



Telltale

July 2008

Monthly Newsletter

July 19 races cancelled due to Dock Move!

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Dock Move



Doug Kern PB&J'ing with children on the Pico

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Tuesday: noon—5:00 p.m.
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Closed Club Holidays:

New Year's Day	1 January
Easter Sunday	23 March
Independence Day	4 July
Thanksgiving Day	27 November
Shopping Day	28 November
Christmas Day	25 December

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Cover photo: Coach Doug Kern with children
sailing a PICO during one of the PB&J sessions
this summer (photo by Bill Records).

Austin Yacht Club 2008 Race Calendar

July 2	Sunfish/Laser Wednesday Night Series (5:00 p.m.)
July 5	Independence Cup (Keel Fleet Event)
July 9	Sunfish/Laser Wednesday Night Series (5:00 p.m.)
July 12	Summer Series Race #3
July 16	Sunfish/Laser Wednesday Night Series (5:00 p.m.)
July 18	Friday Night Beer Can Race (7:00 p.m.)
July 19	Summer Series Race #4 (CANCELLED)
July 19	Sea Scouts Raingutter Regatta
July 23	Sunfish/Laser Wednesday Night Series (5:00 p.m.)
July 25	Friday Night Beer Can Race (7:00 p.m.)
July 26	Summer Series Race #5
July 30	Sunfish/Laser Wednesday Night Series (5:00 p.m.)
August 1	Friday Night Beer Can Race (7:00 p.m.)
August 2	Summer Series Race #6 (EOS Buffet)
August 6	Sunfish/Laser Wednesday Night Series (5:00 p.m.)
August 8	Friday Night Beer Can Race (7:00 p.m.)
August 13	Sunfish/Laser Wednesday Night Series (5:00 p.m.)
August 15	Friday Night Beer Can Race (7:00 p.m.)
August 20	Sunfish/Laser Wednesday Night Series (5:00 p.m.)
August 22	Friday Night Beer Can Race (7:00 p.m.)
August 27	Sunfish/Laser Wednesday Night Series (5:00 p.m.)
August 29	Friday Night Beer Can Race (7:00 p.m.)
September 3	Sunfish/Laser Wednesday Night Series (5:00 p.m.)
September 5	Friday Night Beer Can Race (7:00 p.m.)
September 7	Leukemia Cup Warm-up Race #1 (1:30 p.m.)
September 10	Sunfish/Laser Wednesday Night Series (5:00 p.m.)
September 12	Friday Night Beer Can Race (7:00 p.m.)
September 14	Leukemia Cup Warm-up Race #2 (1:30 p.m.)
September 17	Sunfish/Laser Wednesday Night Series (5:00 p.m.)
September 19	Friday Night Beer Can Race (7:00 p.m.)
September 21	Leukemia Cup Warm-up Race #3 (1:30 p.m.) (EOS Buffet)
September 24	Sunfish/Laser Wednesday Night Series (5:00 p.m.)
September 26	Friday Night Beer Can Race (7:00 p.m.)
October 3	Friday Night Beer Can Race (7:00 p.m.)
October 4 - 5	Leukemia Cup Regatta
October 8	Senior Club Championship
October 10	Friday Night Beer Can Race (7:00 p.m.)
October 11 - 12	Sunfish Regionals (Fleet Event)
October 17	Friday Night Beer Can Race (7:00 p.m.)
October 19	Winter Series Race #1 (1:30 p.m.)
October 24	Friday Night Beer Can Race (7:00 p.m.)
October 26	Winter Series Race #2 (1:30 p.m.)
October 31	Friday Night Beer Can Race (7:00 p.m.)
November 2	Winter Series Race #3 (1:30 p.m.)
November 9	Winter Series Race #4
November 16	Winter Series Race #5

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NOTICE

All Races Cancelled on July 19 due to Dock Move

Volunteers needed to help with the dock move.

AYC 2008 Non-Racing Events

June 30-July 2	Junior Summer Camp Week #4
July 7	Junior Summer Camp Week #5
July 12	PB&J Junior Windsurfer Series
July 17	New Member Candidate Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
July 17	Full Moon Raft-Up (Anytime after 7:30 p.m.)
July 19	Dock Moving Day (No Races!)
July 19	PB&J Junior Windsurfer Series
July 24	AYC Board of Directors Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
July 26	PB&J Junior Windsurfer Series
July 27	Adult Centerboard "Learn To Sail" Clinic (10:00 a.m.)
August 1	Search for the Cure—Pirate Style Party (7:00 p.m.)
August 2	PB&J
August 9	PB&J
August 14	KHF Handicap Review Committee Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
August 16	PB&J
August 21	New Member Candidate Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
August 23	PB&J
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November 13	New Member Candidate Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
November 13	KHF Handicap Review Committee Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
November 20	AYC Board of Directors Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
December 6	2008 AYC Annual Banquet at The Austin Club

From The Commodore

By Bob Goldsmith



The Search for the Cure – Pirate Style: Our biggest regatta of the year, the Leukemia Cup, is coming up in October. "That's a long time away" you say, and you are right, but the serious purpose of the Cup, to raise money for blood cancer research, goes on every day. This

year we are going to combine the Summer End of Series buffet with the traditional summer party to create a "Search for the Cure - Pirate Style" party. This will be a party for all members, whether they raced the Summer Series or not, on August 2 at 7:00 p.m. which will feature great food, live music, and the Summer Series trophy presentation. Representatives from the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society will be on hand with some of their wonderful Heroes who have endured blood cancers as young persons. Some degree of pirate attire is of course *de rigueur*, and there will be three cash prizes:

- A crisp new \$100 bill for the best pirate costume;
- Another crisp new \$100 bill for the best Jack Sparrow imitation; and
- A third crisp new \$100 bill for the best pirate costume worn on a racing boat during the entire day's races.

I am sure that the mathematically astute among you have noticed that the same person could win all three of these by racing in a really great pirate costume while channeling Johnny Depp and Keith Richards (J-24 sailors could have a built in advantage since this would be acting normal for them). Voting will be by acclamation according to AYC tradition, so a particularly loud mouthed crew could be an advantage. All this fun, and it benefits a great charity. What will they think of next? Stay tuned to the website to find out. **AAAAARRRRRRHHHHGGGGGGG!** (which is Pirate for "See you there, Brethren of the Lake, or else...").

No Pirate behavior on the rigging dock though, please: Why is there so much static on the rigging dock? Let me review a few simple rules for using the rigging dock without getting into hassles.

- Haul out is first come first serve, so dock behind the boats that are already there. If you can't do this because of space, immediately offer to walk your boat to the last place on the dock.
- As boats are hauled out, walk your boat forward so that space frees up behind your boat for new arrivals.
- If you leave your boat while haul outs are in progress, tie it up in the last place position by the bow only.

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Sail Training Report By John Grzinich

Adult Training

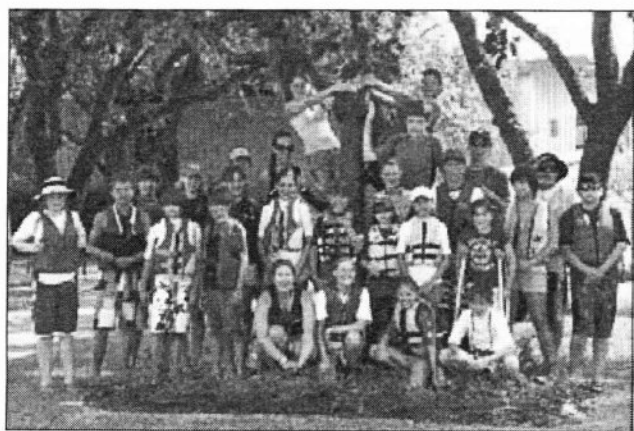
ASA Training: Inquiries and new registrations continue to arrive. Instructors have been busy.

Adult Clinics: No Adult Clinics were held in June. But, we will be running a "Centerboard – Adult – Learn to Sail" Clinic on Sunday, July 27th. Detailed information and online registration through our AYC web site should be in place by the time you get this Telltale. You can use your own boat, or we expect to have Sunfish, Lasers, FJ's, and Harpoons available for the students. The class will be open to members and non-members.

Junior Programs



Junior Summer Camp 1 Graduates (Photo Above) and Junior Summer Camp 2 Graduates (Photo Below).



Junior Summer Camp: Summer sailing camp is underway, we just finished the 4th week, with one more to go. All the sessions were full. This year's camp staff is **Kelly Hawk** – Director, **Josh Belury** – Lead Instructor, **Michelle Kasney** – Instructor, **Veronica Parker** – In-

structor, and **Will Hawk** – Junior Instructor. All have been doing an outstanding job. Note: **Veronica** and **Michelle** come to us from the UT Sailing team! The CIT's have also been doing a super job assisting with the camp as well as gaining valuable experience as future camp instructors. The winds have been good so far this summer, so the campers have been getting plenty of good sailing experience. The tee shirt project is fun and popular with the campers. When the wind is too light for sailing, they custom color their own shirts with the logo "Keep Austin Sailing", and cool off in the pool. Here is the camp story from **Kelly Hawk** our director:

So far this summer, the summer camp sail training team has run four very successful weeks of summer sailing camp for juniors aged 8 to 16; our last camp (July 7-11) has a long waiting list of young sailors eager to participate. Response from the campers and parents has been overwhelmingly positive and enthusiastic. "This is the best camp ever" was heard on many occasions during the last four weeks. Near-perfect sailing conditions combined with a caring and knowledgeable staff have made this one of the best summers yet.

The first few weeks of June were windy and gusty, so we progressed with caution and safety in mind. The older novice campers sailed on FJs with more experienced CITs until they mastered the basic skills of righting, tacking and jibing on their own. The younger sailors doubled up on Optis the first few days, but many ventured single-handedly out of the cove as their skills progressed. All campers hopped on a windsurfer at the end of each week, and many were able to windsurf around the mouth of the cove with confidence and speed. Toward the end of June, the winds subsided, and the campers took destination sails to Windy Point, Cypress Cove, and the main basin. Campers in the racing camp started over a dozen races and received continuous on-the-water instruction concerning starts and racing tactics. Many of the juniors and families who participated in the camps caught the "sailing bug" and expressed interest in joining the AYC and the MS/HS junior sailing program.

*A successful program is only as good as the people who run it, so many thanks go to our camp staff. Head counselor **Josh Belury** has done an outstanding job teaching over 100 novice and experienced sailors the basics of sailing, racing, and teamwork. Counselors **Michelle Kasney** and **Veronica Parker** have shared their UT sailing team racing skills to the campers through focused instruction and demonstrations on and off the water. Junior counselor **Will Hawk** has assisted the more experienced juniors who required advanced instruction on the Lasers and FJs. At the heart of this camp are the CITs who come to camp everyday with a*

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smile on their faces ready to carry water, help rig and unrig boats, fend off drifting boats, and offer assistance and encouragement to the younger sailors. All of these CITs are members' children and you will see them working as counselors in years to come: **Nathan Dwight, Patrick Brinkmann, Tracy Hawk, Erin Hawk, Mathilde Deboes, and Austin Dwight.** Special thanks also go to **Nick Belury and Isabelle Deboes** for assisting during the last week of camp. — Kelly Hawk.

We at AYC can't thank **Kelly** enough for investing her summer off from teaching to run the camp each year.



Junior Summer Camp 3 Graduates (Photo Above) and Junior Summer Camp 4 Graduates (Photo Below).



Junior Clinics: Thanks to the leadership of **Christopher and Susan Dwight** running Saturday (now Sunday) afternoon practice and race training sessions for the juniors we've picked the momentum for junior sailing, and now they have ramped it up notch with a more formal AYC Junior Sailing Program. Detailed information will be posted on the AYC web site by time you get this in your mailbox. See the Junior Sail Training section. The basic idea is for the Junior Program to start operationally running like a fleet with dues and some

fund raising. The goal of the fund raising is to eventually be able hire a junior coach, and help pay for equipment and trips to junior regatta's. Look for and support the Juniors selling tee shirts at regattas, and holding cook outs at upcoming race events. Parents, jump on the bandwagon and volunteer! The timing is perfect to strengthen the Junior program as we want to capture and sustain the interest and skills of all these kids (close to 200) coming through the summer camp and PB&J programs.

A "Learn to Sail" day was held for the Sea Scouts on June 21. Scouts from ship 255 out of Killeen attended. Jim Johnstone, Hector Lujan, and myself took the scouts out on the lake for sail training after a short sail training lecture. Just as the scouts were rigging the boat the weather acted up, we had to wait before heading out, this shortened the time on the water, but they all did get a turn at the tiller, and were very excited to be out sailing for the first time. We have a couple of other ships in the area that missed this event, so I will be working with the area sea scout leaders to set up a 2nd event for them.



Photo Left: Sea Scout Ship 255 from Killeen, looking sharp. Scout Master Rafael Vasquez is 2nd from the right.

PB&J Sessions: Doug Kern and John Moran have successfully completed the June sessions. High demand has prompted the addition of a regular junior training session in July in addition to the windsurfer sessions (they had low demand). July registrations have picked up with the opening of the regular training sessions. Doug and our office staff have been working hard on clearing up registrations from wait lists, and getting kids moved to the new sessions, as needed.

Photo right: One of our PB&J's looking great under watch from John Moran.



Catalina 22 News By John Grzinich

Be-Bop-a-Lula's trip to the C22 Nationals – Grapevine, Texas

This year we were fortunate to have the C-22 Nationals nearby in Grapevine. The host Grapevine Sailing Club scheduled races the week after Memorial Day weekend, looking for better wind than they had when they last hosted in June, 1988. Times have changed, gas prices are higher, and the Texas school year has extended, so the turnout was nowhere near that '88 regatta, but still good with 27 boats in Gold Fleet, and 14 boats in Silver Fleet. People came from both coasts and the Texas/Georgia rivalry was in full swing. The Georgia contingent all sported tee shirts emblazoned with "We came to mess with Texas." Check-in was kind of interesting: in addition to normal sail measurement, the mast, whisker pole, and boom were measured, boats were checked to ensure all required safety gear was aboard, plus motors were weighed to ensure the 40-pound minimum. Monday's practice race was held in 20-plus knots; everyone flew jibs. I saw quite a few boats sail back to the marina on the last leg instead of going to the finish line, and I found out at the opening day dinner that many C-22 sailors believe it is bad luck to finish or win the practice race! Monday evening was the traditional C-22 National meeting where officers are elected; Tuesday was the first race day. Doug Laws and Jenny Loehlin crewed. Doug and I skipped the spinnaker racing, but Jenny crewed on another boat in the a.m. On Tuesday afternoon, right at the time racing was supposed to start, a storm blew in and it rained heavily until almost 3 p.m. Finally about 4 p.m., RC sent us out. Winds were fairly light so all had Genoa's up for the start. Within one minute after the start, a blast of 25+ knots blew in, white caps everywhere, everyone now in survival mode since it was too late to change headsails. We were an inside boat and adjusted for high wind keeping us in pretty good position. By the time boats got in the area of the weather mark, the wind died to just little wisps from many directions. After much maneuvering and place changes, we got around the weather mark when the wind filled in from the east allowing us to start sailing on reach to the leeward mark. Then the RC chase boat came around with the "abandon race" flag up. The flags seemed to indicate all racing for the day cancelled, so we started to head back. However, a little while later, RC came by with different flags, indicating there might be more racing. Anyway, they did manage to get in one race in fairly light conditions. When we finally got back in, we heard the tragic news that one of the C-22 racers, Don Owens from Houston, had died of a heart attack. Apparently he had the heart attack on the lake during the

wind storm. The crew radioed in the emergency and EMS was there when they got to the dock but was not able to save him. RC awarded Don honorary first place. The C-22 Spinnaker championship at the NOOD in September will be named after him.

Wednesday proved that no matter how light you thought the wind was the day before, it could get even lighter and they would still hold a race. I doubt we ever had more than 4 knots, and much of the race was less, or zero. The lead boats, as usual, caught a little puff on the downwind leg to finish on a shortened course, but we were at the back due a really bad start, and DNF'ed by missing the time limit, along with quite a few other boats including some of the top racers. This really hurt several key racers since there are no throwouts in the C-22 Nationals-- one bad race and you are dead meat. We were pretty bummed about the regatta at this point. Wednesday evening was the Mount Gay rum party along with an excellent BBQ dinner and raffle, improving the mood. Thursday proved to be a very nice sailing day with moderate wind. Three races were run and we were finally getting decent starts. These races are very long, and Lake Grapevine is very wide, so you can go a long way to hit a corner, which we were doing and it did not work as we lost a lot of positions on the final upwind legs even though we were mid-fleet at the first weather mark. In the final race of the day, the strategy of staying in the middle, plus focusing on covering and consolidating our position was emphasized and our tacking was finally getting smooth. We covered tight on the final upwind leg, won a tacking duel, and ended with our best finish, and my best Gold Fleet finish ever. Due to travel plans and race cancellations I had to miss two races. We pulled Be-Bop-a-Lula and got her ready for the trip back to Austin. I didn't come back empty-handed; when they handed out some National Fleet awards, I did get a nice plaque for the Best Fleet Newsletter and Website for the previous year from Gene Ferguson, the editor of the C-22 magazine "Mainbrace." Georgia's Justin Chambers, last year's National Champ, dominated the Gold Fleet with 5 bullets, an amazing feat of sailing consistency in a wide range of conditions. Pete Harper came in 2nd in Gold Fleet. Craig and Martha White from Dallas came in 3rd, sailing the top C-22 Sport. Gene Ferguson came in 6th. Grapevine Sailing Club did an excellent job running the regatta. We all had very nice slips at the Scott's Landing Marina. For me, the experience of racing in a large very competitive fleet in long race course conditions is quite different than Lake Travis. The wonderful camaraderie among all the C-22 sailors I see every few years was worth the trip. There are links to tons of pictures from C-22 National web site at www.catalina22.org.

John Grzinich

Buildings & Grounds News

By Jim Casto

Hello members, it's been a few months since I updated you on B&G related issues. So, in no particular order, here is a couple of items :

- Although there was mention of a possible review of the Pet policy, the Board did not revise change or otherwise modify the current rules about Pets on AYC property. The current rule is still in effect. No pets allowed. Please respect this rule, and leave your pet at home when you come to AYC.

- However, the Board did vote against smoking inside the AYC buildings, so you'll notice some signage appearing. I hope the signs will be clearly understood that smoking is permitted outside, on the balcony & ramps outside, but not inside the clubhouse, office, bathroom or cabins.

- Additional pool furniture has been purchased. As you can see, it's not luxury brand outdoor furniture. I found it hard to justify spending serious money there, when it appears that the pool furniture disappears over the winter. I'd rather not chain the furniture to the fence.

- In the play area, the swing seats have been replaced. The coating on the old ones was disintegrating, leaving a sharp metal seat that could easily have caused a nasty cut if it hit a child in the head. While repairing the swings, I was given a lesson in a child's point of view. As Terry & I replaced the seats, I had an audience of three children eagerly wanting to be the first to use the new equipment. As I was putting away my tools, and the first "test swing" was commencing, one boy asked why I hadn't finished. He said "Mister, I like the new seats, but why didn't you fix the chain?" I told him the chain was fine, it was solid, strong and did not need to be replaced. He said, "but my hands are all dirty from the chain." He was right, so I guess I have more work to do.

-And finally -- yes we're behind schedule on planned improvements to clubhouse men's bathroom.

PB&J There may still be some space available for two current PBJ classes. One class is for Optis, one for windsurfing. Both are the same time (11:00-12:30p, June 28, July 12, 19 and 26). Here's the registration link: <http://austinyachtclub.net/training/pbj>

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•Never tie off your boat fore and aft on the leeward side of the dock. This is where new arrivals are coming in and even one boat tied fore and aft takes up a large part of the space available for boats coming in. Anything I missed or got wrong? Let me know by email to commodore@austinyachtclub.net.



Cherish our volunteers: Here is a different kind of racing that I participated in a couple of weeks ago (that's me in the silver car and yes, Virginia, it was kind of scary).

Did volunteers stage the event? No. Was food provided? No. Was entertainment provided after the racing? No. Was the race management as good as AYC's? No. Fun? Yes, but when you don't have volunteers, a weekend of racing can run several hundred dollars a day. At AYC, because of our volunteers, it is either free or a few dollars a day. If you look at our calendar, AYC has a volunteer based event more than half of the days of the year. Let's don't take our volunteers for granted. So far this year, we have had an unusual number of run-ins between racers and volunteers who were staging the races. This kind of thing comes up from time to time in our adrenaline fueled AYC culture. I want to share a prayer that Founding Father **Tom Romberg** wrote for another time but which still rings true:

We are many faiths, many generations, many families, many friends as we gather this morning to enjoy each other's company with music, food, beverage, and ceremony. All of us share the gifts of wind, water and sun in our sport of sailboat racing. Surely we all acknowledge that they are gifts. For we cannot buy them, nor can we create them. We can only use them for our pleasure, for our physical and mental exercise, for the challenge in competition, for our teaching of the art, the skills, and the rules of organized sailing. Let us thus give thanks for these gifts, for those whose time, talent, love, and leadership brought us to and built this place, our sport, and led us to this new season. Let us also give thanks for the incredible gift of time to enjoy and participate in it. Let us honor these gifts by remembering to share the beauty and joy of fair play. For our most civilized sport calls us to the highest plane of sportsmanship with our self policing. Let us sail well with great enthusiasm. Let us participate fully in our rules, with grace, let us lead in sharing our sport with others. Let us be an honorable role model in our words and in our actions on the water and off. And finally may we watch the sun set in peace and satisfaction surrounded by our friends and families. Amen.

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Summer's Here: The Summer Series began Saturday, June 14. It was hot. Most of the strong winds that we had been seeing for the past several weeks had more or less disappeared. But there was enough wind to get us around for a couple of W1s.

Race 1: All six Ensigns were right on the line for the opening of the summer series. A few extra horn blasts after the start indicated that at least one of us was a little too eager to start racing. It was difficult to tell the offending boat(s). **Bill Hawk** turned **Prickly Pair** around, but even after he cleared the line, the over early flag still did not come down. **Eagle** took the East side going upwind, propelling them into the lead and on to a solid victory. **Tom Groll**, sailing with **Larry Ratliff** (and a special guest crew he had "picked up" the previous week at Friday's beer can race), maintained second place. **Lewis Price** was out on **Dos Locos**, and they worked over **Randolph Bertin** and **Festina Lente** downwind eventually getting inside position and moving into third overall. **Mitch Barnett** was sailing with only one other crew and they were trying to keep in front of the re-started **Prickly Pair** but could not quite hang on.

Race 2: Another strong start with the fleet crowding the line. **Prickly Pair** rounded the windward mark first and didn't let up. **Festina Lente** rounded second, just in front of **Brews 'er**, but **Tom Groll** in the latter passed **Randolph Bertin** on the downwind leg (unfortunately a common refrain for the day aboard **Festina Lente**). After going part way up the left side, **Randolph** went back to the right. Bad call. They went from hanging in there to dropping well astern. How do you lose an Ensign race? Tack. Six times. In light air. Going left, although it had been looking iffy for awhile, eventually pays off as **Bill Hawk** and company sail away for a strong win. **Tom Romberg** and **Charlie Arnold** on **Eagle** passed **Festina Lente** to finish third, behind **Tom Groll**. **Mitch Barnett** and **Lewis Price** rounded out the fleet finish.

The second racing day for the summer series brought some mid afternoon thunderstorms, leading to a postponement from shore. When the storms cleared, a nice little east wind started to fill in. Unfortunately, it disappeared shortly thereafter, and for a little while, it looked like there wasn't going to be much of any wind. Well, at least because of the showers, it was no longer scorching. Good things sometimes come to those who wait. Or at least something came, even if it wasn't all that good. In fact, it was pretty strange. A (barely) perceptible southeast breeze got us started, and by us I mean

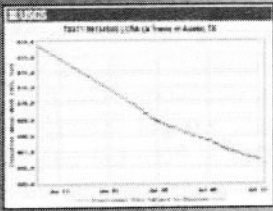
Eagle, Brews 'er, Festina Lente and **Prickly Pair**. Most of us were sailing with pretty standard crew with the exception of **Prickly Pair** where **Bill Hawk** was joined by **Frans Dahmen** and **Danny Lien**. And we were mostly in the general vicinity of the start line when the horn sounded for a W1. Mostly we sailed out to the left, sailing the big circle as the wind continually kept moving towards the south and even southwest. After rounding the windward mark, **Prickly Pair** and **Festina Lente** went toward the east side of the course, splitting with the other boats who opted for West. What mattered most, though, was that our south-ish breeze died, and was replaced a little thereafter by a light wind from the North (this on June 21!). And **Prickly Pair** was the farthest north so they got the new breeze first and sailed away. The other three boats eventually came together and were almost bow to bow heading to the leeward (now windward) mark. Well below the layline, **Randolph Bertin** tacked away, which turned out to be a very bad decision because the previous tack almost immediately thereafter was the beneficiary of a sizable lift, enabling those boats to round the mark while **Randolph** wallowed in a seeming wind hole.

Too many cooks didn't spoil the race for **Prickly Pair** as they went on to drub the rest of the fleet, while **Tom Groll** and **Tom Romberg** were dueling it out to the end for second place. By this time the north breeze was dying, with the wind returning full circle back to the east breeze that followed the storms. I'm not sure who ended up crossing the line first, but it may have been rendered immaterial as **Eagle** had potentially been involved in a foul on the previous leg. A strange afternoon on the water. A bit taxing. Still, it was sailing of a sort. So we had a good time.

Coming Attractions: The Ensign Fleet has Race Committee Duty for the next installment of the summer series on July 12. Please make an effort to come out and help. The following weekend, July 19, the Ensign sailors will have a post race social. Food, drinks, good cheer. Whether you are racing or not, join us and catch up with your fleet mates.

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And "Amen" to you, Brother Tom. Let's renew our commitment to sportsmanship. For those of you who are not yet doing it, it is AYC tradition to show appreciation for our volunteers each week by sailing past the back of the committee boat before going in after each day's races, being careful to stay well clear of the boats still racing, and thanking the race committee. A simple act, but it elevates both those who speak and those who hear. If you race sailboats, you're our friend. See you out there.



DOCK MOVING DAY...

Volunteers needed!

Saturday July 19th 2008

Attention AYC members:

In response to our current lake levels, we are moving docks 4, 5, and 6 out to the point on Saturday, July 19th. To beat both the heat and the afternoon breeze, we'll start early at 8:30 -- arrive by 8:00 for breakfast tacos, coffee and juice. Lunch will be provided between 12:30 and 1:00.

We will need the following work crews to assist with the move:

Core dock move team - 8:30am to completion

- Experienced dock movers: winch handlers, boat drivers, cable handlers

Dock 4 move crew - 9:00am to 1:00pm

- Boat movers, cable handlers, catwalk movers, dinghy riggers

Dock 5 move crew - 11:00am to 3:00pm

- Boat movers, cable handlers, catwalk movers, dinghy riggers

Dock 6 move crew - 1:00pm to 5:00pm

- Boat movers, cable handlers, catwalk movers, dinghy riggers

Sunday, July 20th is our contingency date to complete the dock move if any unforeseen problems arise on Saturday the 19th.

Note that the AYC series race schedule for July 19th has been abandoned so that our committee boats will be available to move docks.

You will want to bring: leather work gloves, sunscreen, swimsuit & towel (just in case or to cool off)

RSVP to fleet_commander@austinyachtclub.net or call 512-239-8500

C22 Nationals By John Grzinich

Be-Bop-a-Lula's trip to the C22 Nationals – Grapevine, Texas

This year we were fortunate to have the C-22 Nationals nearby in Grapevine. The host Grapevine Sailing Club scheduled races the week after Memorial Day weekend, looking for better wind than they had when they last hosted in June, 1988. Times have changed, gas prices are higher, and the Texas school year has extended, so the turnout was nowhere near that '88 regatta, but still good with 27 boats in Gold Fleet, and 14 boats in Silver Fleet. People came from both coasts and the Texas/Georgia rivalry was in full swing. The Georgia contingent all sported tee shirts emblazoned with "We came to mess with Texas." Check-in was kind of interesting: in addition to normal sail measurement, the mast, whisker pole, and boom were measured, boats were checked to ensure all required safety gear was aboard, plus motors were weighed to ensure the 40-pound minimum. Monday's practice race was held in 20-plus knots; everyone flew jibs. I saw quite a few boats sail back to the marina on the last leg instead of going to the finish line, and I found out at the opening day dinner that many C-22 sailors believe it is bad luck to finish or win the practice race! Monday evening was the traditional C-22 National meeting where officers are elected; Tuesday was the first race day. **Doug Laws** and **Jenny Loehlin** crewed. Doug and I skipped the spinnaker racing, but Jenny crewed on another boat in the a.m. On Tuesday afternoon, right at the time racing was supposed to start, a storm blew in and it rained heavily until almost 3 p.m. Finally about 4 p.m., RC sent us out. Winds were fairly light so all had Genoa's up for the start. Within one minute after the start, a blast of 25+ knots blew in, white caps everywhere, everyone now in survival mode since it was too late to change



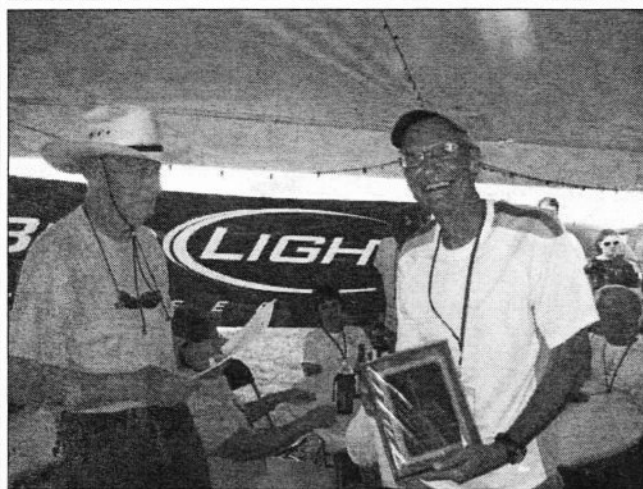
John, Jenny, and Doug inducing heel trying maintain some sail shape in race 2.

headsails. We were an inside boat and adjusted for high wind keeping us in pretty good position. By the time boats got in the area of the weather mark, the wind died to just little wisps from many directions. After much maneuvering and place changes, we got around the weather mark when the wind filled in from the east allowing us to start sailing on reach to the leeward mark. Then the RC chase boat came around with the "abandon race" flag up. The flags seemed to indicate all racing for the day cancelled, so we started to head back. However, a little while later, RC came by with different flags, indicating there might be more racing. Anyway, they did manage to get in one race in fairly light conditions. When we finally got back in, we heard the tragic news that one of the C-22 racers, **Don Owens** from Houston, had died of a heart attack. Apparently he had the heart attack on the lake during the wind storm. The crew radioed in the emergency and EMS was there when they got to the dock but was not able to save him. RC awarded Don honorary first place. The C-22 Spinnaker championship at the NOOD in September will be named after him.

Wednesday proved that no matter how light you thought the wind was the day before, it could get even lighter and they would still hold a race. I doubt we ever had more than 4 knots, and much of the race was less, or zero. The lead boats, as usual, caught a little puff on the downwind leg to finish on a shortened course, but we were at the back due a really bad start, and DNF'ed by missing the time limit, along with quite a few other boats including some of the top racers. This really hurt several key racers since there are no throwouts in the C-22 Nationals-- one bad race and you are dead meat. We were pretty bummed about the regatta at this point. Wednesday evening was the Mount Gay rum party along with an excellent BBQ dinner and raffle, improving the mood. Thursday proved to be a very nice sailing day with moderate wind. Three races were run and we were finally getting decent starts. These races are very long, and Lake Grapevine is very wide, so you can go a long way to hit a corner, which we were doing and it did not work as we lost a lot of positions on the final upwind legs even though we were mid-fleet at the first weather mark. In the final race of the day, the strategy of staying in the middle, plus focusing on covering and consolidating our position was emphasized and our tacking was finally getting smooth. We covered tight on the final upwind leg, won a tacking duel, and ended with our best finish, and my best Gold Fleet finish ever. Due to travel plans and race cancellations I had to miss two races. We pulled **Be-Bop-a-Lula** and got her ready for the trip back to Austin. I didn't come back empty-handed; when they handed out some National Fleet awards, I did get a nice plaque for the Best Fleet Newsletter and Website for the previous year from **Gene Ferguson**, the editor

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C22 Nationals *Continued from Page 10*



Gene Ferguson handed out the Newsletter/Website Award to Fleet 69 from AYC.

of the C-22 magazine "Mainbrace." Georgia's **Justin Chambers**, last year's National Champ, dominated the Gold Fleet with 5 bullets, an amazing feat of sailing consistency in a wide range of conditions. **Pete Harper** came in 2nd in Gold Fleet. **Craig and Martha White** from Dallas came in 3rd, sailing the top C-22 Sport. **Gene Ferguson** came in 6th. Grapevine Sailing Club did an excellent job running the regatta. We all had very nice slips at the Scott's Landing Marina. For me, the experience of racing in a large very competitive fleet in long race course conditions is quite different than Lake Travis. The wonderful camaraderie among all the C-22 sailors I see every few years was worth the trip. There are links to tons of pictures from C-22 National web site at www.catalina22.org.



This year's Sail Training Crew (Photo by Bill Records). Please see article on Pages 4 & 5 of this Telltale for the full story.

SC-21 Technical News *By Bruce McDonald*

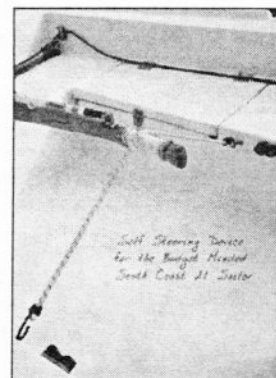


A Self Steering Device for the Budget Minded South Coast Sailor

Last year, I did a series of articles on repairs and upgrades for the South Coast 21. Most of these required a significant investment of time and money. I got the feed back that many SC 21 sailors do not like to spend time and money on their boats, so, in deference to that contingency I offer this series of quick and cheap fixes.

When the SC 21 was first built in the 70s, the radical new design with a fin keel and spade rudder meant that it could turn on a dime. Adjusted for inflation, that would be more like a quarter today, but still a tight turning radius. This is great for jockeying for a position on the start line or dodging incoming starboard tackers, but can be rather disconcerting when on one leaves the tiller for a split second only to return and realize that the boat is now headed in the opposite direction from where it was going only moments before. What is needed is a device which is simple (and cheap) that will tame the wayward tiller.

A search of the internet revealed many devices that claim to provide this cure, but for \$40 to well over \$100, not including the larcenous tax, shipping and handling. Highway robbery, I say, highway robbery. The budget minded SC 21 sailor deserves better than this. To complete this project, one needs only two stainless pad eyes with fasteners and one 30" Bungee cord (available at Home Depot for \$1.25) which brings the cost of the project to \$1.25, since you have the pad eyes and fasteners in that big box of fittings that you have taken off the boat in the first place. Install the pad eyes on the vertical portion of the cockpit seat on either side of the tiller. Caulk well. Attach the Bungee cord. To engage the system, drape the Bungee over the tiller. The final result looks something like this.



The addition of the coach whipping and Turk's heads to the tiller adds friction to the system. The self steering device also helps to keep the tiller under control at the dock and when launching.

Coming in next month's Telltale: Solutions for the Budget Minded SC 21 Sailor, Repairing a Completely Rotted Out and Unstable Foredeck for Under \$2.

Junior Sailing News By Susan Dwight



Did your child enjoy Sailing Camp? Just loved PB&J but they are too old for the program now? Would they like to keep sailing an Opti, Pico, Laser or FJ all year long? Maybe even participate in a regatta or two?

We've got the solution!

The Roadrunners would like to invite junior sailors ages 9 to 18 to join our AYC Junior Sailing Program! We currently meet on Sundays from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at the junior dock to work on our sailing skills and have some fun*. Come on out and give us a try!



Junior Racing Practice at AYC.

We are also looking for adult volunteers who wouldn't mind giving up a Sunday afternoon or two to help train our juniors. We have such great talent at AYC, let's make it last by passing it on to the next generation of AYC sailors!

The Roadrunners would like to thank **Barry Bowden** for letting us sell our "Keep Austin Sailing" t-shirts at the Independence Cup Regatta. We sold out quickly, but we are taking special orders if you would still like one.



This year's Sail Training Crew (Photo by Bill Records). Please see article on Pages 4 & 5 of this Telltale for the full story.



T-shirts cost \$15.00 each and you can choose your color preference. All proceeds benefit our junior program.

Photos left and below: Junior sailors making T-shirts for the Junior Shirt Fundraiser.

The Juniors would also like to thank **Travis Graphics**

for their help with the shirts and **Bob Woods** and **Pam Radebaugh**

for their administrative support. A special thank-you goes out to **David Zbasnik** for his generous donation to our program and to those of you who have already purchased a shirt from us!

Starting with the next AYC race series (in September), the juniors will be providing a delicious meal after the race for all you adult sailors. Look for flyers posted around the club soon to announce cost and details. Once again all proceeds will benefit our junior program.

For more information on joining the junior program or to order a t-shirt please contact **Susan Dwight** at 261-3009 or sdd@austin.rr.com. We hope to hear from you!

* Starting in September the Junior meeting times will switch to Saturdays to avoid conflict with other racing activity scheduled at AYC.

Junior Race Practice

Sunday, July 20, 2008

4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

FJ's with some tacking and upwind sailing drills, along with a few practice races.

Harbor News *By Christopher Dwight*



Dock Work Party

On June 22nd we held a half-day dock work party to re-secure foam under Dock 2 and Dock 3. The morning started cool, and we enjoyed coffee, doughnuts and breakfast tacos as our volunteers arrived and signed-in. By 9:30 we went to work to secure foam on Dock 3. After our May wind storm, several foam flotation blocks had become partially dislodged, and without quick repairs, we risked losing some of our foam floatation completely.

Around 11:00am a massive boat wake tore into our harbor. This three to four foot mini-tsunami really bounced our boats around, and it was amazing to see just how much force the boats can apply to our dock fingers with such a wave. For many of those present, this event crystallized the importance of both the repair work being done to our docks, and also the importance of proper dock lines (size, condition, and tension).

This project's success was in large part because of **Tom Cunningham**, whose expertise and knowledge empowered those of us with limited dock work experience to be productive contributors. Other volunteers that participated included **Charlie Arnold, Pierre Bossart, Barry Bowden, Steve Brown, Austin Dwight, Don Dwight, Nathan Dwight, Michael Haecker, Bill Hawk, Ed Hill, Danny Lien, John Maddalozzo, Dylan Mankey, Bruce McDonald, Bob Musselman, Charles Rowland, John Saunders, Scott Shiffer, and Larry Smith**. A special thanks to **Carl Deckard** who not only worked on Dock 3 but also made a critical Home-Depot run to ensure we had enough supplies to complete work on Dock 2. Also, many thanks to **Bob Woods** who assisted with coordination and administration. Lastly, a final thank-you to **Ryan Dwight and Susan Dwight** who ensured our volunteers were well fed and



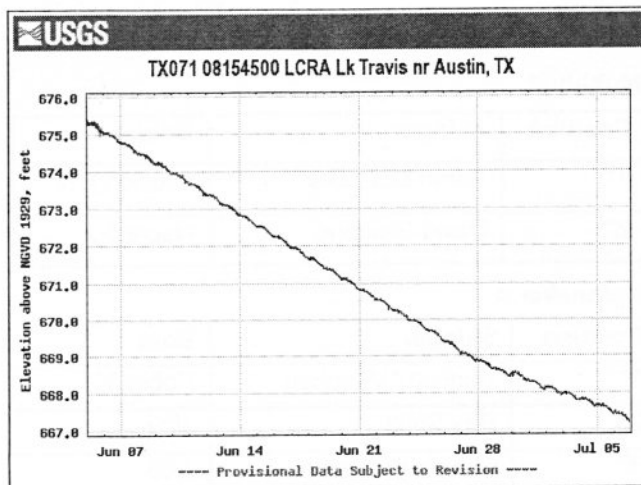
never thirsty. If you missed the sign-in sheet, then I probably missed your name in the thank-you list – my apologies and thanks go out to you as well!

Dock Move is Likely

If you've been out to AYC lately you have probably noticed our lake level is dropping, and Pool Canyon cove is getting narrower. Docks 4, 5 and 6 are all getting close to Keller's Marina across the cove from AYC. As of July 6th, our lake was at 667.20 feet MSL. At lake level 665, we'll need to spring into action to move docks 4, 5, and 6 out to the point.

We'll be utilizing a sizeable group of volunteers to get this work completed. Top-choice recruits will be those with prior experience moving docks, members who are assigned storage space on the docks being moved, and also probationary members who will benefit from the volunteering opportunity.

Unless there is a dramatic change in our weather pattern, we could be at lake level 665 well before August. It's hard to believe that our lake was nearly full at 680 feet MSL as recently as April.



Independence Cup Regatta

The first annual Independence Cup Regatta was a sparkling success. Just under 40 boats and over 160 people turned out for a beautiful day of racing that was followed by poker, snacks, and a fajita dinner. And, thanks to **Rob Stivers** and crew, we even rescued a wayward jet-skier.

It seems that **Barry Bowden**, together with a host of Keel-Fleet regulars including **Steve Vaughan**, have created the foundation for another popular yearly event for the Fleet and Club.

Thanks to **John Maddalozzo** for single-handedly scoring the races, **John Bartlett and Bartlett Sails** for donating the keg, **Rebecca Godbout** for serving and cleanup, **Damon Galloway** for keeping close tabs on the food supply and making sure everyone was fed, **Claude Welles** and **Steve Schultz** for masterfully manning the grill. Special thanks go to **Leticia and Rob Stivers** and especially Leticia's mom **Esther** for the chili beans and the wonderful verde salsa that went way too fast. Last but not least, thanks to the AYC staff of **Bob, Tom and Pam** for keeping everything on track.

The food was organized and largely prepared by **Dana Broussard** and included homemade sangria, mango salsa, chicken and beef fajitas, and cookies. **David Hilfer** graciously ran another successful Texas Hold-um poker tournament and **Tom Romberg** took top honors. Tom started bluffing before he sat down by innocently asking for a detailed description of the rules, then in short order started building an impressive lead that he held until the end. If you missed the Regatta, you missed a great party, tasty food and a lively race, but don't worry, just plan to join us for July 4th weekend next year.

Regatta Results

Multi-hull

Position	Skipper	Boat
1 st	Aaron McCulley	Infusion F18
2 nd	David Grogono	Nacra 5.2

Spinnaker A

Position	Skipper	Boat
1 st	Henson / Vaughan	Hobie 33
2 nd	Ray Shull	J/29
3 rd	Claude Welles	J/80

Spinnaker B

Position	Skipper	Boat
1 st	John Burke	South Coast 21
2 nd	Johannes Brinkman	Catalina 22
3 rd	Tom Romberg	Ensign

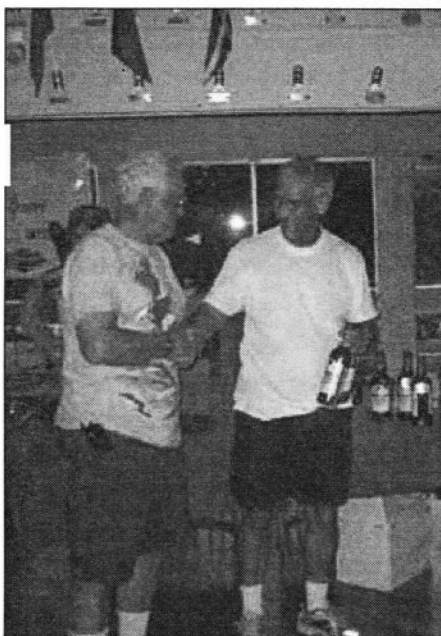


Photo left: Tom Romberg takes third in Spinnaker B along with everyone's chips and first in the poker tournament.

Non-Spin C

Position	Skipper	Boat
1 st	Wally Bogus	Beneteau 36.7
2 nd	Steve Brown	J/22
3 rd	Steve Ehlers	Catalina 30

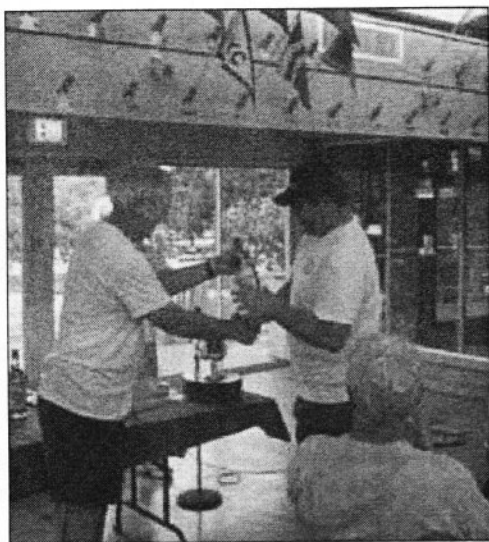


Wally Bogus takes first in Non-Spin C.

Keel Fleet... *Continued from Page 14*

Non-Spin D

Position	Skipper	Boat
1 st	Damon Galloway	Hunter 30
2 nd	Trey Amrhein	Catalina 27
3 rd	J. Ault	Columbia 26



Damon Galloway takes first in Non-Spin D.

Poker Tournament

Position	Player
1 st	Tom Romberg
2 nd	David Hilfer
3 rd	Ken Taylor



Ken Taylor and Tom Romberg at the beginning of the tournament.

Upcoming Events

Series Racing July 12th

The Summer Series restarts on July 12th. It's not too late to get in on the extra wind and excitement we are having this summer.

Raft Up, Thursday July 17th

Come and join us for Raft Up take-2 to be held on July 17th south of the AYC point near Travis Landing. Moon rise will be at 8:26 PM and boats should start to congregate about 7:30 PM. Invite your friends and bring your favorite libations and snacks.

Beer Can Series

The Beer Can Series will continue into October. We are currently using the start times that begin at 6:58 PM. If you are unsure of your start time, check the bulletin board next to the RC room below the Clubhouse.

Crew Signup

Our thanks go out to Hector Lujan who is organizing the Crew/Skipper signup process for the fleet. Hector has arranged for some of the UT Sailing folks, new members, and other interested parties to come out for the Beer Can as well as Club Series Races and Regattas. Contact Hector via email at hlujan45@aol.com for the latest info, and remember to check the AYC website at <http://www.austinyachtclub.org/marketplace>.



Cynthia Woods Keel is found!

The 38-foot **Cynthia Woods** capsized on the night of June 6 in the Gulf of Mexico while competing in the Regata de Amigos, a sailing race from Galveston to Veracruz, Mexico. A Coast Guard helicopter rescued five members of the Texas A&M University at Galveston Offshore Sailing Team early on June 8 reportedly 27 miles off the Texas coast near Freeport. The body of the sixth crew member, safety officer Roger Stone, was found that afternoon, and funeral services were held on June 12. One of the surviving crew members, **Ross Busby**, is reportedly current Captain of the Texas A&M Sailing Team and also attended the AYC summer sailing camp with his brother, **Connell**. The keel had been found in 113 feet of water 32 miles off Freeport in the Gulf of Mexico. It had been supposedly repaired several times. This tragic event emphasizes the need for adequate maintenance and repair of your sailboat as well as the need to follow safety precautions at all times.

Flanders Regatta Report By Eric Rochard



At the Start (Photo above) and at the Mark (Photo below).



The Flanders Youth regatta is a major European event, this year the Belgian, British, Danish, Dutch and French world team choose this regatta as the last practice before the Optimist World Championship in Turkey from Jul, 14th to Jul, 25th. The USODA sent a team of 15 sailors selected at Team Trials in May.

It is a very diverse team with sailors from California, Illinois, New Jersey, Florida and Texas. The 2 coaches **Chris and Juan Carlos** are from Annapolis Yacht Club.

Wednesday the team picked up their charter boats, and tried to go out on the North Sea, but outside it was blowing 35 knots with 8 feet waves! Only 4 sailors, including **Alan Rochard**, made it out of the harbor, wisely the coaches cancelled the practice. Thursday was more manageable and they spent the full day on the water. Friday was off and it was team trip to visit Brugges, a very nice medieval town 20 miles away.

Saturday was very windy, 20kn with gust up to 30kn.

Alan was doing very well with the leading pack, unfortunately they caught up with the previous fleet at the finish line and in the confusion **Alan** missed the finish line due to a coach boat anchored in the finish area. He was 5 at the last mark and the US coach told him he would have finished 6 at worst, but it is a DNF! For the 2nd race of the day the tidal current is quite strong and **Alan** has gone too far on the right side and he has to reach to the first mark, he rounded 17th and finished 11th. **Alan** has a good speed in 20/30knots of wind. This is very encouraging, but the DNF in the first race is a serious handicap.

The 2nd day was more challenging with 25 17 and 27. The conditions were 10 to 15 knots of wind with a strong chop. A good night of sleep and Monday results were encouraging: 16 17 and 26. By finishing 40 of the series **Alan** qualified in the Gold fleet.

On Tuesday the wind was 10 to 15 knots from shore, in the first race **Alan** took a good start and rounded the weather mark 2nd behind the regatta leader, **Corto Viel**, they finished the race in this order. The last race of the day was a finish of 8th, 2 top 10 finish for the first day of Gold fleet! Tuesday was the last day of racing, the first race was abandoned due to lack of wind. The final result is 26th (6th of the American sailors).

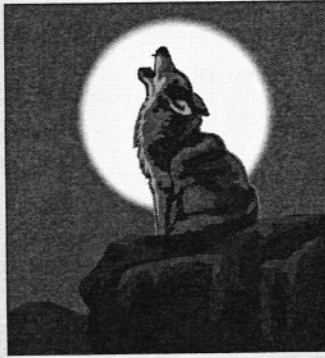
Racing against best European sailors was a great experience, for his first participation in the US international team **Alan** is happy to finish in the middle of the Gold fleet.



Team USA.

Alan Rochard, a junior sailor and the son of AYC members Eric and Brigitte Rochard, finished 39th at US team trials and qualified in the US international sailing team (top 50 out of the 200 competitors).

(Photos courtesy of Eric Rochard.)



JULY

FULL MOON RAFT-UP!!!

When: Thursday, July 17

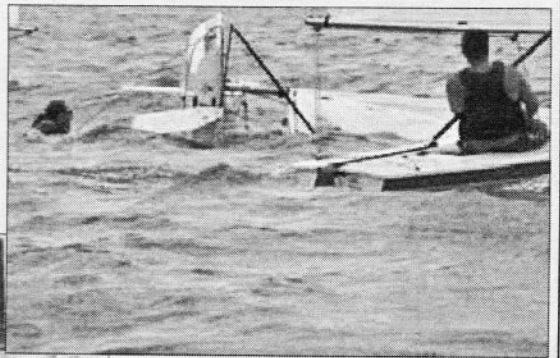
Where: South of AYC point, near Travis Landing

Time: Anytime after 7:30 PM

Moon Rise will be at 8:26 PM, so plan on joining us for our 2nd Raft-Up of the Summer! Bring your friends, your favorite libations and some snacks!

Center Board Regatta

Photos... (Courtesy of Bruce McDonald)



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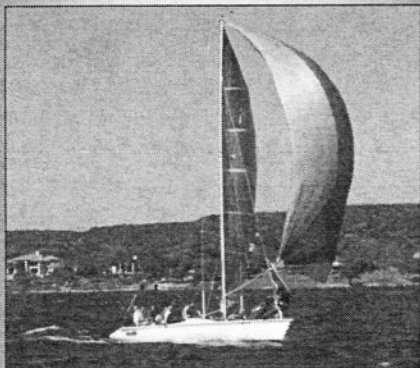


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AYC Staff News:

Bob Woods went on vacation two weeks ago to Mexico to do some service work at a charity site. He bought repair parts at Home Depot to be able to try and repair some plumbing at the site in Mexico and was seen by **Tom Romberg**. AYC Staff is involved in so many things outside of AYC. It is great to know that AYC's **Bob Woods**, not only manages our Club, but also contributes his time to charity. Way to go, Bob!

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