

# Telltale

Monthly Newsletter

April 2009

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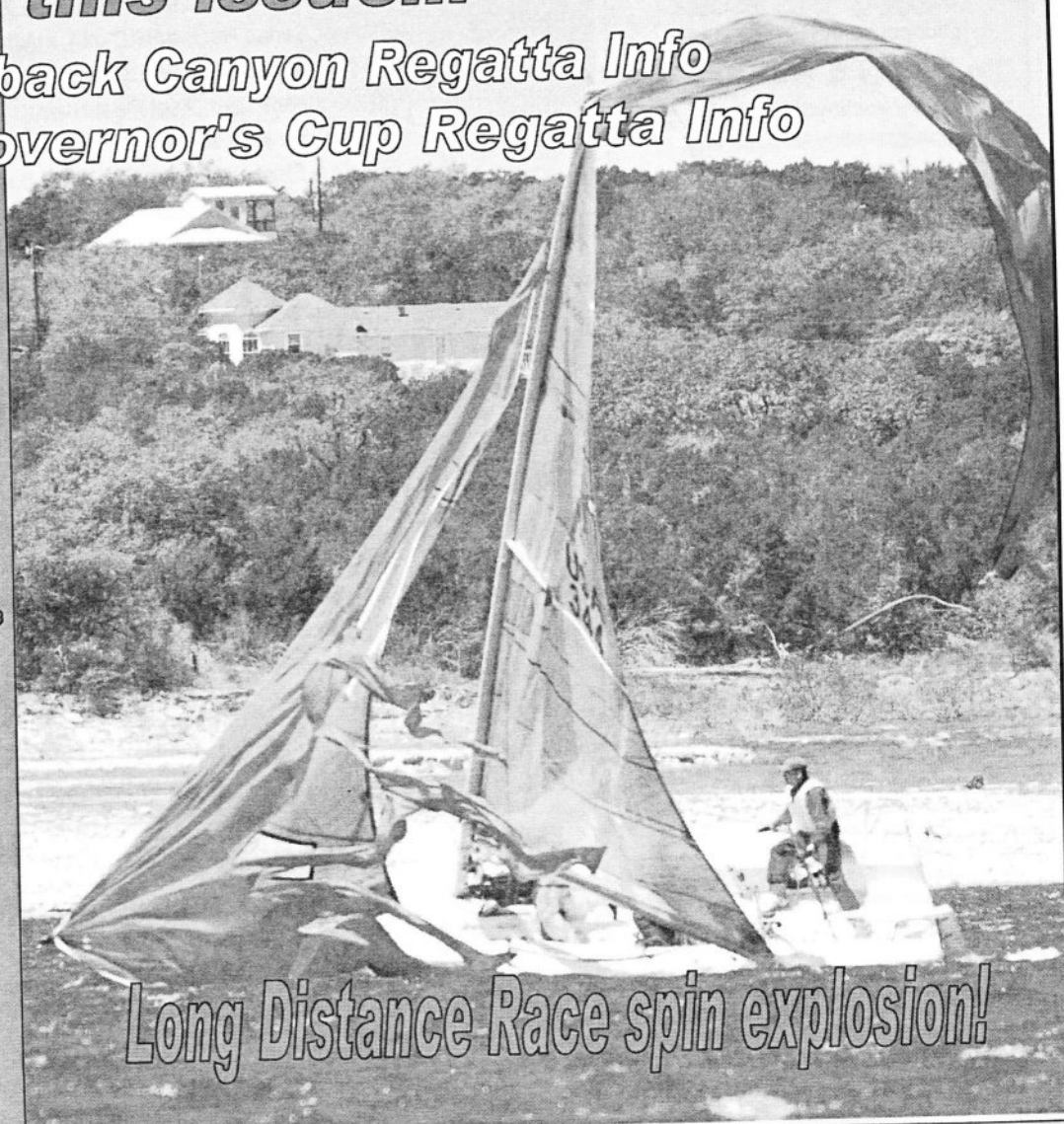


May 9, 2009  
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*Long Distance Race spin explosion!*

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Tuesday: noon—5:00 p.m.  
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Closed Mondays  
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New Year's Day 1 January  
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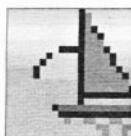
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Cover photo: AYC Senior members Steve Eller, Jim Casto, and crew, shown ably controlling a Melges seconds after their spinnaker exploded into shreds during wind gusts up to 36 knots at the Long Distance Race on March 27, 2009. Photo courtesy of Bruce McDonald.

## AYC 2009 Race Calendar

<b>April 3-5</b>	J22 Circuit Regatta
<b>April 5</b>	Spring Series Race #4 (RC Keel Fleet B, FWS 2:30 p.m.)
<b>April 11-12</b>	Easter Laser Regatta
<b>April 18</b>	UT SEISA Women's Championship
<b>April 19</b>	Spring Series Race #5 (RC Multihull, FWS 1:30 p.m., EOS Shrimp Boil)
<b>April 25</b>	SC21 Intergalactics
<b>May 2-3</b>	Governor's Cup Regatta
<b>May 9</b>	Night Race (Keel Fleet Event)
<b>May 15-17</b>	J24 Circuit Stop
<b>May 23-24</b>	Turnback Canyon Regatta
<b>May 30</b>	Summer Series Race #1(RC Ensign, Briefing 3:00, FWS 4:30 p.m.)
<b>June 6</b>	Summer Series Race #2(RC J22, FWS 4:30 p.m.)
<b>June 13</b>	Summer Series Race #3(RC Catalina 22, FWS 4:30 p.m.)
<b>June 20</b>	Summer Series Race #4(RC J24, FWS 4:30 p.m.)
<b>June 27</b>	Summer Series Race #5(RC SC21, FWS 4:30 p.m.)
<b>July 5</b>	Independence Cup (Keel Fleet Event)
<b>July 11</b>	Summer Series Race #6 (RC Keel Fleet Non-Spin, FWS 4:30 p.m., EOS)
<b>August 30</b>	Leukemia Cup Warm-up Series Race #1 (RC Keel Fleet B, Briefing 3:00 p.m., FWS 4:30 p.m.)
<b>September 13</b>	Leukemia Cup Warm-up Series Race #2 (RC J22, FWS 4:30 p.m.)
<b>September 20</b>	Leukemia Cup Warm-up Series Race #3 (RC Catalina 22, FWS 4:30 p.m., EOS)
<b>October 3-4</b>	Leukemia Cup Regatta
<b>October 11</b>	Winter Series Race #1 (RC Multihull, Briefing 12:00 noon, FWS 1:30 p.m.)
<b>October 18</b>	Winter Series Race #2 (RC SC21, FWS 1:30 p.m.)
<b>October 25</b>	Winter Series Race #3 (RC J24, FWS 1:30 p.m.)
<b>November 1</b>	Winter Series Race #4 (RC Keel Fleet A, FWS 1:30 p.m.)
<b>November 8</b>	Winter Series Race #5 (RC Keel Fleet Non-Spin, FWS 1:30 p.m.)
<b>November 15</b>	Winter Series Race #6 (RC Keel Fleet B, FWS 1:30 p.m., EOS)
<b>November 21</b>	Wild Turkey Regatta (Keel Fleet Event)



**Friday Night Beer Can Races  
start at 7:00 p.m. beginning April 24!**

## AYC 2009 Non-Racing Events

April 16	New Member Candidate Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
April 17	US Sailing Mount Gay Rum Speaker Series—Dave Perry
April 23	AYC Board of Directors Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
April 18	Spring Clean-up Workday (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)
April 28	PHRF Handicap Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
May 21	New Member Candidate Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
May 26	PHRF Handicap Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
May 28	AYC Board of Directors Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
May 30	PB&J Session #1—Week #1
June 6	PB&J Session #1—Week #2
June 8-12	Summer Sailing Camp Session #1
June 13	PB&J Session #1—Week #3
June 15-19	Summer Sailing Camp Session #2
June 18	New Member Candidate Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
June 20	PB&J Session #1—Week #4
June 22-26	Summer Sailing Camp Session #3
June 23	PHRF Handicap Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
June 25	AYC Board of Directors Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
June 27	PB&J Session #2—Week #1
June 29-July 2	Summer Sailing Camp Session #4
July 6-10	Summer Sailing Camp Session #5 (tentative)
July 11	PB&J Session #2—Week #2
July 16	New Member Candidate Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
July 18	PB&J Session #2—Week #3
July 23	AYC Board of Directors Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
July 25	PB&J Session #2—Week #4
July 28	PHRF Handicap Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
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August 1	PB&J Session #3—Week #1
August 8	PB&J Session #3—Week #2
August 15	PB&J Session #3—Week #3
August 20	New Member Candidate Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
August 22	PB&J Session #3—Week #4
August 25	PHRF Handicap Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
August 27	AYC Board of Directors Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
September 17	New Member Candidate Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
September 22	PHRF Handicap Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
September 24	AYC Board of Directors Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
October 15	New Member Candidate Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
October 22	AYC Board of Directors Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
October 27	PHRF Handicap Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
November 12	New Member Candidate Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
November 19	AYC Board of Directors Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
November 24	PHRF Handicap Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
December 5	2009 AYC Annual Banquet (6:30 p.m.)



## SC-21 Intergalactics

April 25, 2009

## From The Commodore

By David Lewis



You may have heard by now that a motion was made and approved at the last Board meeting to change the name of the Austin Yacht Club to Boudreaux's Fine Food and Sailing Emporium. New signage should be going up soon and our new burgee is on order—it features a man of gen-

erous belly with his feet propped up in the prow of a sailing pirogue eating a bowl of gumbo with a look of pure rapture on his face.

Okay, just kidding (April's Fool and all that)...but based on the amount of amazingly good food, with a strong Cajun leaning, that has been prepared and consumed over the past couple of months at the Club it wouldn't be that far-fetched.

It all started, as things like this often do, with a modest proposal: light meals of soup and such to warm the bones and take the chill off after the Frostbite Series races. One thing led to another and the next thing you know the so-called "light meals" of Frostbite gave way to the epicurean extravaganzas of Spring Series. **Bill Benker** started it off by barbecuing three steers, five pigs and a half a herd of chickens. From there it's gotten crazy. **John and Carolyn Howard** and the bottomless pot of red beans and rice. **Jim and Constance Rehage** and the jambalaya from Cajun heaven (or so I was told—I was travelling and missed this one—although **Molly** has some stashed in the refrigerator for me). Where's it all going to lead? I don't know, but I'm keeping a sketch of that new burgee handy.

**Racing**—that stuff we do between meals—it's going great, too! It was interesting to see the Spring Long Distance Race postponed because of too much wind (gusts over 40 knots) then sailed a few weeks later in almost as much wind as on the day when it was originally scheduled. You'd think with the lake as low as it is, the wind would all be way above the water—but it doesn't seem to be working that way lately. If you haven't tasted it in person, check out **Bruce McDonald's** great photo of **Steve Eller's** late spinnaker—it'll give you a good idea of the excitement you've been missing.

With the Spring Long Distance redux behind us, the next big AYC sailing event is Governor's Cup Regatta. Yes, it's back! After a couple of years absence from our racing calendar, Governor's Cup Regatta will be reborn on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. **James Wilsford** is serving as Regatta Chair

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## Race Commander Report By Rick Smith

How about this weather? We got the long distance race off with another heavy air day. Great racing was the order of the day. I was on the lead chase boat and watched a knockout race in the A Spin Fleet with the J-80 really putting on a show. The Vice Commodore's nickname is now "Shredder" because heading to Arkansas Bend he literally shredded a spinnaker. The racing has continued at a high level with the club being sailing central with the J-22 Circuit, SEISA College Dingy Championships, and a spring Series Race being held all on the same weekend. **Scott Young** won the J22 Circuit. UT came in second behind LSU but qualified for the nationals. The series race competitors survived the brutal winds on Sunday. Congratulations to all the winners. The series competitors were again treated to another outstanding after race social with food from chef **Jim Rehage** and his helpers. This social committee is really setting the bar high for after race get-togethers.

The new configuration on the committee boat is finished. I expect some minor tweaking as we get input from competitors and RC. Here is what we have changed and why. First, we have placed all of the flags on the front of the cabin top so that only one person is required to operate all of the flags. There are sixteen poles that have the 1-9 numeral pennants (class flags) on the shorter poles. Prep, Individual, General, and Postpone are on taller poles to ensure visibility over the numeral pennants. We have three extra poles that are configured to accept hank flags of choice. Two are the taller poles and one is short. The reason is to allow flags such as "I", "Z" or the "Black Flag" that might replace the Prep Flag on a tall pole. The shorter pole allows a different class flag when running one-design regattas. The radio antenna will have a halyard for hoisting flags like N over A or N over H when the RC needs multiple flag capability. We will have a cover for the poles and flags to allow them to live on the committee boat. The next change is the orange line flag. We settled on this as the line flag for our SIs. We have moved them back to the middle of the cockpit and have placed line flags on both sides of the boat to cover the start and the finish side of the boat. This move was to allow more folks to help in the call of the line for both the start as well as the finish and to improve the communication between the line callers and the scribes. From our first outing with the new line configuration, we have changed the orange line flags so they are above the bimini and are battened to reduce noise. The next change is the course ladder. We have added two course ladders on the rear of the committee boat which both face aft. The reason for the two courses ladders is to give competitors the chance to see their course prior to the prep flag, which is about as fast as we can get it

displayed with our rolling starts. Also the aft facing ladders will hopefully move competitors aft of the starting line prior to their sequence and help the traffic around the committee boat during starts. We are also not displaying the heading to the first mark. For our races with the weather mark visible for RTB and fixed marks so well documented, it is no longer a requirement. Our next change is the open mike rule for the committee boat. We want all information on start, course, count down to flags, and start sequence called over the VHF. As a side note, this may get folks to buy a hand held radio which is a very important safety device. Waterproof ones are cheap and available. The RC is not out trying to catch you sleeping nor are we trying to sneak up on you. Our goals are to enjoy a sport we all love and to have some fun. It is also nice to have your head out of the cockpit aware of what is happening around your boat in the fire drill we call "sailboat starts".

We need volunteers for those who would like to be the PRO for up-coming Club Regattas. We have the Turnback Canyon and the Leukemia Cup Regattas coming up and would like to have volunteers versus the cold call arm-twisting process. If you attended the PRO Certification, this is an opportunity to add to your resume. Please contact one of the members of the PRC if you would like to lead one of these events. Also, we are always looking for folks to help on the Race Committees. Please let us know if you are available for the series races or one of the club events.

Thanks,  
Rick Smith, Race Commander



### SPRING CLEANUP DAY – April 18th

Mark your calendar to attend this once-a-year opportunity to do your part to make the Club grounds beautiful. We will begin working around 9 am and continue until 3 pm or so. Lunch will be served. The activities

planned include digging and setting forms for a new section of sidewalk as part of the "new" Clubhouse entrance, planting flowers near the entrance, applying fresh stain to the picnic tables, painting lines on the lower parking lot, cutting firewood for the clubhouse and cabins, and more. If you have a favorite shovel or chainsaw, please bring it.

See you there!

Jim Rehage, Buildings & Grounds Commander



## Vice Commodore Report By Steve Eller

Somebody mentioned that the Long Distance Regatta felt like a scene from the movie Groundhog Day. Every time you wake up the day starts exactly like the day before. The conditions for the redo of the Long Distance Regatta on March 28 were eerily similar to those that cancelled the event on February 28 (winds in excess of 25 mph) except that this time the sun was shining and the temperatures were much warmer. Kudos to those of you braved the elements. The day was a real test of sailing skill and equipment. In fact, **Bruce MacDonald** took an excellent shot of my spinnaker moments after it EXPLODED. You can find this picture along with pictures of other carnage on the AYC website.

The next AYC regatta is Governor's Cup which will be held on May 2 – 3, 2009. We are excited to bring this traditional AYC event back to the calendar this year after a few years' hiatus. The regatta will be a round-the-buoys format for keelboats, large multihulls, beach catamarans and centerboard boats. The event is also part of the Sunfish circuit so there will be a number of those boats in attendance. **James Wilsford** has been doing a great job getting this event going. In addition to running a fine regatta, **James** has produced some of the finest regatta and committee shirts in recent AYC history. So sail the regatta and BUY A SHIRT!

**Ray Shull** continues to plan his mad schemes for Turnback Canyon. As you read in last month's Telltale, the Lago Vista Chamber of Commerce has embraced this event and is planning a huge party at Bar K Ranch on Saturday night. I hope that you will sail this regatta and help us put this Regatta back on the map.

Lastly, we had our first Leukemia Cup meeting last week. **Johannes Brinkmann** and Leukemia Society staff are already hard at work planning for this year's event. Look for **Debbie Wilkinson** from the Leukemia Society at several of our upcoming events. It is not too early to start planning your fundraising for this year's event. Did you know that you get personal fundraising credit for any sponsorships you are successful in signing up? A single sponsorship will put your fundraising well up the list to think about local businesses that you can approach for this worthy event.

See you on the water!

Registration for the 2009 Junior Summer Sailing Camp is now available through the AYC website:  
[www.austinyachtclub.net](http://www.austinyachtclub.net)

## The Commodore... (Continued from Page 3)

for this event, and with the great weather and incredible wind that we've been having lately it promises to be fitting rebirth for a venerable AYC event. Mark your calendar, and be there!

And, if you feel like you need to brush up on the rules before Governor's Cup, **Dave Perry**, author of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* will be speaking at AYC on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. representing the US SAILING Mount Gay Rum Speaker Series. If **Dave Perry** was the name of the kid that beat you up and stole your lunch money in third grade, and you hate the racing rules and everything they stand for, you'll still have a great time because Mount Gay Rum is a key sponsor and there will be a Mount Gay cocktail hour as part of the event. So, sign up now online ([www.austinyachtclub.net](http://www.austinyachtclub.net)) or call the AYC office—tickets are only \$8 (\$10 at the door) and seating is limited to the first 130 to sign up. Both previous Speakers Series events that we have had at the club have sold out. So, sign up now—Slow Moe won't be there.

Also, Turnback Canyon Regatta is coming up soon! As always it will be held Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day weekend (May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>), giving you Monday off to recover. Turnback is the first regatta I ever sailed in at AYC, on a Hobie 16, and it has always been my favorite. Since that first Turnback in 1985 I've only missed three—two were for weddings that I couldn't not attend (pardon the double negative) and I was out of the country for the other. Every Turnback has been a unique experience, with its own stories. If you've done it, you know Turnback is like no other regatta. And **Ray Shull** is putting together an event this year that promises to be like no other Turnback. See his article elsewhere in this Telltale for more info, but take my word for it—you don't want to miss this one!

**Other Stuff:** Beer can races are up and running again, Fridays at 7:00 p.m. (April 24<sup>th</sup> and beyond). End of Series Shrimp Boil on April 19<sup>th</sup> (sign up online—additional info in the Social column of this issue of the Telltale). Work day on April 18<sup>th</sup>—contact **Jim Rehage**, Buildings and Grounds Commander and Jambalaya King for info. Check out the remodeled men's restroom—you'll want to drink more liquids just for an excuse to visit! If your boat lives on Dock 1 or 2 and you can't find it, it's probably because you missed the dock move—Dock 1 is where 2 used to be and vice versa. This gives us lots of additional room if the lake continues to drop. See you at Boudreaux's!

Received by the AYC Office...



Thanks,  
Jen K

Brittney  
Kathack

Thank you!  
Senny Koning-Isor

Thank you! It  
was lovey!  
-Allie Valente

Thank you,  
Lyle  
Thank YOU!  
Gloria  
Thanks  
Michelle  
Carter

Thanks,  
Senny McH...

Thanks,  
Joe K

Thank you!  
Brittney McH...

Thanks so much  
Kristi

Patricia Parker

Austin Yacht Club,

Thank you for the  
opportunity to sail over  
spring break. We had  
a fantastic time and  
enjoyed Lake Travis.

Margaret  
Stacy  
Thanks!!!  
M.C.

Thanks!  
Kevin  
Campbell

Thanks again,

The Wisconsin Sailing Team

Kristin  
Paul

Thanks,  
Ben



# THE 2009 SOUTH COAST 21 INTERGALACTIC REGATTA



APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>  
SATURDAY

AYC  
LAKE TRAVIS  
TEXAS



## SCHEDULE

09:30 – 10:30	Registration
09:30 – 10:30	Measurements
10:30	Skipper's Briefing
11:30	First Start
17:30	No Starts After 5:30 pm
	Awards Dinner & Party

### Spring into Sailing



We had a nice turnout for Opening Day: **Lewis Price** and company, **the Liens (Danny, Beka, Norma)**, **the Bakers** plus **Caroline Parobek**, the dynamic duo of **Hap Arnold & Tom Romberg**, **Tom Groll** joined by **George Dahmen** and **Tommy Rodgers**, **Stacy Tucker** and **Barbara Prashner** crewing for **Randolph Bertin**, **Elliott Bray** with **Doug Laws**. Seven boats all told. Conditions were fairly light but at least the wind was more or less from the south side of the compass for race 1. Boats on the right side were favored by stronger breezes and all reached the windward mark toward the front of the fleet, **J. Seagull** and **Eagle** holding a solid lead. **Gravy Boat** was back a bit, but in the top half of the fleet. **Tom Groll** was over early on the start and then got caught below a bunch of boats parked near the windward mark waiting for breeze. The three trailing boats all seem to have difficulty with the spinnaker set. It was a tight reach and all had spinnakers wrapped around the forestay during launch. Each managed to sort it out, but not before losing even more distance to the leaders. Downwind, **Gravy Boat** was third to the mark, but when the lead two boats went left to finish, **Danny** opted to go right. Fortunately for him, the right side again paid off bringing the **Liens** a victory. Waiting for the second race, the wind died, then filled in a little from the north, then from the west, then from the south, then from the east, again from the north and plenty of near calms in between. With no direction and a faltering breeze, RC wisely opted to call it a day.

**Spring 2:** It was beautiful. Perhaps we didn't have as much water as usual, but we had a bit more wind than usual. Average winds in the high teens and low twenties with gusts in the high twenties to about thirty. George Dahmen now joined **the Bakers** and **Caroline Parobek** aboard **J. Seagull** setting a torrid pace, crossing the finish line first in both races of the day. They were across the starting line first in race 1 as well. Unfortunately, it was just a little before the start signal. Unfortunately, they weren't aware of the transgression and ended up OCS. **Tom Groll** sailing with his cousin **Scott** and AYC member **Bill Benker** were unable to track them down, but finished ahead of the rest of the fleet in both races. The big excitement of the day came courtesy of Ensign #773, sailed by **Tom Romberg** and **Hap Arnold**. Captain for the day **Tom Romberg** eschewed the #2 Genoa most of the fleet sailed with, going with the larger #1 instead. Lots of work upwind, but they sure made up ground going downwind (no one was sporting spinnakers on the day). On the second

windward leg of race one, a particularly strong gust came in from the side and knocked them pretty far over, and they were not able to get the main released, sending them even farther over. Water came pouring in over the lee rail. Lots of it. In a very short time. So they quickly found themselves more than knee deep with water having filled the boat well over the benches. They dropped sail quickly and were reduced to running down wind under bare poles while trying to get the situation under control. The following waves were splashing over the transom and into the cockpit, exacerbating an already threatening situation. They quickly sent a couple sailors forward to keep weight on the bow and lift the stern a little higher out of the water. Eventually they were able to get some of the water out, and were escorted back to the dock by a chase boat. In the end, no one was injured, thankfully, and the boat was bailed dry after a fresh, though unplanned, bath. Between races, **Elliott** and **Doug** had returned to the dock to drop off a shivering youngster, and we delayed our start to await their return. In spite of all that, they sailed up into Cypress Creek to shake a reef out of their main, and found themselves racing back toward the starting line when our re-start signal went off. Their four or five minute deficit was too much to overcome on a day when there was plenty of wind all over the course. **Mitch Barnett**, lacking crew, opted against racing solo, and joined **Randolph** and his crew for the afternoon as they sailed in the middle of the fleet pretty much start to finish. Seems like we had almost as much of our fleet racing elsewhere as on Ensigns: **Fred Ford** enjoyed the afternoon on **Steve Gay's Triton**, **Carolyn Wilsford** sailed on a South Coast 21, **Danny** and **Norma** (or was it **Beka**?) sailed with **Bob Goldsmith** on **Zydeco**, and **Jim Casto** hopped on **Rene Ruais' J-22**. Wherever people sailed, everyone seemed to have enjoyed an exhilarating day on the water.

**Spring 3:** Just a fantastic day, clear skies and a good breeze, though the gusty conditions sometimes felt a little chaotic. With the puffs coming in from the right, that was clearly the way to go. **Eagle** went that way and hammered the entire fleet in race 1, with no one else mounting a serious threat. **Randolph** was over early, went back and restarted but hit the pin on the way out, so re-started and did a 360, so on a short W1, their race was for all practical purposes over. **Lewis Price** was back out, as were the **Liens**, **Tom Groll** and **Tommy Rodgers**, **Jonathan** and **Sarah Baker**, **Caroline Parobek**, **George Dahmen**, **Elliott Bray** and **Doug Laws**. The **Liens** had to bow out before the start of the second race. Most of the fleet was right on the line again. **J. Seagull** was first to windward, but was a bit low, and in trying to pinch up to the mark, stalled, backwinded, then drove right into the mark. **Tom Groll** got caught up with **Festina Lente** just astern and they be-

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came knotted up just after rounding. With the two of them fighting for position and **J. Seagull** taking a penalty, **Eagle** managed to slip in and take the lead. **Randolph** couldn't catch a break and an aft lower stay came out just after rounding the windward mark (or at least that's when it was noticed). Not a good situation to sail downwind, so they spent most of the leg trying to reset the stay, working their way to the back of the fleet. At least on the last leg, it was someone else's turn to have a problem as Elliott and **Doug** got the headsail twisted up with the pole and came to a grinding halt. **Tom Groll** was able to cover the **Baker's** up to the finish for second place.

**Spring 4:** The weather forecast called for a strong north wind, moderating a little in the late afternoon. Well, the NOAA got the strong (average winds in the 20s and gusts to over 30) and north part right, but if anything, the wind seemed to increase in intensity throughout the race. Six hardy Ensign sailors and crews came out to "enjoy" a turn or two around the buoys. **Jonathan** and **Sarah Baker**, again sailing with **George** and **Caroline** led the fleet start to finish. Only **Tom Romberg** and **Hap Arnold** aboard **Eagle**, sporting a blade jib and able to out point the rest of the fleet, managed to stay close. **Stacy Tucker** helped out on **Festina Lente**, and they managed to get around the course without incident (which is more than might be said for several boats in other fleets they watched sustain serious knockdowns). **Fred Ford**, joined by **Jenny Loehlin**, gamely made it around the course as well, and was quite exhilarated by the experience. The most excitement they had was probably after the race when they were nearly driven ashore at Travis Landing. They managed to jibe away in the nick of time as their depth gauge started reading near the mid single digits. **Tom Groll** got some help from **Mitch Barnett**, and they were apparently sporting some sort of pseudo blade jib. Unfortunately, in trying to get it rigged, they ended up pretty late to the start and lagged behind the fleet. **Elliott Bray** and **Doug Laws** also came out to compete, but shortly after the race, they ended up losing their main halyard and were forced to retire. Fun? A few fleet members made such a claim. The rest of us were glad to be back at the dock in one piece. After the race, the Ensign fleet provided a cake for AYC members to celebrate the upcoming marriage of **Sarah Baker** and **Eric Faust**. **Hedonist** was spotted cruising on a beautiful Saturday afternoon.

### Looking Ahead

Mid April will bring the conclusion to the Spring Series, and **J. Seagull** has a pretty solid grip on first place. Regional Championship Regatta planning is getting into

full swing. There will be plenty of opportunities for everyone to help out, so be sure and pitch in somewhere, somehow, even if you are not planning to race.

## SC 21 Fleet News By Mark Boelens



### Intergalactic Regatta:

Get your boats and crew ready for this year's South Coast 21 Intergalactic Regatta. The one-day event is now officially confirmed for Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. In keeping

with tradition, we will recognize the winners of regatta with an after race dinner / party. Plan on hearing embellished stories and worn out excuses while enjoying gin and tonics with **Ray Shull's** universally acclaimed chili and **Susie McDonald's** world-renowned corn bread. **Susie McDonald** has graciously volunteered to organize the post-race meal. To join in the fun, let **Susie** know what you will bring to the party (appetizers, salad, deserts, etc). Check the website and emails for updates to the food lists as well as the NOR and Sailing Instructions, etc. Official registration will occur on the morning of the regatta. However, if you can let us know in advance if you are racing and number expected for dinner will help all the volunteers.



### Gin and Tonics:

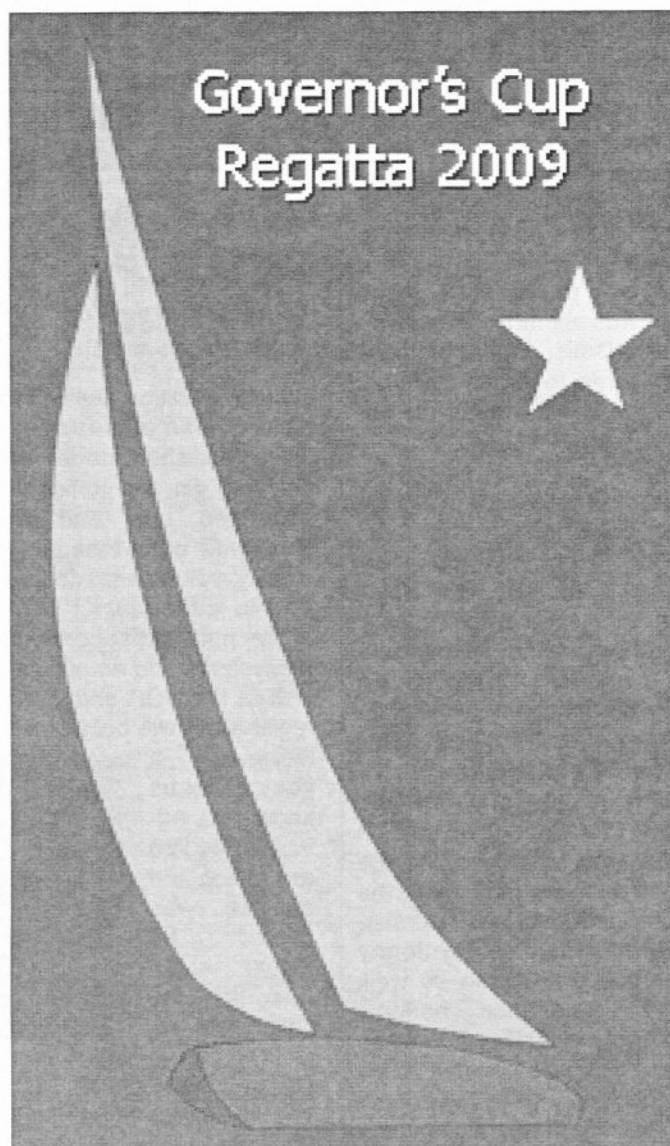
We will have a short Gin & Tonic celebration with the last race of the Spring Series and Shrimp Dinner. This will allow for some toasting of the South Coast 21 winners and last minute planning details for the Intergalactics.

### Spring Series:

The Spring Series will be remembered for great winds and tough competition. As of this writing, **Ray Shull's** vessel continues to hold the overall lead but is closely challenged by **Bruce McDonald** and **John Cockle**. **Bruce's** wintertime improvements to **Coasting Around** appear to be paying off. With a little encouragement, maybe **Bruce** will share some of his learned magic in an upcoming article.

### Administrative Details:

Many thanks to all who provided updates to phone numbers, emails, and photos.



**May 2 & 3, 2009**

You are cordially invited to participate in the 2009 Governor's Cup Regatta hosted by the Austin Yacht Club (AYC) on beautiful Lake Travis in Austin, Texas. AYC is both the Host and the Organizing Authority. The regatta is open to all keelboats, large multihulls, beach catamarans and centerboard boats.

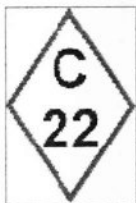
Online registration closes at 5:00 p.m. on April 30, 2009.

On-site check-in and registration will be held from 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. on May 1, 2009.

For more information, please see the AYC website.

## Catalina 22 Fleet News

By Peter Broberg



This Spring Series has seen tremendous participation from our ever-active fleet with 10 boats racing. With only one race day remaining, **Johannes Brinkmann** has the lead but the next 5 boats are only separated by 3 points! The finale on 4/19 should be thrilling as every boat place will count.

Opening Day saw us in light and shifty breezes with 9 Catalina 22's at the line. The left side looked favored at first but those who ventured to the right were rewarded with some wind that never seemed to make it across the lake. The top three finishers were **Brinkmann, Grzinich,** and **Bingaman**. The second race failed to materialize as the wind died. It was an historic day for **Brett Wilson** who joined us from start to finish at the helm of his own boat for the first time. Welcome and Congratulations to **Brett!**

Week 2 of the series had high winds and a group of us gathered and decided to sit out to preserve wear and tear on rigging and sails. Some of us watched some of the racing from the point and saw a J-22 broach and lie with its mast in the water for at least half a minute before being righted like a Sunfish. Later a Southcoast apparently swamped and appeared to be going down with only a few inches of freeboard visible before bailing and towing by the chase boat were accomplished.

Week 3 gave us more steady breezes and two races were run, each with 9 of our fleet at the start. The first race had **Dry Heave** and **Lone Star** duking it out at the start for a double OCS. Later, **Mojo** and **Dry Heave** tested the new Sailing Instructions by passing through the now "poison" finish line on the downwind leg. **Lone Star** and **Kati-B** rubbed fiberglass-to-outboard while **Strings Attached** and **Chili Verde** rubbed fiberglass-to-fiberglass. The second race was sailed less eventfully with 9 clean finishers (including Brett Wilson whose boat only needs a name!) Afterwards we had a grand social gathering with Margaritas and snacks for the presentation of the 2008 Fleet Trophies for Most Improved Skipper to **John Grzinich** of **Bebop-a-Lula** and for Most Improved Crew to **Gary Devin** of **Paradox**. Congratulations to both! We also recognized the contributions of **Roy Crouse** in entertaining the fleet with his wild and crazy sailing antics by presenting him the 2008 Cracked Keel Pin Award. Keep it up Crouse!

Week 4 gave us a single race that will live forever in the memories of the folks on the five Catalina-22's participating. With reefed mainsails and with small jibs, we hardly few braved winds constantly above 20 knots and sustained gusts over 30 knots in a W2 survival contest for

the ages. **Paradox** port-tacked the fleet at the start but failed to cover and lost her edge. Later she over-stood the second windward mark approach then lost a drag race with **Kati-B** to the finish line and settled for a 4<sup>th</sup> place. **Ted Owens** on **Mojo** sailed brilliantly with only 2 bodies on board despite the heavy winds and took 1<sup>st</sup> place handily. **Johannes Brinkmann** on **Strings Attached** had 4 bodies on board (including **Grooner** skipper **Jordan Owens**) and kept moving steadily to take 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the race and keep his Series lead alive. **Walter Allan** on **Kati-B** threaded his way through big boat traffic then put the pedal to the metal in the last hundred yards to snatch 3<sup>rd</sup> place. **John Grzinich** with **Amanda Singer** on **Bebop-a-Lula** rolled over to show us his bottom-job (all the way down to his keel) then pulled a "Crouse" and nuzzled up to the leeward mark before continuing on to 5<sup>th</sup> place. (**Amanda** shared with us later that she had a conversation with Jesus about then and most of us were unaware that he was even crewing!)

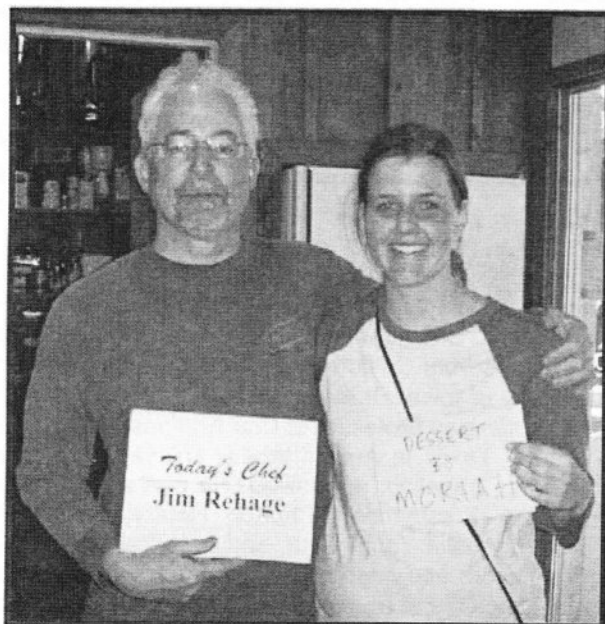
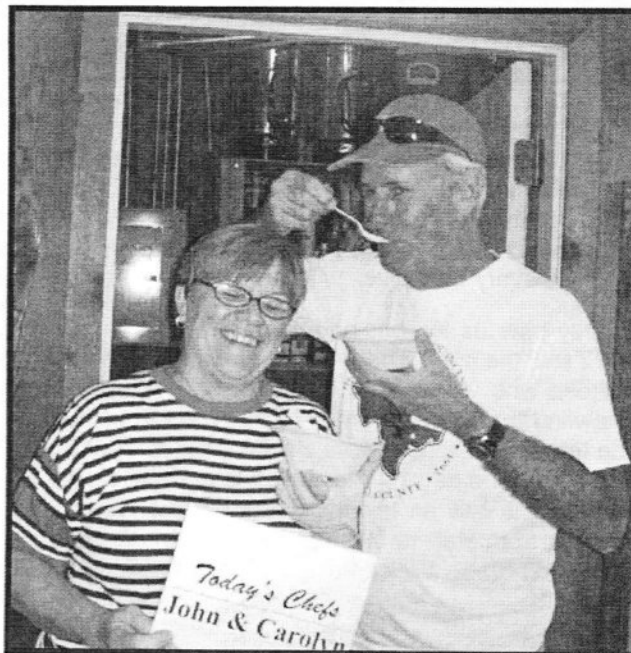
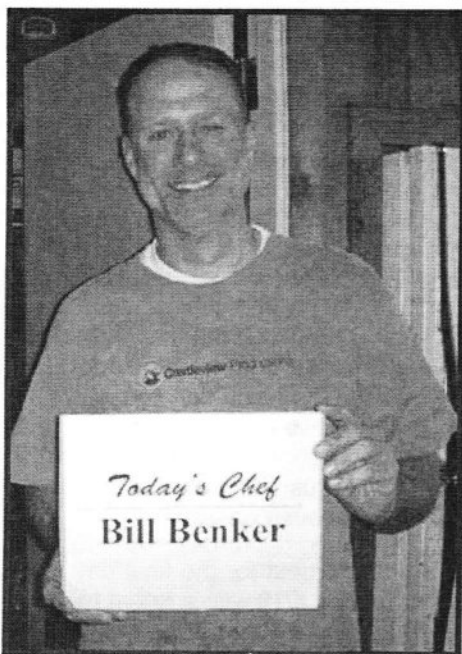
Let's have a huge turnout for the final day of Spring Series racing on Sunday 4/19 with a return to the usual 1:30 first horn. Many folks will be contending for trophies and everyone can have an impact. We will also have at least 3 or 4 potential new skippers for our fleet hanging around on that day and we need to make a good impression and get everyone introduced. See you on the water!

### In Memoriam

**Walter Leon Moore** passed away Tues., March 24, 2009, in Paonia, CO, at age 93. Born March 12, 1916, in Estrella, CA. to Leon and Nellie (Munson) Moore, Walter grew up in Pasadena, CA., and married Reta Mae Nunn in 1942. She predeceased him March 23, 2002. With degrees from California Institute of Technology and University of Iowa, Dr. Moore was a specialist in hydraulics as a life-long professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Texas in Austin. Walter enjoyed singing, sailing, driving, traveling, and joking. He was an active member of the Presbyterian Church, Rotary, the Republican Party, Austin Yacht Club, and American Society of Civil Engineers and supported Habitat for Humanity, the Austin Lyric Opera, and many scholarships. He could be very funny. Walter is survived by his children and their spouses, Jim Moore and Gayle Smart of Albuquerque, NM, Claire Moore-Murrill and Paul Murrill of Paonia, CO, Catherine Moore and Ed Southwell of Sedona, AZ, and Geneva Moore, and Julian Martin of Edmonton, Canada, and seven grandchildren. A memorial service will be held this summer in Colorado. Memorial contributions may be made to Habitat for Humanity.

Dr. Moore was a Charter Member of AYC and he won the Governor's Cup and other races in the 1970's.





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## Sunfish Fleet News By Chris Bataille



## Sunfish

On Saturday, April 18 the Sunfish Fleet will have a boat tune up clinic from 2-5. This will be an opportunity to refresh your memory and enthusiasm for Wednesday night sailing. There will be rigging demonstrations and an opportunity to ask questions.

This is also Spring Clean Up day, 9-3, so plan to come earlier that day and help spruce up club. The buildings and grounds committee can always use more help.

Lots of racing going on now at AYC....

**Come out and race with us!**

## Socially Speaking By Molly Lewis

2009 has been a great year at the Yacht Club so far! March and the first part of April have continued to be filled with lots of great sailing, good socializing, and fantastic food!

Although all of the racing and socializing really began on January 1<sup>st</sup> with the Red Eye Regatta and continued throughout February with the Frostbite series, things got *officially* kicked off on the March 15<sup>th</sup> with a little-chilly-but-lots-of-fun Opening Day. Many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers and staff members who helped make this such a nice event. At the risk of leaving someone out, the long and distinguished list of volunteers includes (in no particular order): **Pat Manning, Stacy Tucker, Susie McDonald, Bill Benker, Brian Grotheus, James Elrod, Linda and Lanae Donovan, Kate Bellinger, Margo Bower, Linda McDavitt, Bonnie Chambers, Tom Romberg**, and, of course, **John and Claudia Bartlett** who hosted the ever-popular Bloody Mary Bar! Following the Opening Day ceremony and the first race of the Spring Series, there was more fun to be had, with beer and even more food served up by **Pat Manning** and several other volunteers who stuck around to help her with the prep while others of us went off sailing. While enjoying the food and beer after the race, we held a weak but funny little Roman costume contest to celebrate the Ides of March. There were a grand total of 8 people sporting enough to dress up and help AYC do its part to keep Austin weird. They all looked fabulous, and most won a prize of some sort! But for those who apparently think costume contests are a little too much for the club, rest assured that this will be our last attempt at costumes for 2009!

Following a fun Opening Day, we continued with post-race socials for the next three Spring Series races. We had envisioned light and easy-to-prepare post-race meals, but our volunteers would have nothing of the sort. **Bill Benker** set the bar high with amazing brisket, pork shoulder, and grilled chicken on March 22. Not to be out-done, **Carolyn and John Howard** served up fantastic red beans and rice on the 29<sup>th</sup>, and **Jim Rehage** (with lots of help from **Constance**) made delicious jambalaya on April 5, accompanied by equally amazing bread pudding by **Moriah Musgrove**. The Keel fleet (as well as various regattas with left-over kegs) contributed the beer for these events, and the Ensign fleet brought a cake on April 5<sup>th</sup> to celebrate **Sarah & Eric's** upcoming wedding. All of this for just \$3/person! In addition to a huge THANK YOU to our wonderful chefs, a special thanks also goes to **Susie McDonald** for coordinating all of these meals, and the numerous other volunteers who helped out each week. It's all of your enthusiasm, energy, and willingness to work that make these events so much fun!

We're looking forward to more fun in April, with a big weekend coming up on April 17-19. You might as well just cancel anything else you might have been thinking about that weekend, because it will be jam-packed with AYC events:

- If you haven't already signed up for the Mount Gay Rum Speaker Series featuring **Dave Perry** on April 17<sup>th</sup>, hurry up and do so. These Speaker Series events have sold out in the past – and have met with rave reviews by all attendees. We'll be serving a variety of rum drinks and snacks. Don't miss out!

- Then, the next morning, plan to come out and help **Jim Rehage** and his crew with club beautification projects on the 18<sup>th</sup>. While not technically a social event, it's a great chance to give back to the club and is usually a lot of fun to boot!

- Finally, please join us on the 19<sup>th</sup> after the last race of the Spring Series for a Shrimp Boil and New Member's Social. This promises to be a fun event, and will include great food prepared under the direction of Shrimp Boil Maestro **Barb Prashner**, a chance to get to know some of our newest club members, and of course good beer, good music, and the Spring Series Trophy Presentation. What better way to cap off what will hopefully be another beautiful day of sailing on Lake Travis! If you haven't registered for this event already, please sign up soon we can plan the amount of food accordingly. We'll be selling tickets at the door, but might have to limit the number of meals we sell. If you want to volunteer to help with this event, please contact either **Susie McDonald** or **Molly Lewis** (**Susie**: [ghowiellc@aol.com](mailto:ghowiellc@aol.com) or 785-2484; **Molly**: [mlewis@signaturescience.com](mailto:mlewis@signaturescience.com) or 569-9623).

We look forward to seeing all of you around the club!



### Member travel news...

Former AYC Race Captain, Ravi Subramanian, writes:

"My cousin Harish and I spent an afternoon running down the details of getting a computer and Internet connection set up for our uncle. I couldn't help but laugh at this flyer (photo) laid out on the table at BSNL, the telephone and broadband office. Yes, they had other flyers listing the connection speeds and usage limits of the different plans, but the "Pay No Bribe" feature deserved its own prominent place. Presumably this feature is available with all plans." Ravi has just left Chennai, India, to travel to Bangkok.

## Turnback Canyon Regatta Update

By Ray Shull, Regatta Chair

In the last Telltale, I described some of the planned new aspects of the 2009 Turnback Canyon Regatta. Those plans are still proceeding according to schedule and I believe that this Regatta will be fun all types of boats, sailors, and their families and friends.

One aspect that warrants some discussion for sailors, who are deciding whether or not to undertake the race to Lago Vista and back, is the issue of low water levels in Lake Travis. I have had several people ask me how this will impact the Regatta. I think the impacts are in the two areas of the race course and then anchoring at Lago Vista.

The first area which would be impacted would be the effects that low lake levels have on the racing. We all have plenty of experience with shallow areas in the basin area where we normally sail. The course from AYC to Lago Vista traverses approximately 25 miles of the lake. LCRA has a very good map showing the underwater topography of Lake Travis. This map is available to view on line at the following web site: <http://maps.lcra.org/default.aspx?MapType=Highland%20Lakes> LCRA previously sold a notebook version of this map, but they indicated that it is currently out-of-print. However, using this map you can see the areas of the course where it is appropriate to use a little extra caution.

After the start the first area that warrants watching your water depth is about a ½ mile before you pass under the overhead power lines that are near channel marker 9 and Carlos and Charlie's. The south (or left on Saturday) side of the lake has a couple of shoal areas that extend out from the shoreline that are at a depth of around 650' msl. Then the next areas where the shallow depths extend significantly out into the lake are Arkansas Bend (marker 12) and Anderson Bend (marker 18). These two areas are usually well marked with shallow water buoys. The next bend up the lake, Thurman Bend, has a shoal area on the left side as you approach the bend (marker 23) that is at a depth of about 640 msl. This area is also usually well marked. Except for these areas, most of the shallow water areas are fairly obvious and near the shore. Using the tried and true advice of "don't sail into the brown water" will usually keep you out of trouble and making progress.

Once you arrive at the finish, then the lower water levels will alter where we anchor at Lago Vista. With higher lake levels, we can usually tie up to shore stakes or anchor in the small cove. With low water levels we will place plenty of shore stakes along the western shore of the Bar K area where we can tie our shore lines. The anchoring area for this location is a gradually sloping

gravel bar that hold anchors very well. Alternatively, you may want to anchor off the shore a short distance and join the shore side activities by a short swim, using your inflatable tubes/rafts, or using the shuttle boat. Anchoring in this area is a little more exposed to boat wakes, but the lower water levels may reduce the number of boats that are actually on the lake.

Hopefully, we will have plenty of spring rain in the next two months and Lake Travis will be nice and full when we make the annual trek to Lago Vista. If not, then we still have a great lake, a great party awaits us at the finish, and with a little extra care, you won't spend any extra time stuck in four feet of water when your boat draws five.

## Report from Lake Garda

By Eric Rochard



The Riva del Garda Optimist International meeting is the biggest one design regatta in the world with 930 competitors from 23 different nations. Each year

there is a USA team selected during the Midwinter regatta.

The USA team checked their boats on Sunday, the 5th and started practicing Monday. The Lake Garda in the Italian Alps is renewed for strong thermal winds starting around noon and reaching 25 knots by 5pm. However, this year due to the unusual amount of snow on the mountains, the thermal system struggles to establish itself, the afternoon getting cloudy and foggy due to a phenomena of snow evaporation/sublimation. The wind rarely reached 15 knots and most of the races were run in 5 to 10 knots.

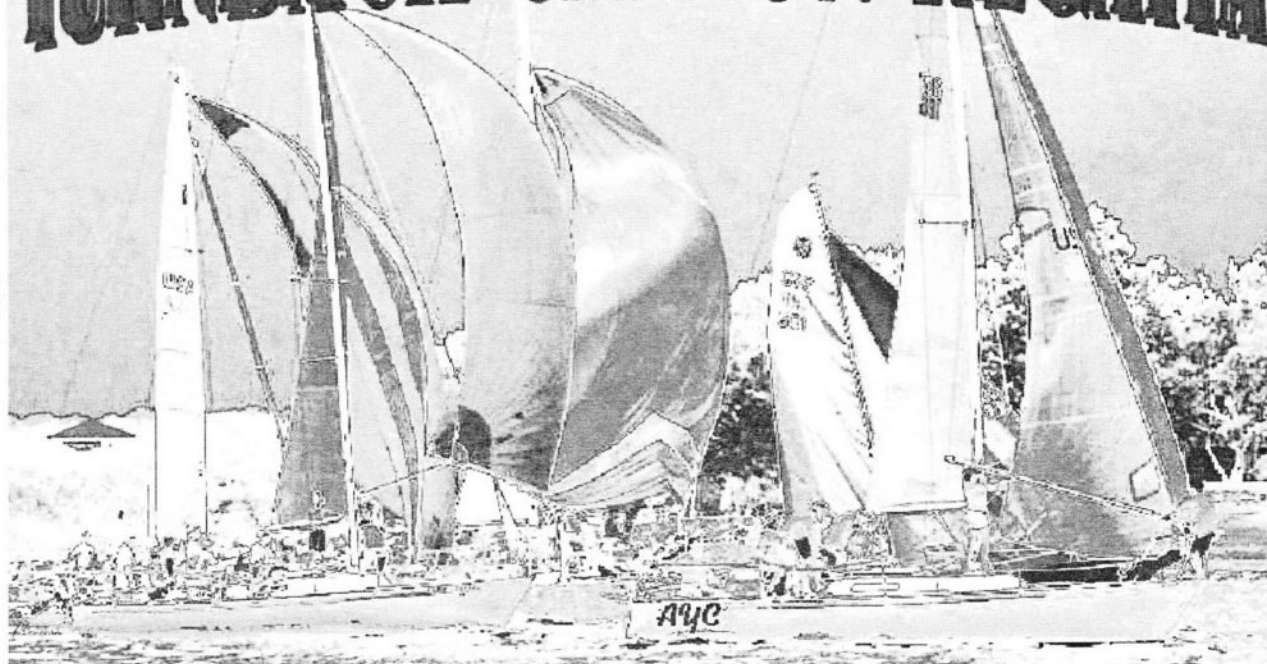
Monday morning, Italy was shocked by the earthquake of Aquila in the central mountains. All the sailors observed a minute of silence Friday, April 10th in memory of the victims.

The sailors were divided into 5 divisions of 180 boats on 3 different race courses. The regatta started Thursday with 3 races run in 10 knots of south thermal wind, and with a squared race course (1 windward leg, 1 starboard reach, 1 downwind and 1 port reach to the finish line) the start was everything! Alan finished 50, 44, and 46, as he was struggling to find a spot on the 180 boats starting line! The strategy for the next day was to get on the line very early after the

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5 minutes, and hold the spot until the start. This worked quite well with a 19th in the 3rd race. The 2nd race on Friday was cancelled due to the dying wind. The PRO decided to have an early race (8:30 am) for the 2 divisions which did not complete their race. For Alan it has been a long day on the water, finishes were 12, 143 and 19. In the 2nd race of the day Alan was leading the fleet on the beat when the wind died and almost immediately came back from the opposite direction. Fortunately, he was able to drop this race and his standing overall was 100 Saturday evening. Alan was very happy for his second Gold fleet with the US international team!

The racing during the selection was pretty rough. If you wanted to file a protest you had to pay 50 Euros and that was not encouraging the Corinthian spirit. There was a lot of boat grabbing and pushing at the start. Alan was

expecting the sailors to behave better in the Gold fleet but was not the case. Italian boats, especially, were pushing hard by forcing their way port after the start. In the second start of the day Alan was t-boned to tack port at the start and then jibed and circled below the starting boat. Difficult to recover...his finish in the Gold fleet was 69 and 106. The Gold fleet races were incredibly tight! In the last race, 150 boats crossed the finish line in 3 minutes after 1 hour of racing. Penalty turns would cost 50 places.

Alan's goals were to make Gold fleet and top 50. He finished 119 in the Gold fleet (3rd out of the USODA team), but he is happy with his result. The fluky light winds were not his preferred condition. The Gold fleet level was incredible (18 national teams were there), and it was refreshing to see that the event was won by an Italian girl (a third of the Gold fleet were girls).

*Like our other fine high level sailors, Alan makes us proud to be AYC. —Bob Goldsmith*

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