



Telltale

September 2007

Monthly Newsletter

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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

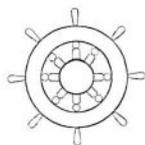


With Labor Day now behind us, the Club is turning the corner towards Fall with a return to Sunday afternoon series racing, gearing up for Centerboard Regatta and moving to earlier Beer Can start times. Also on the shore side schedule this month is an informal Fall Series kick-off social, the inaugural AYC Fund Silent Auction fundraiser and the next installment of the Adult Sail Training class series. Look for details on all of these events in this Telltale as well on the AYC website. This month, starting with this Telltale, you will also be hearing a lot more about the Leukemia Cup Regatta coming mid October. If you attended last year's initial version of this event, you already know to look forward to more great parties, fun give-a-ways and competent race management that defined this regatta last year! If you missed out last year don't worry as this year it will offer even more; besides the articles in this issue, you can always go to the website for all the details as well as to register. In case you were not sure, you don't have to do any fundraising to participate in the regatta activities. But there all multiple ways you can include fundraising in your involvement if you care to take advantage of what can be a very satisfying and unique aspect of this regatta...to learn more just checkout the website, look

for the Leukemia Cup information tables that will be set up during various AYC events this month or call the AYC Office.

Last month I mentioned that the nominating committee of **Paul Ballett**, **Danny Lien** and **Doug Laws** are developing their list of nominations for the 2008 Board and are looking for input from you. To date they report very little member feedback on this to date...so please consider letting them know your thoughts on this very key topic! Either way, with the Board officially setting the Annual Membership Meeting for November 1st at the last Board Meeting, the formal nominations will be going out for Membership review later this month. The Board also voted last month to include a By-laws change vote on the Annual Membership Meeting agenda. This change, if approved by the membership, would set the term of the Board to be on an annual calendar basis starting January 1st each year. Approval would formally establish a 2 month overlap period for the current Board to cross train and do budget/schedule planning for the following year with the Board-elect. This year's Board feels the operational continuity that this arrangement would afford us is essential for AYC to stay vibrant by making it easier on new Board members to get established in their positions and urges you to support it!

AYC Vice By Bob Goldsmith



A man called a mental hospital and asked to speak to the patient in Room 48. The nurse checked the charts and told him there was no patient in Room 48. "Good," said the man, "I must have escaped."

Ever had a day when you feel like you must have escaped but want to check back to be sure? The flood waters were gurgling right under the clubhouse a few weeks ago, but we seem to have escaped. Or did we? As I look out the window and see a dog helming my car as it drifts off down the street, I wonder. I know Al Gore wants to fix global warming, but gee that guy works fast! What's next, a glacier forming under Dock 3? If it does, will the South Coasts try to use that as a benchmark for their new rating? Or will the glacier move too fast forcing them to look to geologic time? Just kidding. Congratulations to **Duane Dobson** on a first in the Dog Days non-spin fleet.

Let's talk about something really important. Let's talk about the Leukemia Cup. Past Commodore **Paul Ballett** had a group of last year's involved persons out to his house a few weeks ago and there was a very inspirational part of the get together. A nice looking kid with a shaved head was standing around – he was about junior high school age. He looked a little uncomfortable, and I was feeling sorry for him when someone from the Leukemia Society asked him to speak. Was the poor kid the winner of the last walk-a-thon? No, the young man had been attending junior high last year when he collapsed. He was rushed to the hospital, diagnosed with advanced leukemia, and his world changed completely in a day. He was brave, so brave that he wouldn't say it, wouldn't make a grab for sympathy, but that young man's life was suddenly on the line. He told us how he got to learn a lot of medical terms, about cutting up in the hospital after the treatments eased up and he could move around, about how he plans to be fully recovered in a year or two. He didn't say it, but what he was really telling us is how it feels to face mortality as a young teenager and what it means to hope.

It doesn't matter when you last raced, whether you have a chance of winning a trophy... for that young man and so many others like him, you need to be on the line for the Leukemia Cup with sponsors backing you. If you race sailboats, you're our friend. If you give of yourself to help those in need, you're a friend of all God's children. As members of AYC, of a yacht club, we have already been blessed in our lives in many ways. Let our service to others be our thanks. See you out there.



2007 Racing Schedule

September 5	Sunfish/Laser Wed. Night Series (6:00 p.m.)
September 7	KHF Beer Can Race (7:00 p.m.)
September 9	AYC Fall Series #1 (1:30 FWS)
September 12	Sunfish/Laser Wed. Night Series (6:00 p.m.)
September 14	KHF Beer Can Race (7:00 p.m.)
September 15, 16	Centerboard Regatta
September 16	AYC Fall Series #2 (1:30 FWS)
September 19	Sunfish/Laser Wed. Night Series (6:00 p.m.)
September 21	KHF Beer Can Race (7:00 p.m.)
September 23	AYC Fall Series #3 (1:30 FWS)
September 26	Sunfish/Laser Wed. Night Series (6:00 p.m.)
September 28	KHF Beer Can Race (7:00 p.m.)
September 30	AYC Fall Series #4 (1:30 FWS)
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

September 1	Dock 5 Party (5 p.m.—10 p.m.)
September 9	Fall Series Kickoff Social
September 15	AYC Fund Fundraiser (7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.)
September 20	New Member Candidate Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
September 27	AYC Board Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
September 29	A Step Beyond Learn to Sail (9 a.m.—5 p.m.)
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

You are invited...

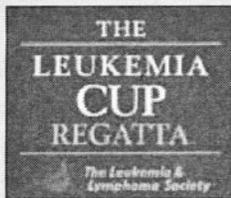
Official Leukemia Cup Regatta Kick-off & Fleet Night with West Marine

Complimentary wine tasting from our local sponsor,
Barefoot Wine

Thursday, September 13th from 6-8 p.m.

West Marine
9070 Research Blvd., Suite 201A
Austin, Texas 78758

Come register for the regatta, chat with friends, sample great wine and receive great deals from Leukemia Cup Regatta sponsor, West Marine.



**We need your help
Fundraise Now**

www.active.com/donate/leukemiacupctx

FACTS ABOUT BLOOD CANCERS

- Leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma are cancers that originate in the bone marrow or lymphatic tissue as the result of an acquired genetic injury to the DNA of a single cell. The cell then becomes malignant and multiplies continuously. This abnormal accumulation interferes with the production of healthy blood cells.
- An estimated **823,349** Americans are living with blood cancers.

LEUKEMIA

- In the United States, **218,659** people are living with or are in remission from leukemia.
- Leukemia causes more deaths than any other cancer among children and young adults under the age of 20.
- The relative five-year survival rate for patients with leukemia has more than tripled in the past 46 years.

LYMPHOMA

- There are **544,266** people today living with lymphoma: 138,313 have or are in remission from Hodgkin lymphoma; 405,953 have or are in remission from non-Hodgkin lymphoma (NHL).
- Non-Hodgkin lymphoma is the fifth most common cancer in the United States, and its age-adjusted incidence rose by nearly 84 percent from 1975 to 2004.
- The five-year relative survival rate for patients with Hodgkin lymphoma rose from 73 percent in 1975 to 86 percent in 2002.
- The five-year survival rate for NHL patients rose from 48 percent in 1975 to 64 percent in 2003.

MYELOMA

- In 2007, 19,900 new cases of myeloma will be diagnosed in the United States.
- Overall five-year survival has shown significant improvement since the 1960s, but was still only 34 percent in 2003.

Race Commander News

By Ravi Subramanian



Aside from the little blip in the lake level, racing in August was relatively uneventful. The extended Dog Days Series wrapped up, the Wednesday Night Crowd kept things going, and the Beer Can Racers gave anyone and everyone a relaxed destination for Friday night. By comparison with the past few months, it's almost downright dull – no evacuation of equipment, no rescheduling of events, no wondering whether or not we're racing next week. I love it.

September should hopefully be the same. The Fall Series will have kicked off on the weekend after Labor Day (a few days out as I write this) followed by the rescheduled Centerboard Regatta on the weekend of September 15th. Yes, we're still having a series race that Sunday and the ramps will be busy as the regatta crowd pulls out and the series racers put it. If you are part of the latter crowd, please allow a little extra time and remember that some of those pulling out have a long drive ahead of them.

The Fall Series continues into October and then it's time for Leukemia Cup, our biggest event of the year, the weekend of October 20th. Aside from a few fleet organized events, such as the KHF Wild Turkey regatta at the beginning of December, that pretty much wraps up the 2007 race calendar.

And so, it's time to start thinking of next year. We're beginning to put together the 2008 race calendar and need your input! Is your fleet hosting a regatta at AYC? Get the date pinned down and let me know! Did you like short, three-week Turnback Warm-up Series? Did you not? Let me know! In short, if you've got opinions on the race schedule and overall format, it's time to vocalize. Talk with your other fleet members, let your fleet captain know what you want, let me know what you'd like to see. We'll try and make it happen.

2007 AYC Centerboard Regatta

Saturday, September 15, 2007

and

Sunday, September 16, 2007

Fleets: Sunfish, Laser, Cats, Windsurfers and Open Centerboard

Open to Non-Members

Membership News By Paul Ballett



A. Approval of Probationary Members

Charles Rowland applied as a Sr. member. **Matt Elliot** applied as a Young Adult member. **Peter John & Don Gray** have requested reinstatement as Senior members. All requests were approved. **Peter John** was recorded as IPSO last month and immediately asked to be reinstated and has requested a payment plan which we except. **Don Gray** was reported as having resigned in June and asked that that request be reversed, which the committee approves.

B. Members' Status Changes

Don Putnam resigned as a senior member. **Joseph Rabinovitsj** resigned as a junior member. **David Drewry** and **Mike Ingram** have met their probationary requirements and were granted full membership.

The members listed below were recorded as IPSO last month and have been removed from the membership.

Peter John- Senior (reinstated)
Mat Thompson- Senior
Phillip Buck & Virginia Lingafelt- Senior
Jeff Raun- Senior
Dave Speed- Senior

C. Membership Totals

2007 Membership Committee: **Paul Ballett**, **Claudia Bartlett**, and **David Kenyon**.

MEMBERSHIP TOTALS	July EOM	ADD	SUB	August EOM
Senior	343	3	6	340
*Honorary	7			7
*Life Member	21			21
Associate	20			20
Young Adult	13	1		14
Junior Student Member	21		1	20
UTIST Member	20			20
*Leave of Absence	1			1
Non-Resident	9			9
Ol' Salt 10 Year	11			11
Ol' Salt 30 Year	19			19
Total Non-Paying Members	48			48
Total Paying Members	437			434
Total Members	485			482

Social Committee By Robbie Nelson

AYC Ice Cream Social and Pot-Luck – August 11, 2007: While this event had to be rescheduled several times due to the Lake Travis flooding, a large number of members still came out to enjoy build-your-own ice cream sundaes, and to share pot luck dishes with their family and crew. Some one-design fleets also planned specific pot luck events to join in the fun. Most everyone gathered in the clubhouse for several hours and enjoyed the nice new air-conditioning!

Thank you's are due to the following volunteers for putting on the Ice Cream Social: **Tommy Gairloff**, **Robert and Donna Black**.

Dog Days End of Series Buffet – August 25, 2007: Boy we had some great home cooking right here at AYC from Hoover's Restaurant of Austin! Hoover's catered our End of Series buffet, which included Country Fried Chicken, Fresh Fried Catfish, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fried Okra, Homemade Macaroni & Cheese, Fresh Baked Rolls and Cornbread! Everyone said "this is not on my diet" but that didn't stop anyone from piling up the vittles on their plate!

My thanks to the following volunteers for set up, registration, and clean up: **Muffet & Jack Livaudais**, **Renee Ruais**, **Susie McDonald**, and **Carolyn Wilsford**.

Upcoming Events:

End of Fall Series and Leukemia Cup Promo – October 14, 2007: Be on the lookout for a flyer at the club and in the Telltale about the End of Series buffet on this date. In keeping with the season we will be serving a German Food buffet with some good ole' Texas/German beer. Please mark your calendar and invite your crew to attend!

AYC Annual Meeting – November 1, 2007: The AYC Board has moved up the Annual Business meeting very early 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 – December 8, 2007: It's not too early to mark this annual premier AYC event on your calendar. This year the banquet will be held at Green Pastures Restaurant in downtown Austin. Green Pastures is an old historic Victorian mansion, so our event is sure to be one to remember! More details about the banquet will be presented in the coming months.

Sail Training News By Linda McDavitt

With Camp shut down, the only sail training has been PB&J, the PB&J party and Sunday afternoon practice sessions for Junior Sailors. This has been well attended so far this summer. Thanks to **Kelly Hawk** for organizing this and getting other volunteers to help. If you would like to volunteer to help with these Junior practices, please contact **Linda McDavitt** at 731-6614. The following are the UPCOMING Adult Learn to Sail events.

September 29th from 9am to 5pm Adult Sailing *The Next Step* (Cost \$50)

This course is designed to take someone who has completed a beginning sailing course to the next level. You know the basic knots, how to capsize and recover in centerboard boats, basics on wind and points of sail and feel comfortable sailing. We now add the next dimension. Can you really get to your destination? This course will provide opportunities to develop boat handling, sail trim and getting to your destination. It will be offered on both centerboard boats and keel boats.

Centerboard- Maximum is 16 Adults (18 and older)

Keelboat-Maximum is 20 Adults (18 and older)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH!

October 13, 9am to 9pm Women's Sailing Camp (Cost \$50, includes use of boats, instruction, lunch and dinner)

This fun opportunity will be for Women 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 OCTOBER 10TH!

November 10, 9am to 9pm, Men's Sailing Camp (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!

Should you need additional information on any of these clinics, please contact Linda McDavitt at 731-6614.



Silent Auction & Wine Tasting

AYC FUND Fall Fundraiser, September 15th

Kick off the fall at a special evening and enjoy a night of wine tasting, silent auction and a "Founder's Skit", back by popular demand.

Proceeds support the AYC FUND, a new non-profit supporting Texas sailors of all ages.

Can't attend? Make a tax-deductible donation today at www.aycfund.org.

RSVP today!

Date: Sat Sept 15th

Time: 7-10 pm

Place: AYC Clubhouse

Cost: \$10/person

info@aycfund.org

www.aycfund.org

Ensign Fleet News By Randolph Bertin



Dog Days Done: It wasn't a typical Dog Days Series. The lake was full. Sometimes it was even more than full. And while we had the usual amount of motorboat chop, there was more than enough wind to get around the course. Even when the heat was on, it certainly wasn't a case of bob and bake, but rather, dash and splash. Truly, it was great fun.

On the third week, **Tom and Kelly Groll** (who were leading to that point with ALL bullets) came from behind yet again to claim their fifth consecutive victory, passing **Randolph and Michael Bertin** (who were joined by **Danny Lien**) downwind. **Jonathan and Sarah Baker** had a tight race with **Bill Hawk** for third, while **James Wilsford** worked *Esmeralda* against **Hap Arnold, Tom Romberg** and **Bill Curra** in *Eagle*. The second race of the day brought **Tom and Kelly's** streak to an end, though. *Festina Lente* managed to catch both *Brews 'er* and *Eagle* barging at the committee boat, and with *Prickly Pair* (**Bill Hawk, Bill Hollman, and Frans Dahman**) over early, it was virtually a three boat race from the start. **Randolph, Danny and Michael** managed to hold off the **Bakers** to eke out the win, their first of the year!

The next week saw more fabulous racing conditions, with a steady breeze blowing from the SE around 15 knots, with some gusts up near 20. Today was looking to be victory by attrition: whoever could get around the course without a major failure would be looking pretty solid. **James Wilsford** had a great start in one of the races, and managed to get up to the windward mark in the lead, but a few technical problems pulled them back into the fleet. **Danny, Norma, Carolyn, and Linda McDavitt** kept the pressure on and sailed *Chaparral* into the top spot, with *Eagle* (**Hap Arnold, Tom Romberg** and **Bill Curra**) in hot pursuit. **Randolph and Michael** (happily joined by **Camden Bobek** and **Nancy Nitardy** from the South Coast 21 fleet) were unable to catch **Tom and Kelly Groll** for third. Unfortunately **Bill Hawk, Frans Dahman** and **Bill Hollman** ended up having to retire after a port-starboard incident left *Prickly Pair* unable to continue sailing.

In the final race of the day, the old-timers showed us how it was done as *Eagle* sailed a practically flawless race (great sets and take downs, picking up shifts, and just keeping it all together) to claim their first victory! Congratulations! One thing you can say about the Ensign fleet is that it is very competitive throughout.

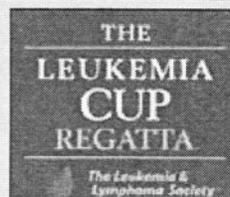
And that was the end of the Dog Days series for us as

the final week had our fleet scheduled for race committee. We average almost six boats for the duration. Not shabby at all.

Race Committee: For the final race day of the series, there was generally enough wind to get around the course. Unfortunately, it wouldn't settle on a prevailing direction. For the first race, we set up on a Southeast course, and that was more or less pretty good some of the time, but there were some pretty substantial lefties, and before the race was done, the wind seemed to be settling over in the East. So, we re-set the course between races. Everything was looking pretty fair, but then, what do you know, the wind decided to move back more or less to where it had been (and even a little further south). Well, we tried. And the wind simply failed to cooperate. At least no one ran into the committee boat. Many thanks to **James and Carolyn Wilsford, Danny and Norma Lien, Bill Hawk, Tom and Kelly Groll, Frans Dahmen, Randolph Bertin, and Jonathan and Sarah Baker** for giving their time and effort to help out on the day.

Though our series had effectively ended the week before, and the top spot had been wrapped up by **Tom and Kelly Groll** the week prior to that, the battle for second place was quite close, with **Danny Lien** edging out **Randolph** by a point, and **Bill Hawk** a point or two behind that.

Coming Up: By the time this edition of the Telltale hits the streets, we will have started the Fall Series (can you believe it is already the final series of the year?!) So get out and sail because it is much more fun to be on the water than to just read about it here.



October 20-21, 2007

Register Today!
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SC-21 Fleet News By Susie Corcoran



August welcomed in the Dog Days Saturday evening series. Six boats participated in the ten race series. We were fortunate to have great weather with Southeast winds in the 10-15 knot range and as always, close competition. First place went to

the team of **John and Kathy Burke** with second place going to **Bruce and Susie McDonald**.

Race Committee, September 23:

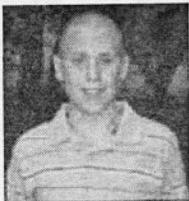
Please contact **Ray Shull** to sign up for RC on 9/23. Ray can be reached by email at rshull@aceaustin.com or by phone at 565-8800.

Fall End-of-Series Banquet:

The South Coast 21 fleet will assist with the October 14 end-of-series banquet. Thanks to **Claudia and John Bartlett** and **Ray Shull** for volunteering. We still need a few more helpers. Please contact **Susie McDonald** at ghowiellc@aol.com to sign up.

Gin & Tonic Host Assignments:

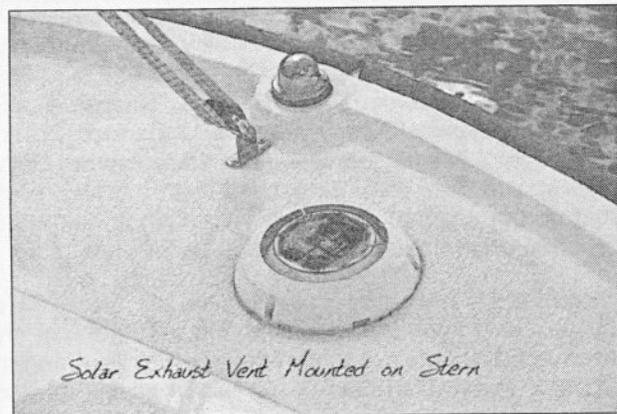
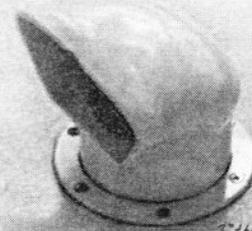
September 9	Carl Morris
September 16	Yolanda & Adolph Mares
September 23	South Coast has RC
September 30	Jim Brown
October 7	Mike Kilpatrick
October 14	Linda Donovan



Meet Sean. Sean is 14 years old and was diagnosed with Acute Lymphocytes Leukemia (ALL) in September of 2006. He is currently in remission. However, treatment of ALL includes three years of chemotherapy, even if

the patient enters remission. Two more years to go! Sean is entering the 8th grade this fall and is looking forward to getting his driver's license, much to his mother's dismay. Sean is active in his Boy Scouts Troop and loves to build vehicles out of Legos. He also loves riding his bike, swimming and playing with his "best friend/worst enemy" brother, Ryan. He is also a member of his middle school's band. Sean is looking forward to coming to the Leukemia Cup Regatta and cheering on all sailors/participants while joining other LLS Honored Hero's on the Honored Hero Boat. To learn more about Sean and his family's journey after his diagnosis, see the family's blog at: <http://pjgingras.blogspot.com>.

Cowl Vent on Fore Deck for Air Intake



South Coast 21 Technical Tip: Proper Ventilation for your South Coast 21

Straight from the factory, the South Coast 21 had no ventilation at all other than some ventilation slits cut into the bin boards. This lack of ventilation leads to the accumulation of moisture below decks that will lead to mildew and rot. Even when it does not rain, moisture will accumulate as the hull sweats each night when the temperature drops and the trapped, humid air inside the boat releases its moisture. After years of having to deal with a musty, mildewed interior of my boat, I decided to do something about it. It is easy to upgrade to a proper, active or passive ventilation system for your boat which will keep it dry and mildew free. (For complete instructions, go to <http://austinyachtclub.net/fleets/SC21/>.)

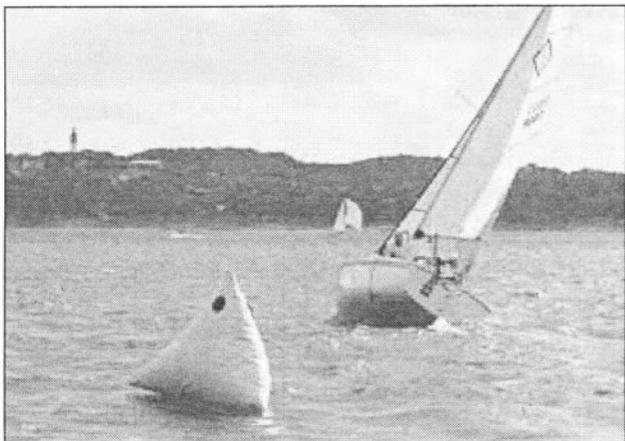
C-22 Fleet News By John Grzinich



The C22 Fleet story for August is a short one. After "clean up" day, we still had to wait before racing resumed while the club facilities were restored to normal operation. On July 28th the traditional summer Saturday evening racing series, this year called the "Dog Days" Series, finally started. Turnout of C22's for the series was light, with 4 to 5 boats for each 2 of the race days, but we did have 8 boats participate overall. **Wade Bingaman** dominated with 3 bullets in 4 races, winning with big a lead over other boats. **Dan Ohe** picked up a 2nd place plaque with one bullet.

On August 18th Fleet 69 had Race Committee duty, and the volunteer spirit of the fleet came through. **Wade Bingaman** ran the races and organized the team in my absence. **Chris Bataille, George Robison, Roy Crouse, Ken Whiteside, Johannes Brinkman, Bruce Foster, Steve & Meri Shepardson, Gary Devon** and **Tom Peel** all pitched in to run the races and do the scoring. The winds were light enough that "shorten course" procedures had to be invoked.

Since I didn't have any "fresh" photos for this month's article, I dug into my archives and included one of my favorite C22 photo's actually taken by **Vic Manning** in 2005. It shows **Dan Ohe** in *Kanaloa* heading upwind after rounding the leeward mark. This should be the kind of C22 action we look forward to in the fall.



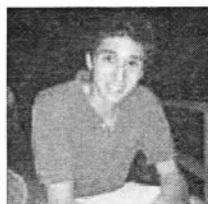
Kanaloa after rounding the leeward mark.

We are certainly looking forward fall sailing with better wind and cooler temperatures. The AYC "Fall Series" will be starting the weekend after Labor Day. In mid-September, the C22 Fleet will be playing a major role in the "Centerboard Regatta", with **Johannes Brink-**

man as regatta chair and **Wade Bingaman** as PRO. Quite a few fleet members have volunteered to help out.

The biggest event coming in the fall for the Austin Yacht Club is the Leukemia Cup, scheduled for the weekend of October 20th and 21st. This is a great opportunity to not only have fun sailing in an outstanding regatta, but assist in raising some money for fighting a serious disease. I have encouraged and challenged all the C22 Region 8 Fleets to consider sending a C22 boat and team to Austin to race in the C22 one design fleet and enjoy the great regatta festivities.

UT News By Benjamin Davis



The 2007-8 season is quickly approaching and with over five graduating seniors, the Texas Sailing Team will begin practice along with an increased presence at Austin Yacht Club. The 2006-7 season ended with an outstanding performance in SEISA with the team qualifying for both ICSA Women's and Team Nationals. Old Dominion in Norfolk Virginia hosted Women's Nationals and Navy at Annapolis Maryland hosted Team Nationals. The University of Texas Sailing Team gained valuable competitive experience against top tier schools outside of the SEISA district.

Honorable mention goes to the graduating seniors who dedicated years to the team and whose accomplishments went beyond the boundaries of Lake Travis. These graduates are **Christian Dhose, Barrett Fontenot, Kristen Johnston, Patrick McLaughlin, Sarah Parker** and **Derek Todor**. Upcoming regattas are the Single-handed on October 6-7 and Kathryn Hammond October 20-21. The University of Texas Sailing Team looks forward in continuing the successful relationship with AYC. For more information check out www.texassailing.org.

Benjamin Davis
AYC Rep



Keel Fleet News By Steve Vaughan

Dog Days Series

The postponed Dog Days Series finished on a high note August 25 with great wind and a fabulous dinner buffet. The Series did not live up to its name as temperatures throughout the series were below normal and winds above normal. Keel fleet participation was light but grew throughout the series as we all watched/helped the club get back into full swing after the summer flood. By the end of the series, all the club facilities were back in service including the new Clubhouse air conditioning which was particularly pleasant for cooling off after the races. The A fleet winner was **Jim Tillinghast** on J29 **Godzilla** with **James Henrickson** on 11 Meter **Warrior** taking a close 2nd. B Fleet was once again dominated by **Mike Chambers** in his Olson 25 **OZ**. Mike, it's time to come beat up on A fleet a while and give B fleet a reprieve. Please consider this your written invitation to switch fleets and race with A Fleet for a while. Non Spinnaker turnout was particularly light with top place eeked out by **Duane Dobson** single handing his SC 21 over **Bob Goldsmith** in his Hunter 28.5 **Zydeco**.

Friday Night Beer Can

Friday night sailing has never been better! The brimming full lake seems to have brought with it better wind and cooler temps. Throughout August, with the grill back in service, the turnout for the sailing has been back up to 20 to 30 boats with buku burgers and wine being consumed. A special thanks to **Jim Tillinghast** for organizing and promoting this event and to all the cooks (**Frank, Jim, Lanelle, Claude, JoAnn Barry, Tom, Ray, James, Bob...**) and all others that I have mistakenly omitted that have signed on as cooks. Friday Night Beer Can is a great venue to bring out new sailors and boats. For the last few events the Clubhouse A/C has been engaged for the event giving us a cool oasis to dry out in after the sailing. September is the last month of Beer Can's so come join the party before the 2007 sun sets on this most popular event.

AYC Fund Silent Auction and Cocktail Party September 15

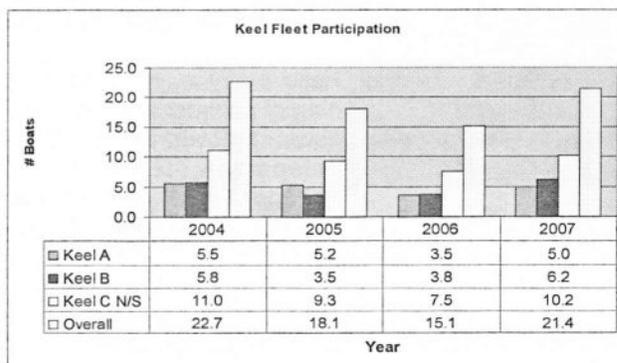
Please plan to attend the AYC Fund Raiser to party with friends, enjoy a night of wine tasting and grab a "deal" on some great auction items. The **Austin Yacht Club Fund** is a non-profit group that supports Texas sailors of all ages by providing grants for sailing education, competitive sailing, and instructor development.

Leukemia Cup/Keel Fleet Championship, October 20-21

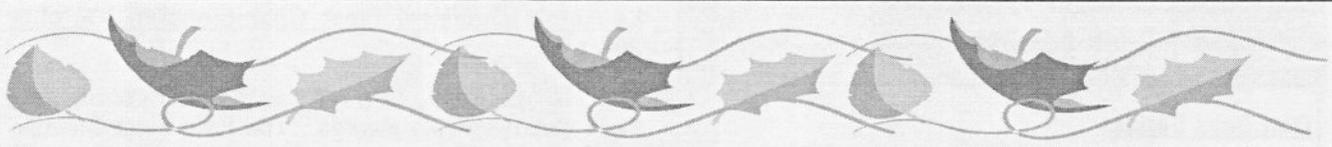
The 2007 Leukemia Cup will see the return of the Keel Fleet Championship awards. The Keel Fleet Championship, in past years, was awarded to the year long accumulate results of boats within the Spinnaker and Non Spinnaker fleets. These rededicated fine silver awards were created in 1914 and 1918 and proudly cared for by initial recipients until they were discovered by traveling Keel Fleeters shopping antique shops on the West coast. These awards were re-commissioned as Keel Fleet Championship awards in 1989/1990. New this year, the award of these silver cups will be to the overall PHRF Keel Fleet class winners in Spinnaker Class and Non Spinnaker classes of the Leukemia Cup regatta. Plan to get your boat bottoms cleaned, sails refurbished and crews trained and demonstrate your sailing/racing skills to take home the Keel Fleet Championship trophy.

Update on Keel Fleet Participation in 2007

In case it has escaped your notice this year, the top priority focus of the fleet this year has been to grow participation. Despite the additional challenges of beginning 2007 in a drought that closed our ramp facilities to many of our boats, and lake flooding in June that closed our lake for nearly a month. The results YTD of this fleet focus on participation has been about a 40% growth in Fleet participation across both Regattas and Series events. The largest growth was in B Fleet with an average of 6.2 boats per race. To date in 2007 for the first time since 2004 our 3 fleets are above the AYC 5 boat minimum to be considered a class. Special thanks to the fleet officers and volunteers who have worked hard to reverse the participation trend. In the graph below you can see the year to date individual fleet results. These results are great news in that this shows a reversal in the declining participation trend that we have experienced over the last decade. This is a great accomplishment.



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Get yer Oompa Out!

Please plan to attend the

AYC End of Fall Series Buffet And Trophy Presentation



Sunday, October 14, 2007
(Following the Fall Series Race #6)

**Featuring Fantastic German Fare from Hoover's,
Including...**

- Pork Schnitzel with Lemon Parsley Butter**
- Bratwurst with Sauerkraut and Caraway**
- Roast Chicken with Pan Gravy**
- Braised Red Cabbage with Apples**
- Spatzle with Cheese and Bread Crumbs**
- German style potatoes**
- Green beans with almonds**



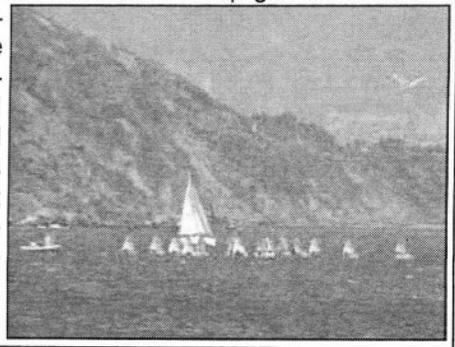
Junior Sailing News By Alan Rochard



Optimist US National team Practice in San Francisco

Hello everybody, at the beginning of summer I received good news. I moved up from US development team to US National Team, and will attend 4 national team practices this year. At the end of this summer I went to San Francisco Yacht Club for the first training. The first day we went out sailing in the morning behind Angel island. There was only 5 knots of wind. In the afternoon, we went in front of Angel Island in 15 to 20 knots of wind and 5 knots of current against us. It was very challenging to stay on starting line. The next day we went sailing toward Alcatraz where there was just as

much current but 20 to 25 knots of wind. We did not race but had long reach practice maneuvers. The third day we ran 3 miles and had fitness tests in the morning. The afternoon we raced between Angel Island and the Golden Gate Bridge. The last day we attempted to go beyond the Golden Gate Bridge in the Pacific Ocean but the wind died and the current was against us. So, we had to abandon and return to the Yacht Club. On shore we had a debrief of the four days and nominated the top gun for the training. It was the local Antoine Screve from San Francisco Yacht Club. I really enjoyed those four days and cannot wait for the next National Team Practice in Larchmont, New York.



Fleet Commander News By Vic Manning

Since the flooding over the past couple months, a number of people have asked why the north cove ramp was closed and why it took so long to open. The reason for waiting is the asphalt subsoil is saturated and driving on it might cause crumbling of the asphalt that would result in \$50,000 to \$100,000.00 in repairs. This latest round can be blamed on LCRA for lowering the lake level at such a slow rate. Because the road way is a flat shelf, it is important to allow the water to drain out from under the asphalt which means the surrounding water needs to drop between 18-24" below the road way before the water wicks away enough to re-open the north ramp.

Because of the high water, our harbor has been exposed to a lot of wave action by power boats and wind action and since there is no land mass to brake those waves the docks takes the full brunt of wave action. If you have spent any time on the docks this summer you will notice the heavy rocking action of boats at the docks. With summer now over some of that wave action will be reduced, but the AYC point still does not protect the boats from waves. So what does that mean to you? It's time to check you dock lines for the winter. A lot of boats are secured to docks with minimal size dock lines and some frayed lines. If you find your boat is rocking heavily, you might consider using spring lines to absorb some of the rocking action to your boats.

While you are out at the club checking on your dock lines, check the dry sail area for you boats location if you have an assigned dry sail area. Some boats were reassigned after the flooding and may have been moved. It's also a good time to insure the wheels are inflated on your trailer and that you have the proper name listed on the trailer tong, just incase your boat has to be moved again because of flooding.

A few have asked why the Harbor Committee charged them for moving their boats back to the dry sail area. It's not the intent of the Harbor Committee to move boats or to charge for that service, however once those boats are moved out of the dry sail area because of flooding and the dry sail area is re-opened, it's the individuals responsibility to return their boat to its assigned slot. Notices are posted on the website, in the Telltale and at the Board Meeting as to when the dry sail area will re-open. After that time, all boats should be returned to their assigned slots within 30 days, or after 45 days, boats are moved by the committee so the staff can get back to taking care of the grounds without having to work around boats in unassigned areas. If people are unable to get to their boats, arrangements

can be made with the committee to avoid any charges.

If you have comments or suggestions, the Harbor Committee will gladly entertain them. Just remember this is your club and we do not want to do all the work, so come out and take care of your equipment.

Victor Manning
Fleet Commander
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Keel Fleet... *Continued from Page 9*

Yet a participation opportunity still is untapped, the vast majority of boats at AYC are Keel Fleet boats, with nearly 200 listed in club directory and the majority of new members add to this list. With a fleet pool of this size our participation rate is still well under 10%. This gives us tremendous growth opportunity. I continue to ask your help to grow our fleet/club racing participation. Your help can take the form of recruiting new sailors or providing them a challenging crew position on your boat, engaging the non racing boats around the club that you know to come out and play, accepting a leadership position in the fleet to manage the fleet or run events or at a minimum keep your boat in competitive condition and on the race course. The Austin Yacht Club is an organization created by a membership with a common sailboat racing goal and whose members grew it with their resources and labor to suit their common interest.

Please perpetuate this club racing goal and take a proactive approach and add your contributions to keep sailboat racing the vitality of our club and fleet. My goal, and I hope yours, is to double our racing participation beginning with the Fall Series and Leukemia Cup this year.

I welcome your suggestions and volunteerism to drive to this goal. Please email me personally (vaughansm@gmail.com) or the whole fleet (khf@meatspace.com) with your raised hand or suggestions. Please look for our annual meeting in November or December where we will celebrate our years successes, elect our 2008 fleet officers and set the agenda for 2008.

Steve Vaughan



Save the Date...

Wild Turkey Regatta

December 1, 2007

J-22 News



The sixth stop of the J/22 Southwest District's 2007 Circuit is being held in conjunction with The Leukemia Cup Regatta at Austin Yacht Club. The J/22s will race on a separate course and will be governed by separate J/22 Sailing Instructions consistent with class guidelines.

J/22s who register for the Leukemia Cup Regatta will receive the same amenities as other Leukemia Cup participants, including two dinner tickets (\$40 value), and social options as described in the [Planning Information](#) section of the AYC website. Additional meals may be purchased through the registration process. J/22s are also encouraged to participate in fundraising opportunities and will be eligible for related awards.

In order to assist regatta organizers and facilitate J/22 regatta & circuit scoring, J/22 registrants are requested to register for the both the Leukemia Cup Regatta and the J/22 Circuit regatta separately. This is necessary to ensure that all J/22 information required for the circuit race is collected and to facilitate the Leukemia Cup Regatta planning process. Payment will only be required on the Leukemia Cup Registration website.

Registration on the J/22 Southwest District website will allow us to capture bow numbers and other information necessary for Circuit regatta check-in and scoring while registering on the Leukemia Cup website will ensure that J/22 sailors are properly included in meal and social planning activities by the regatta organizers.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated!

Check the AYC website for

Beer Can Race

Start Times

Fall Series Racing

2007 AYC Fall Series Background: We return to Sunday afternoon racing this series. But that will be the only change from the Dog Days Series as we will be keeping the same starting sequence, Sailing Instructions and NOR as last series.

As usual, this will be posted on the notice board downstairs at the clubhouse. Note that a competitors briefing prior on the first race day (09/September at 1200h) if there are any questions.

If you have any questions, contact your Race Commander, **Ravi Subramanian**.

Long Distance Course Card: The course card and mark map can be viewed on the AYC website.

Race Committee Duty: Race committee duties are posted as part of the [Events](#) and [Racing](#) calendar on the AYC website and, as of the first race day, will be posted on the official notice board along with the [Order of Starts](#). The assignments are as follows:

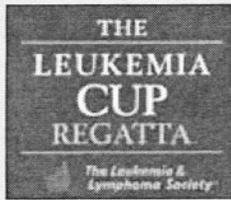
<u>Race</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Fleet</u>
Fall #1	09-Sept	KHF - N/S
Fall #2	16-Sept	Catalina 22
Fall #3	23-Sept	South Coast 21
Fall #4	30-Sept	KHF - A
Fall #5	07-Oct	J/24 - J/22
Fall #6	14-Oct	KHF - B

Series NOR: We will continue posting an official Notice-of-Regatta on the AYC website.

Series Sailing Instructions: We will also be posting the Sailing Instructions for each AYC Series on the AYC website. Copies will also be available in the boxes next to the results bulletin board located upstairs in the clubhouse. Key items to note include:

The only obstructed areas (don't go there!) are the start-finish line (except when starting and finishing) and the LCRA swim areas (a safety issue for divers).

All boats are *requested* to check-in (boat type, sail number, and class) with the RC prior to the first start or during their starting sequence. This is not a formal requirement, but it (1) helps scoring know which fleet you are racing in and (2) helps the RC know to look for you at the finish. In a storm situation, it's also an important safety issue to know which boats to look for. In short, help the race and scoring committees to do their jobs well.



Registration Form

2007 Leukemia Cup Regatta Austin Yacht Club October 19-21, 2007

Early Registration Deadline Monday, October 15, 2007

Name _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (h) _____ (w) _____ Email _____
Boat Type (J22, Sunfish, etc.) _____ Sail No. _____ Boat Name _____
Club Affiliation _____ Spinnaker _____ Non-Spin _____ PHRF Rating _____ Portsmouth Rating _____
of Crew (with skipper) _____ US Sailing Membership # _____
Skipper's name _____

REGISTRATION FEES

J22/Keel/Multi-hull	_____	\$75.00	includes 2 dinner tickets
Dinghy Line	_____	\$55.00	includes 1 dinner ticket
Additional Dinner Tickets Qty. _____ @ _____		\$20.00	each
Sack lunch (Saturday) Qty. _____ @ _____		\$5.00	each
US Sailing Membership Discount	_____	[\$ 5.00]	
Late Registration (after 10/15/2007)	_____	\$10.00	
Total Registration	\$ _____		

Method of Payment

Check payable to: The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Credit Card. Circle One: AMEX VISA MC

Credit Card No. ----- Expiration Date: _____

Amount _____ Signature _____

Please send me ---- fundraising packets to assist my crew in their fundraising efforts.

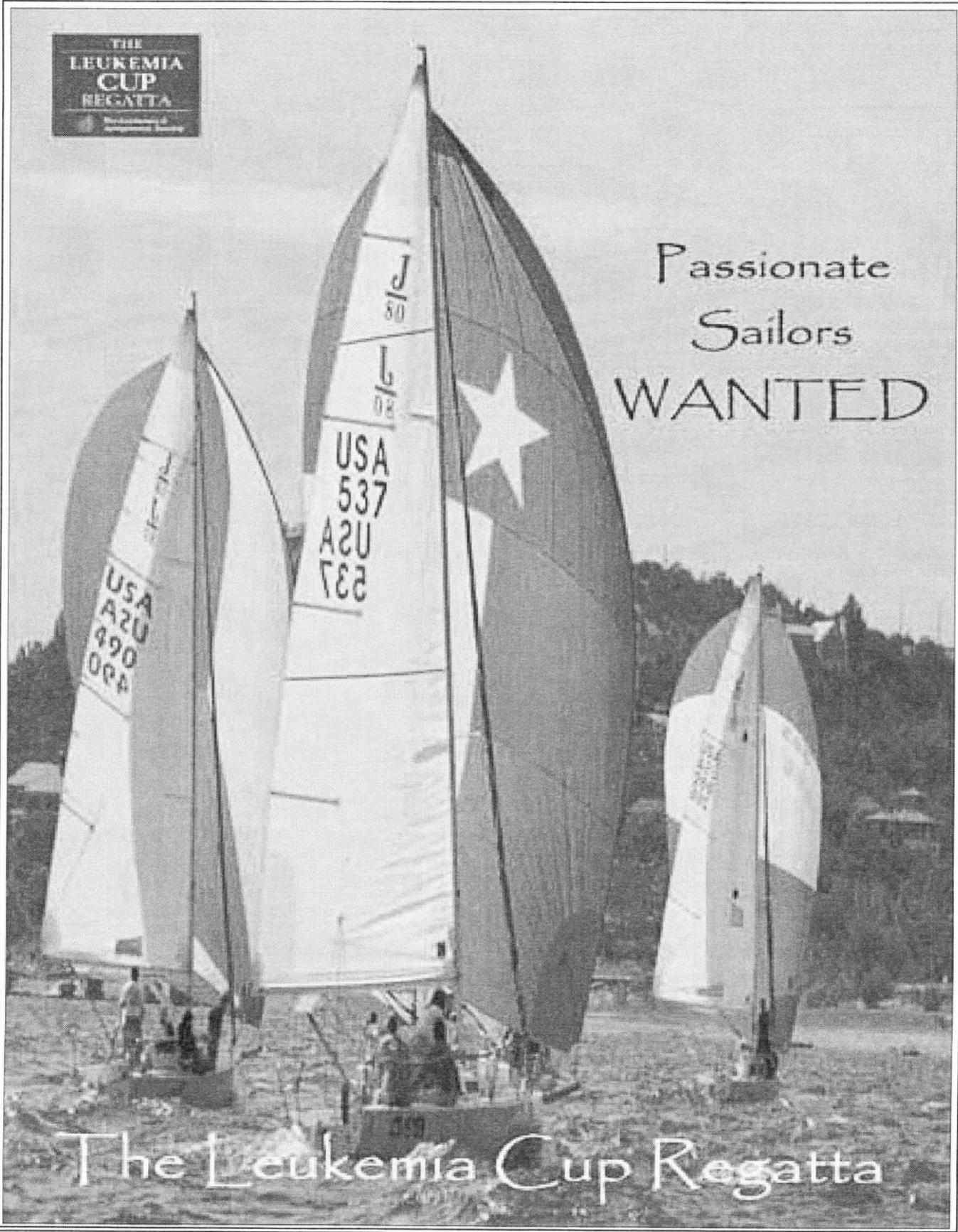
Please mail checks to:

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
9211 Waterford Centre Blvd, Ste. 275
Austin, TX 78758

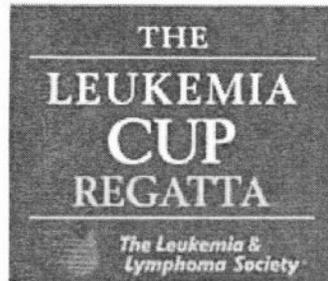
Register by September 21, 2007 and your boats name will be listed on the Official Regatta T-Shirt.

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The Leukemia Cup Regatta



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.



