair Johannes Brinkmann** pulling it all together and to **PRO Wade Bingaman** for pulling a decent set of races out of what was a reasonably sketchy weekend.

Our last big event of the year is **Leukemia Cup (October 20th & 21st)**. I presume that you'll read about it elsewhere in this Telltale, but if you haven't and there's still time, come out! **Regatta Chair Claude Welles** has put together a great weekend and the expected turnout is looking good. The J/22s and South-Coast 21s are currently vying for biggest fleet status, but there will be lots of other classes. And by then, just maybe, we'll actually have some Fall weather!

One final reminder: if you have opinions regarding the layout of the 2008 AYC calendar, now's the time to let me or your fleet captain (or both) know what you'd like to see. We'll do our best to include your thoughts, but we're not mind readers. Let us know what you want out of your club!

Social Committee By Robbie Nelson

End of Fall Series Buffet and Trophy Presentation – Sunday, October 14, 2007

Hoover's Restaurant will again be catering our end of series buffet – this is sure to be one of the best buffets ever! We'll be having a full German food menu, including Pork Schnitzel, Bratwurst with Sauerkraut, Roast Chicken with Pan Gravy, Braised Red Cabbage with Apples, Spatzle, German Potatoes, and Green Beans. Of course we'll also have beer, wine, and iced tea to wash down all that great food!

AYC Annual Membership Meeting – Thursday, November 1, 2007

Don't forget - The AYC Board has moved up the date of the Annual Membership Meeting this year! Please plan to attend to cast your vote for the new Board Officers – the club will provide some snacks & beverages to help entice you to come out!

AYC Annual Banquet – Saturday, December 8, 2007

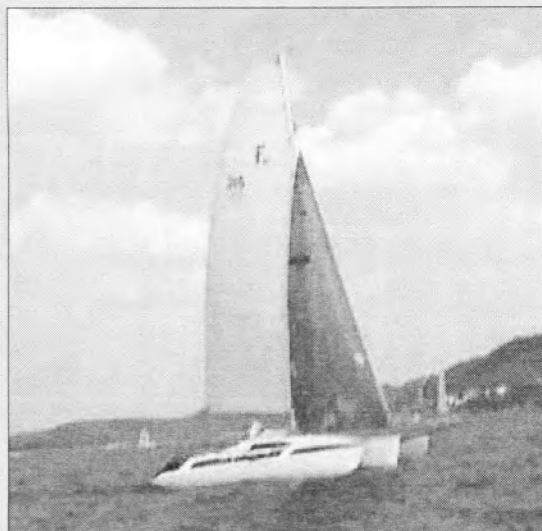
This year the banquet will be held at Green Pastures Restaurant in south Austin near downtown. The party is from 6:00pm – 10:00pm, and will include two free cocktails, appetizers, a buffet featuring carved roast beef and grilled chicken, wine during dinner, and a dessert buffet. We'll also have live music and dancing, and a cash bar. If you've never attended the annual banquet, it is truly one of the things that makes AYC special – so you don't want to miss it!

The main reason for attending the banquet, however, is to acknowledge our members who've made outstanding achievements over the past year and to meet next year's Board of Directors.

Invitations will be mailed the first week of November, and reservations will be taken shortly after that. Seating at Green Pastures is limited, so you should register early to make sure you don't miss out!

AYC Photo Archive

In an effort to preserve AYC heritage for future generations, Bruce McDonald is attempting to archive photographs of historical interest to the Club. He is particularly interested in photos taken prior to 1998. If you have photographs which you feel should be included in the AYC photo archives, please contact Bruce McDonald at (512) 266-3744 or bruce@mcdonaldphoto.com.



*John Kuc single handing a trimaran at the
September 23, 2007 Fall Series Race
(Photo courtesy of Editor with cell phone camera)*

Men's Sailing Camp November 10, 2007

Cost \$50, includes use of boats, instruction, lunch and dinner

This fun opportunity will be for Men 18 and older at all levels of sailing. We will be splitting into beginning, intermediate and advanced groups on both Centerboards and Keel Boats. Sign up for the track that you would like to participate in.

Centerboard Beginner- Maximum 4

Centerboard Intermediate (continue developing steering and sail trim)-Maximum 8

Centerboard Advanced (fine tuning techniques and tactics) ♦Maximum 8

Keelboat Beginner- Maximum 6

Keelboat Intermediate (enhancing crewing skills and steering) - Maximum 8

Keelboat Advanced (Fine tuning crewing skills, steering & tactics) ♦Maximum 8

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 7TH!

Sail Training News By Linda McDavitt

Many thanks to **Steve Vaughan, Remus Broussard,** and **Renee Ruais** for their help with the Adult "Next Step" Clinic on September 29th. By the afternoon we had three FJs out with those interested in centerboard and those interested in keelboat out on RED. They were having so much fun that RED blew out the head of the mainsail, so the issue of survival or change of plan immediately went into place and the afternoon was great for all.

Junior Sailors Sunday afternoon practices have been going well thanks to **Kelly and Bill Hawk** and **Johannes Brinkmann**. We have had around 6 to 10 kids out each week. **We are looking for some volunteers to come out and help coach/supervise them.**

For information on the last two sail training events for this year, check out the postings about the Women's and Men's Camps that will be offered on October 13th and November 10th.

That's all for now!

Women's Sailing Camp October 13, 2007

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AYC PERPETUAL AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Please submit nominations for the 2007 AYC Perpetual Awards to Danny Lien. They can be left in the AYC Office in a file folder on the front counter, submitted by phone, letter, or email to dannylien@austin.rr.com. Committee will finalize selections by November 12, 2007.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Liz Bauman Memorial Trophy

Awarded 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.

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.

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.

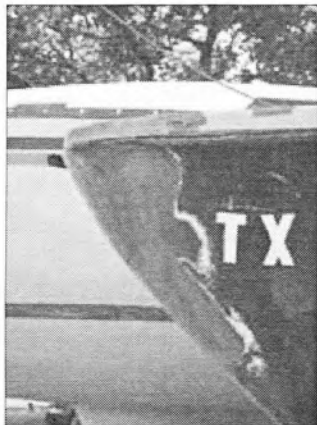


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Prickly Pear gets a Nose Job
(Photo Right)

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Midway

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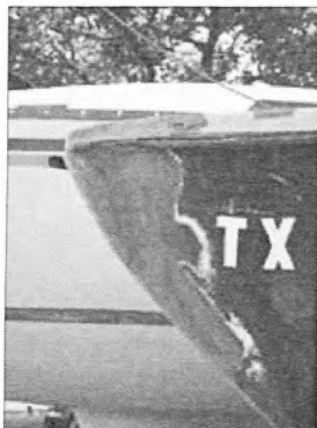


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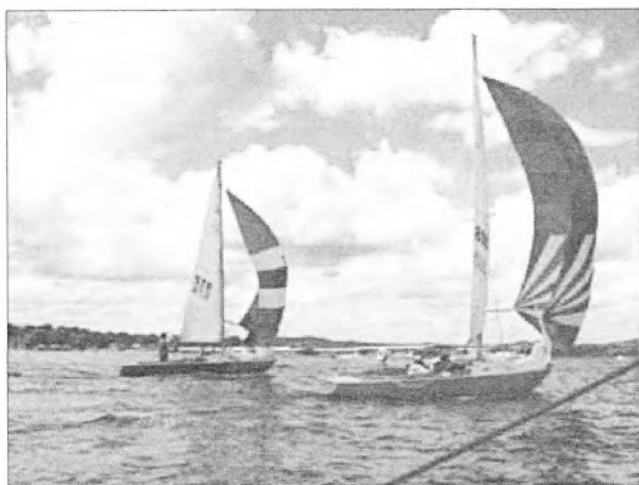
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Ensign Fleet... Continued from Page 6

is tall. Race 1 on the final day of September was one of the more interesting and exciting races we have had. The fleet was all over the lake, and large and frequent wind shifts could send a boat from first to last and last to first. More than once. Even so, the first leeward mark rounding had **Festina Lente**, **Chaparral**, and **Brews'er** all in a group. **Hedonist** and **Esmeralda** were fighting their own battle further back. When all was said and done, though, **James Wilsford** and his crew, **Tom Holdridge** and **Dan Ellenbrook**, found their own private freight train on the far left side of the course that propelled them from the back of the fleet up to the front. **Randolph** had managed to find himself in second at the approach to the final leeward mark, but **Tom and Kelly** were able to get inside at the final leeward mark rounding and cover the rest of the way. It was a hard-fought and well-earned victory for **Esmeralda**.



The fleet approaches the leeward mark.

The breeze in the second race was a little more steady with respect to direction. However, there was a bit of a lull (see Mt. Everest is a little bit tall) during the downwind portion of the W1. And so we sat in the merciless heat and calm for what seemed like forever. At first it looked like the two boats to the west were going to come out like brilliant strategists (read 'lucky'), but the wind managed to come down the east side of the course as well, thus getting everyone moving downwind once again. Still, it was very slow going. **Tom and Kelly** managed to get the better of **Danny**, **Norma** and **Beka** on the final upwind leg. And even though **James Wilsford** and crew had to perform a 720 for fouling **Brews'er** at the mark, **Randolph** didn't have enough wind to take advantage and **James** preserved his third place finish by covering up the final beat.

Looking Ahead

Well, there isn't much ahead to look at... The Fall Series is going to be over after two more weeks (perhaps before you are reading this article!). The Leukemia Cup follows a week later, and the Wild Turkey Regatta will round out the year. Hard to believe, eh?



KEEL FLEET CHAMPIONSHIPS

October 20 & 21, 2007

The Austin Yacht Club Keel Fleet will award the 2007 Keel Handicap Fleet championship trophies to the fleet winners of the Leukemia Cup event in both the Spinnaker and Non Spinnaker Fleets. The winners will be the cumulative low point winners (Spinnaker and Non Spinnaker Fleet) based on corrected time finish from all keel handicap classes and races. To compete for these awards skippers must be current members in good standing in the Keel Handicap Fleet*, be registered for the Leukemia Cup Regatta** and compete in one of the Keel Handicap Classes.

* To join the Keel Handicap Fleet (\$15/yr) if you are not already a member send email to Hector Lujan or Steve Vaughan prior to October 20, 2007 requesting membership. Membership will extend through 2008.

**To register for Leukemia Cup Regatta go to <http://austinyachtclub.net/leukemia-cup>



C-22 Fleet News By John Grzinich



I have the pleasure to announce we have three new members in the C22 fleet. **Brian York** has joined the fleet and sails a good looking 1984 C22. He has already signed up for the Leukemia Cup. **Brett Wilson** has joined AYC and the C22 Fleet after purchasing a 1983 C22 that's in pretty good shape, but he's working hard to get it race ready. Brett has crewed with me during the Fall Series and is enthusiastically learning racing and spin-naker skills. **Derek Miller** has joined the C22 Fleet, also with 1984 C22, and came out for his first race last weekend for a Fall Series race. Welcome everyone from the entire in the C22 Fleet.

During September, the C22 Fleet did its fair share of volunteer duty. **Johannes Brinkman** did a super job as overall chair of the rescheduled Center Board Regatta. Of course, when you have one of your fleet members as regatta chair, you can expect many of the other volunteers to come from that fleet. That certainly was case with the C22 Fleet. Johannes had his whole family were involved from racing to food handling. A big AYC "Thank You" to Johannes and his family for a major effort toward a successful Center Board Regatta. **Chris Bataille** and myself joined with **Eric Nelson** to handle the registration process. **Wade Bingaman** ran the races as PRO, doing an excellent job setting the race course in some light fluky winds during that weekend. **Gary Devin** and I ran chase boat 1. On board the RC boat, **Roy Crouse** and **Art Bussey** worked the scoring and flags. This team was out on the lake both Saturday and Sunday. And, to wrap up the regatta, **Tom Peel** took on the chef's job cooking burgers and franks on the grill. Thanks again to the C22 team that joined with PRC members to get in all those races in light air.

It was our lucky number that weekend as the C22 Fleet also drew race committee for the fall series Sunday afternoon. Once again, the C22 volunteer spirit came through. **Dane Ohe** did an outstanding job as PRO running the Sunday afternoon races. **Mark Haralson** and I drove chase boat 2 setting the start pin and leeward mark. **David Rehberg**, **Art Bussey**, **Derek Miller**, and **Lida Huang** worked the flags and scoring on the RC boat. Thanks to the PRC for providing help to staff chase boat 1 and set the windward mark. As you can see, there were a few of us who did double duty, but the weather was nice so it went quickly and it was an enjoyable weekend on the lake. The best part, our volunteer duties are over for the series and we can move on to the fun stuff, racing our C22's. One other important announcement regarding the Centerboard

Regatta and our fleet members, please congratulate **Merri and Steve Shepardson**, long time excellent C22 sailors and racers, who dusted off their Capri 14 to celebrate their anniversary and took FIRST place the B division. **Patrick and Lisa Brinkman** sailed some very respectable races in tricky conditions for an FJ to take 4th place in the B division.

The first weekend for the fall series was a zero wind Sunday, races cancelled. But, so far 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. However, participation has been light, but is picking up as the series progresses with 4 boats in the first fall series races we could actually sail in, and 6 boats last Sunday, with 7 different boats overall. **Dane Ohe**, with crew **David Rehberg** leads the series. We had several boats and fleet members travel to the NOOD Regatta in Houston, they are back, so I expect some additional participation as the fall series winds down and we get ready for Leukemia Cup. I am expecting several out of town C22's and sailors to make the trip to Austin to race against our fleet for some challenging one design competition during Leukemia Cup. I've got my Leukemia Cup donation web page up and running and donations are starting to arrive. I hope you all are doing the same.



Remember when we had barely enough water to launch a C22! It was not that long ago. Merri Shepardson pulls Chile Verde onto the trailer.

Good Sailing, fair weather.

John Grzinich – C22 Fleet Captain.



Save the Date...

Wild Turkey Regatta

December 1, 2007

SC-21 Fleet News By Susie Corcoran



Count 'em: 15 South Coasts to Compete in the Leukemia Cup!

Thanks to some serious motivation from **The Bartlett's** and a

genuine team effort on everyone's part, the South Coast 21 fleet will have a strong showing in this month's Leukemia Cup regatta. In fact, it looks to be the strongest showing of South Coasts this year. Congratulations to all the skippers and crew for your enthusiastic response and sincere thanks to **John and Claudia** for making it happen. If anyone needs crew, please contact **Ray Shull** or **Susie McDonald**.

South Coast Fleet On Duty for End of Series Buffet

Volunteers to date for the October 14 buffet include **John, Claudia, Bruce, Susie and Ray**. Please contact **Susie** if you'd like to help.

Member Contest... Are you the winner?

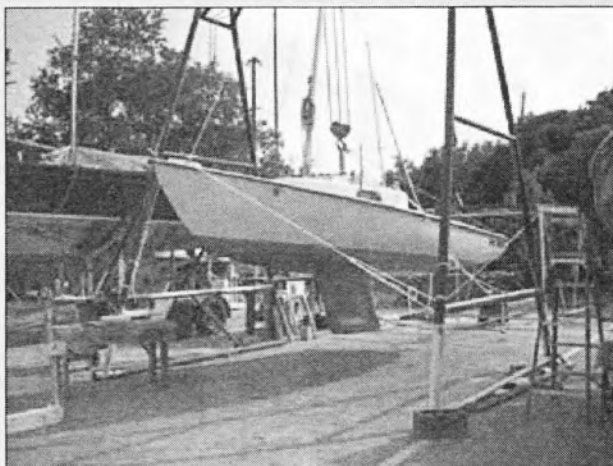
We are working hard to get everyone's contact information up to date. Does AYC have your correct email address? If so, is all your online profile information correct? Please go to www.austinyachtclub.net and login under "My Account". We have changed one lucky winner's AYC account password to "winner". Log in and try your chances! The winner receives a beautiful AYC Polo Dri-Fast shirt.

Call Bob Woods or Pam Radebaugh at the AYC office if you have forgotten your password or it just does not seem to work. Thanks for helping us keep in touch!

Logon and see if you're the lucky winner!

SouthCoast 21 Technical Tip of the Month: Installing a Lifting Eye in the South Coast 21 By Ray Shull

Installing a lifting eye allows you to pick up the South Coast 21 without the use of straps at the AYC work hoist. Having an internal lifting eye can also make launching the boat using a crane much easier since straps are also not needed, and no interference with trailer pads or support rails will occur. The process is fairly straightforward, but can be difficult because of the hardness of the material in the keel (cast iron) and the size of the eye bolt that is needed to safely carry the weight of the boat. The process is to drill a hole in the top of the keel, thread the hole with the use of a tap, install a load rated eye bolt, seal the hole, and cover the eye bolt so that corrosion is prevented. (For complete instructions, go to <http://austinyachtclub.net/fleets/SC21/>.)



Photos above courtesy of Tom Meyer

AYC Fund Auction and Fund Raiser

AYC Fund held it's first fund raiser event on Saturday, September 15. It was a big success and we would like to thank everyone who participated, helped, and contributed to the fund.

Through the generosity of those who attended we raised \$4,500. Several of our founding fathers entertained us with "Take Me Out to the Yacht Club" and a hysterical and maybe historical reenactment of an early AYC Board meeting. Additionally, it was a fun evening socializing with fellow AYC members.

It is the intention of the AYC Fund Board to build an endowment of \$100,000 over the next few years. We are now well on our way toward that

goal with \$17,000. The interest generated by this money will allow us to assist qualified applicants with further training, education and expenses for national and international competition.

How AYC Fund Can Help:

- **Education:** Maritime related education means providing instruction for all ages at all levels.
- **Competitors:** Amateur sailors from Austin and the Lake Travis area participating in qualified national and international competitions.
- **Competitions:** Organizations hosting national and international regattas on Lake Travis.

How You Can Help:

- Unrestricted donations become part of the endowment fund. Investment income from the endowment will be used to support quali-

fied grant applicants.

- Restricted donations will be used for specific qualified projects as specified by the donor.

Donations may be made online at www.aycfund.org or by check made payable to AYC Fund and mailed to the yacht club.

Keep the AYC Fund in mind for a tax deductible contribution that will provide money for the future of sailing and our club. A contribution would be a great birthday gift, Christmas gift or just a gift that will be appreciated for the future of the Austin Yacht Club.

Thanks!!!



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Leukemia Cup Regatta By Claude Welles

As you read this, Leukemia Cup is just around the corner, so if you haven't already done so, register before the early registration cut-off on Monday, October 15th. After that, you can still register until the morning of the regatta, but you will need to pay a couple more \$\$\$. Registration can be done online with links from the AYC website, or by paper forms found in the AYC office or in the last Telltale. Payment can be made by credit card, or by check payable to Leukemia/Lymphoma Society. The great racing opportunity and equally great social events make this regatta a real deal, plus all proceeds go to a great cause. Be sure to participate and help us show off our AYC spirit and enthusiasm. Remember this will be our last big party of the year before the Annual Banquet. There will be all the usual regatta accouterments plus more, including two bands for entertainment on Saturday evening, a catered dinner (2 dinner tickets are included in the registration fee for keel boats, and 1 for centerboards) and complimentary breakfast both days. Lunch Sunday will be available for purchase when you finish racing. Mount Gay is the national sponsor, and will provide us with some of their finest product. Skippers, your crews will be begging to come back after this one! Crews, find yourself a boat and hop on, you don't want to miss it!

All you regatta groupies will want to hang out too. The Leukemia/Lymphoma staff is planning a free Pamper Hour at 3:30 Saturday to include manicures, massages, and martinis. Ladies, if you are not sailing yourselves, avail yourselves of Pamper Hour. Then hang around for the party, it will only get better.

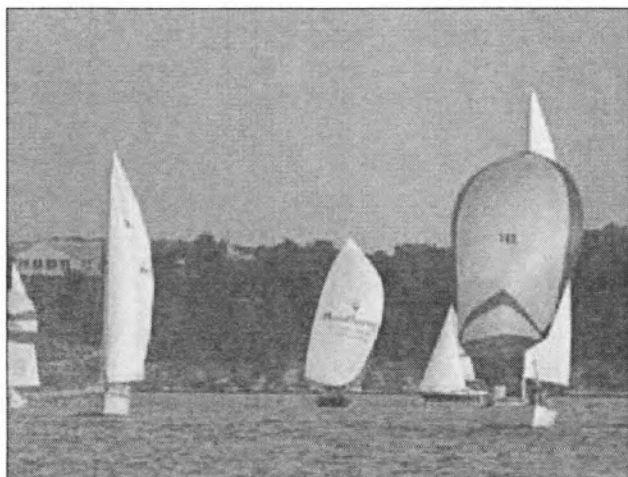
We already have a large fleet of Southcoasts signed up, plus the J22 Circuit Regatta, a good contingent of Catboats from all over the Southeast, as far away as Florida, and a bunch of Melges 24s. All the other AYC Fleets need to step up to the challenge. This will be the keel fleet championship regatta for both spinnaker and non-spinnaker, and we will be awarding the Governor's Cup Trophy to one lucky racer who does particularly well in the most competitive fleet.

If you are planning to order box lunches (\$5 apiece, cheap) for Saturday, we need to have the order in by Wednesday, Oct. 17. If you are planning to register late or need additional dinner tickets beyond those in your online registration, just call Kristen Shanahan at the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society, (512) 491-6610. She will place the order, and you can pay at registration Friday evening or Saturday morning. See you at Leukemia Cup. If you aren't there, you can't have fun!

Keel Fleet News By Steve Vaughan



Friday Night Beer Can September 28th, 2007 (photos above and below courtesy of Dane Ohe)



Friday Night Beer Can Races

The final 2007 Friday Night Beer Can race was held on September 28 under near ideal sailing conditions with me and others longing for more. For those that do not recall, **John Mandell** in about 1994 instigated this popular event which has become one of the most consistently attended and popular events at AYC. It is not clear what the essential ingredient(s) are to make this event so popular but somewhere between the timing (leaving work early on Friday's), the relaxed competition (opportunity to bring novice sailors) or the gourmet dinners (burgers and cookies) the formula works. Our sincere thanks to John for instigating this event and **Jim Tillinghast** who organized it for 2007.

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get enough responses to the survey, the fleet captains and officers will be contacting many fleet members by phone to collect opinions on what the fleet should be doing to promote more participation. For you to point the fleet in the direction you want it to go please respond if called or send your responses to the questions below to Steve Vaughan vaughansm@gmail.com prior to November 1. I welcome input from any and all boats that participate or plan to participate in racing in one of the Keel Handicap classes.

Fleet Survey

The Purpose of this survey is to understand why participants in Keel Fleet classes participate (or do not participate) in Keel Fleet or AYC sponsored racing events.

- 1) Are you planning to attend KHF annual meeting on November 9th?
- 2) Are you racing the Wild Turkey regatta on December 1?
- 3) On a scale of 1 to 10 what is your primary reason for participating in races? (1 = competitive racing, 10 = pleasure sailing)
- 4) On a scale of 1 to 10 how much boat/crew preparation do you do before a race? (1 = everything possible, 10 = just enough to get around the course)
- 5) On a scale to 1 to 10 how much trouble do you have assembling a crew? (1=none, 10= often prevents participating)
- 6) On a scale of 1 to 10 how disappointed are you if you do not win or place highly? (1= very disappointed, 10 =does not really matter)
- 7) On a scale of 1 to 10 how important are social events (either as part of a race event or separate events) to your race participation?? (1=not important, 10= very important)
- 8) On a scale of 1 to 10 do you want more communication (phone/email/web/Telltale) within the Fleet or Club? (1=No already too much, 10= Yes significantly more communication is needed)
- 9) What communication method(s) are best to reach you (Phone/email/web/Telltale)
- 10) In priority order what events type do you want the Fleet to focus on? (Regattas/Series/Beer Can/Social)

11) What can the Fleet do to increase your participation in racing events in 2008?

12) What do you think would encourage others to come racing more often?

13) Do you want to be more involved in directing Keel Fleet activity?

I welcome your survey feedback by email, snail mail, verbal or phone, the Fleet officers will use the information to guide the fleet activities in 2008.

Keel Fleet Party and Annual Meeting

November 9th, 6:30PM--AYC Clubhouse



Red Eye



Jobson Event



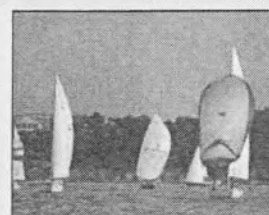
Racing Seminars



Poker Tournaments



Rum Runner Race



Beer Can Races

Agenda

Fajita Dinner Party and Beer*

Membership Sign-up for 2008

Keel Fleet 2007 Snapshot review

Open Discussion on your thoughts for 2008

Fleet Business meeting and election of Officers for 2008

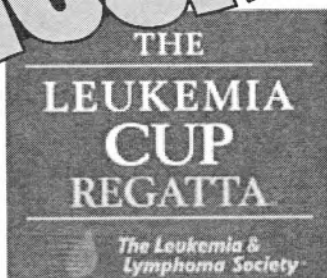
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Pamper Hour

The Ladies of the Leukemia Cup Regatta are invited to an hour of pampering while their sailors are racing.

Join us for a fun hour of Massages, Martini's and More before the races end on Saturday, October 20th.
The pampering begins at 3:30 p.m.

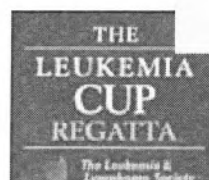
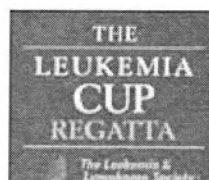
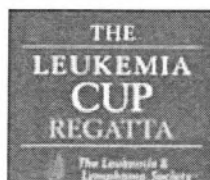
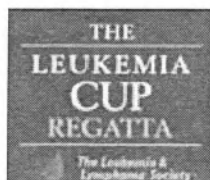
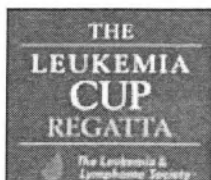
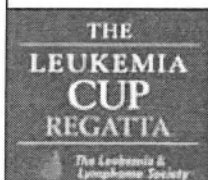


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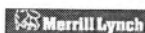
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