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February 2009

Monthly Newsletter

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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	12 April
Independence Day	4 July
Thanksgiving Day	26 November
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Christmas Day	25 December

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AYC 2009 Race Calendar

February 14	Frostbite Series Race #4 (RC Catalina 22)
February 21	Frostbite Series Race #5 (RC Southcoast 21, EOS)
February 28	AYC Long Distance Regatta
March 7-8	Roadrunner Regatta TSA
March 15	Spring Series Race #1 (RC J24, FWS 12:00 noon)
March 22	Spring Series Race #2 (RC Keel Fleet A, FWS 12:00 noon)
March 29	UT SEISA Dinghy Championship
March 29	Spring Series Race #3 (RC Keel Fleet Non-Spin, FWS 12:00 noon)
April 3-5	J22 Circuit Regatta
April 5	Spring Series Race #4 (RC Keel Fleet B, FWS 12:00 noon)
April 11-12	Easter Laser Regatta
April 18	UT SEISA Women's Championship
April 19	Spring Series Race #5 (RC Multihull, FWS 12:00 noon, EOS)
April 25	SC21 Intergalactics
May 2-3	Governor's Cup Regatta
May 9	Night Race (Keel Fleet Event)
May 15-17	J24 Circuit Stop
May 23-24	Turnback Canyon Regatta
May 30	Summer Series Race #1 (RC Ensign, FWS 3:00 p.m.)
June 6	Summer Series Race #2 (RC J22, FWS 3:00 p.m.)
June 13	Summer Series Race #3 (RC Catalina 22, FWS 3:00 p.m.)
June 20	Summer Series Race #4 (RC J24, FWS 3:00 p.m.)
June 27	Summer Series Race #5 (RC SC21, FWS 3:00 p.m.)
July 5	Independence Cup (Keel Fleet Event)
July 11	Summer Series Race #6 (RC Keel Fleet Non-Spin, FWS 3:00 p.m., EOS)
August 30	Leukemia Cup Warm-up Series Race #1 (RC Keel Fleet B, FWS 3:00 p.m.)
September 13	Leukemia Cup Warm-up Series Race #2 (RC J22, FWS 3:00 p.m.)
September 20	Leukemia Cup Warm-up Series Race #3 (RC Catalina 22, FWS 3:00 p.m., EOS)
October 3-4	Leukemia Cup Regatta
October 11	Winter Series Race #1 (RC Multihull, FWS 12:00 noon)
October 18	Winter Series Race #2 (RC SC21, FWS 12:00 noon)
October 25	Winter Series Race #3 (RC J24, FWS 12:00 noon)
November 1	Winter Series Race #4 (RC Keel Fleet A, FWS 12:00 noon)
November 8	Winter Series Race #5 (RC Keel Fleet Non-Spin, FWS 12:00 noon)
November 15	Winter Series Race #6 (RC Keel Fleet B, FWS 12:00 noon, EOS)
November 21	Wild Turkey Regatta (Keel Fleet Event)

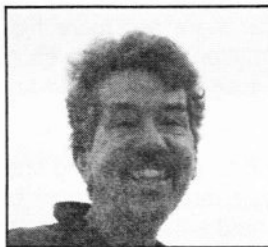
Spring Series Races will be on Sundays
Starting March 15

AYC 2009 Non-Racing Events

February 8	RC Clinic
February 19	New Member Candidate Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
February 21	EOS Chili Cook-off
February 24	PHRF Handicap Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
February 26	AYC Board of Directors Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
March 1	AYC Fund Meeting (2:30 p.m. Clubhouse)
March 15	Opening Day
March 19	New Member Candidate Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
March 21	US Sailing Race Management Seminar (9:00 a.m.)
March 24	PHRF Handicap Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
March 26	AYC Board of Directors Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
April 16	New Member Candidate Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
April 23	AYC Board of Directors Meeting (7:30 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.)
June 18	New Member Candidate Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
June 23	PHRF Handicap Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
June 25	AYC Board of Directors Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
July 16	New Member Candidate Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
July 23	PHRF Handicap Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
July 28	AYC Board of Directors Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
August 20	New Member Candidate Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
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.)

From The Commodore

By David Lewis



On the fourth Thursday of every month, except November and December, AYC holds its monthly Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the AYC Clubhouse. (The November meeting is the third Thursday instead of the fourth, to avoid a conflict with Thanksgiving, and there is no meeting in December.) It's at

these meetings, which are open to all members, that the actual business of the Club is carried out. If you haven't been to one lately (or ever) I recommend that you check it out. It's a good window on all the work that goes on behind the scenes to keep the Club running, healthy, and moving forward.

At the January meeting there was a flurry of activity as the Board worked through all the business necessary to kick off a new year at AYC. By the numbers, it looked like this:

20,000: Dollars authorized to hire Loomis Partners, a consulting firm, to conduct the first, planning stage of the Harbor Improvement Project

9,000: Dollars approved to remodel the men's restroom in the Clubhouse and make it wheelchair accessible

1,252: Dollars rolled over on deposit at the Austin Club to reserve their facility for the 2009 Annual Banquet

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Chili Cook-Off!

Join us on Feb 21 after the last Frostbite Series Race for a Chili Cook-off!



Want to compete? Sign up by February 7th. West Marine Gift Cards will be given to all entrants, and there will be prizes for the winners! Plus, no charge for the entrants! Entries will be limited so sign up early!

Want to judge? Be the first in your fleet to volunteer and the job is yours! No charge for the

Just want to eat? Show up at the clubhouse after the race with your appetite! No charge for the eaters (but don't tell the entrants or judges)!

To sign up as a contestant or a judge, call, or email Susie McDonald (785-2484; ghowiellc@aol.com)

Race Commander Report By Rick Smith

I must admit, the idea of trying to find something to write about every month was a concern when taking this position. The reality is that there are more than enough tidbits of helpful information to fill the entire Telltale. Here is this month's dose of information and comments.

This year's Series Racing got off to an interesting start in that we cancelled the race! I thought it would be good to give some background on the thought that went into that decision. The guidelines in the Race Committee Policy states: "Races may be cancelled for all classes if there is lightening in the vicinity or if the temperature is below 45 degrees." As you can see there is not a lot of guidance or advice in that statement to help make an appropriate decision. There has to be a lot of common sense applied to that rule. The facts of the day were a temperature in the mid 30's, wind at 15kts with gusts, the water temperature of 55 degrees, and overcast. The call we made was to postpone on shore for an hour to allow conditions to change. During that time, we held an impromptu training class on the new rulebook. A big thanks goes out to **Steve Gay** for jumping in and doing it on the spur of the moment. Those in attendance will agree that nothing changed in that time period. My overriding concern is for the safety of our members. The decision was made to cancel. At that time the social committee stepped in and help salvage the day with a wonderful meal. This is a new addition to the frostbite series and free for members and guest. I spent the rest to the day at the club, and the conditions never improved. We have all second-guessed the Race Committee on this type of call in the past, but please think of the safety of all when this type of action is taken.

Bob Woods placed a copy of the Fort Worth Boat Club Weather Condition Table in my box the same day that we were canceling our first Series Race. The Fort Worth Boat Club uses numerical scores for 4 separate elements: Wind Speed, Ambient Temperature, Water Temperature, and Weather Conditions in order to make the decision of whether to race or to cancel. They tally a combined score of the four categories to make one of three decisions. If the cumulative points are less than a certain number, they sail. If the cumulative points fall within a specified range, they leave the decision up to the Race Committee. If the cumulative points are above a specific number, they cancel all races. This approach is a bit more thoughtful and leaves only a small window of conditions to the Race Committee's discretion. I will be sending this information to the AYC Board, the PRC members, and the Fleet Captains for their review and input. I will also have it posted on the Official PRC Board for all to review. Please feel free to send any

comments you might have on this system or any similar system to improve upon what we have at present. I personally believe this is a much better tool than what we presently have for making this type of decision.

Status of implemented changes:

I am happy to say, after one series race, the changes we have implemented seem to have gone over well. The new finish line configuration appears to work as intended. This change will become more important as the level of the lake falls, and we continue to reduce the width of navigable water. The PRC will continue to fine tune the check-in procedures as well as emphasize the importance of the on-the-water data collection for scoring.

New changes in works:

We are rewriting the Notice of Race to trim it down to only the pertinent information that changes between series. In conjunction with the Notice of Race, we are reworking the sailing instructions to slim them down by eliminating any instructions that are already listed in the "Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012". If we get this correct, there will be one set of SI's for all series races held at AYC for the year.

Those of you that raced in the second Frostbite series are aware that we took the opportunity, with the cancellation of the first race, to align the Frostbite series with the rest of our series, by re-defining the starting classes.

Long Distance Course card will be renamed the "AYC Course Card." It will be a combination of the present Long Distance Course Card on one side and the Round-the-Buoys courses on the other side. A map showing the general location of the main marks used for racing on the lake will also be included. Our intention is to have these laminated and for sale in the office. Of course, there will be paper copies available in the clubhouse.

Please feel free to send me comments on the racing program at the club. The PRC wants to hear your suggestions and ideas on how we can improve racing at our club. Remember the best way to change something is get involved.

Rick Smith for your PRC

ricksmith10@mac.com

AYC Opening Day...

Vice Commodore Report By Steve Eller

January has come and gone in a blur. Somewhere in all the commotion, I believe that we found volunteers for our slate of 2009 Regattas. The gracious volunteers are:

Long Distance Regatta (Feb. 28) – **Ravi Subramanian**

Spring Regatta (May 2 – 3) – **James Wilsford**

Turnback Canyon (May 23 – 24) – **Ray Shull**

Leukemia Cup (Oct 3 – 4) – **Johannes Brinkmann**

If you see these folks around the club please take time to thank them for their efforts. Better yet, please reach out and VOLUNTEER TO HELP THEM!

The Long Distance Regatta is coming up at the end of the month. Once again, this event will be a one-day, one-race format to be held on Saturday, February 28. There will be a hot dinner served after racing (dinner tickets required) along with complementary regatta beer and wine. Registration will be onsite the morning of the event from 08:00 to 09:30 with the Competitor's Briefing following at 10:00. This is the perfect event to bring out new sailors and potential new Club members.

Last month I made a plea for a volunteer to serve as our Website Editor. I am pleased to announce that **John Grzinich**, last year's Sail Training Commander, has stepped forward to serve in this position. **Eric Nelson**, who has been very involved with the website, has also agreed to help out. John and Eric are going to help us ensure that the website remains an effective communications tool for AYC. Look for some improvements to be made over the course of the year.

Since my last plea was successfully responded to, I will try again. If you have served as a Regatta Chairperson for any AYC regatta in the last 5 years and have any regatta files in your possession please contact me. I am trying to build a regatta library on the website to serve as a resource for future regatta chairpersons.

Thanks for your help.

...is coming!

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684: Dollars in net income in the operating budget for 2009

680: Dollars approved for the AYC fund to support Alan Rochard's competing in the Lake Garda Championship in March 2009

73: Pounds of food on the menu for the Opening Day ceremonies (March 15) the budget for which was approved at the meeting (okay, I made that number up)

37: Weekends of series, club, or fleet racing in the Race Calendar proposed by the Race Commander and approved by the Board

25: Days of series racing on the 2009 Race Calendar

22: Motions considered by the Board

15: Days of fleet racing on the 2009 Race Calendar

8: Facility Usage Requests approved

7: Days of club regattas on the 2009 Race Calendar

5: Resignations of membership

4: Friendly amendments to motions on the table for consideration

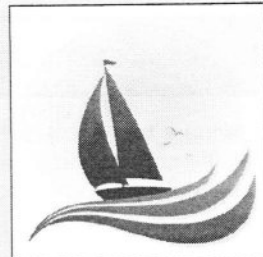
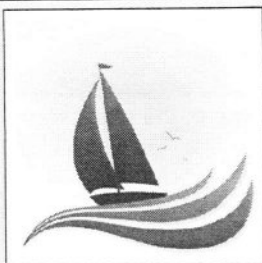
3: New Probationary members approved by the Board

2: New Senior members completing their probationary requirements and approved for full membership; and

1: Member offered honorary membership

Although non-Board member attendance at the monthly Board Meetings ranges from sparse to sparser, there is a dedicated, hard-core group (Board groupies?) that shows up month in and month out.

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2009 AYC LONG DISTANCE REGATTA

Notice of Race

RULES - The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing.

ADVERTISING - Advertising will be restricted to Category C.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

Austin Yacht Club ("AYC") members are cordially invited to participate in AYC's 2009 AYC Long Distance Regatta. The regatta is open to all monohull keelboats, multihull boats (including 'beach cats'), and centerboard boats whose helmsperson or at least one (1) crew member is a current AYC member in good standing.

Eligible boats may enter by submitting a completed registration form together with the required fee at the registration table in the AYC Clubhouse prior to 9:30, February 28, 2009. Early Registration will be available at in person at the AYC office or by FAX.

FEES

The entry fee includes one (1) T-shirt and two (2) dinner tickets and is as follows:

Single-handed Centerboard Boats	\$25.00
All other participants	\$30.00

T-shirts: A limited number of additional T-shirts are available for \$15.00 each. T-shirts can be purchased during the registration period and after the race.

Dinner: A buffet style pasta dinner with salad and garlic bread will be served after the race.. Additional dinner tickets are available at \$7.50 each and must be purchased at registration to ensure that enough food is prepared.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Participants must provide their own food and drink for consumption during the race. Lunches will not be available from the event sponsor.

SCHEDULE

Registration – Saturday, February 28, 2009 from 08:00 to 09:30 in the AYC Clubhouse.

Competitors' Briefing – Saturday, February 28, 2009 at 10:00 in the AYC Clubhouse.

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 11:30.

Social Activities:

Post-Race Socializing with beverages and snacks at 16:00

Dinner at 16:30

Trophy Presentation at 17:30

MEASUREMENTS - No measurement of boats is required. All boats competing in a PHRF handicap fleet must have a valid handicap rating certificate on file with the Keel Fleet PHRF Handicap Committee prior to participating in the Regatta. Members of the PHRF Committee will be available at registration to assign temporary PHRF ratings to boats without valid certificates.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - The sailing instructions (SI's) will be available on race day at registration and on line at the AYC website (<http://www.austinyachtclub.net>) one week prior to the Regatta.

VENUE - AYC is a private yacht club located on Lake Travis, Texas, at 5906 Beacon Drive, Austin, TX 78734-1428. Directions and other information relating to AYC are available on its website located at www.austinyachtclub.net. Please note that neither pets nor fireworks are allowed on club property.

THE COURSES - The Regatta will consist of one (1) long distance race starting in the vicinity of AYC and racing towards Lakeway. Racing will take place on courses defined by LCRA channel markers, AYC permanent buoys, and/or temporary inflatable tetrahedrons at the discretion of the race committee. The turning mark will be adjusted to provide a race of approximately four (4) hours in duration.

SCORING

All boats will be assigned to a Class for scoring purposes. Such Class assignments will be announced at the Competitor's Briefing and will be posted on the official notice board prior to the first race of the Regatta.

Keel Handicap fleets will be scored using the "Time on Distance" variant of the PHRF handicap rating system utilizing the PHRF of Lake Travis handicap values. Multihull or Centerboard Handicap fleets will be scored using the Portsmouth handicap rating system utilizing US Sailing's 2008 Portsmouth Yardstick.

One (1) completed race constitutes a Regatta.

RADIO COMMUNICATION - A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

PRIZES - Trophies will be awarded to helmspersons and crew in accordance to the overall size of their respective Class as follows:

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|------------------------|------------|
| - Up to 3 participants | 1 trophy |
| - 4-6 participants | 2 trophies |
| - 6+ participants | 3 trophies |

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY - Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, its officers, committee persons, members, or any associates thereof will not accept any liability for and are in no way liable for any material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - For additional information contact AYC at 512-266-1336 or email bob@austinyachtclub.net. Additional information may also be posted on the AYC website under the Events page at www.austinyachtclub.net.



Annual Meeting

The Ensign Fleet held their annual meeting and social on Saturday, January 10, hosted by **Tom and Kelly Groll** in their new home just off Beacon Road. Out of courtesy to those who didn't attend, I will refrain spelling

out the details of just how fabulous a time we all had, and how good the food was, to avoid rubbing it in. Next time, come out and join us. As a matter of business, we did elect new officers: **Tom Groll** will serve as Fleet Captain, **Norma Lien** will return as Treasurer, **Steeler** was elected fleet pooch, **Randolph Bertin** was not able to escape from secretarial duties (though there is a surprise change in the works for 2010), **Caroline Baker** was named fleet baby, **Mitch Barnett** was nominated and voted in as understudy to fleet captain, and **Sarah Baker** stepped up to serve as social chair, so look for her to be contacting you soon about whatever events are coming up for the spring. **Bill Hawk** claimed a board exemption.

Racing (or not)

In spite of having two races scheduled in January, the Ensign fleet has yet to begin the season. The first race weekend, January 24, was called off on account of foul weather as a blue norther was plowing through the area. Or at least it was cold and windy and there were no races.

The next weekend was absolutely beautiful. We had mild winter temperatures, and a South breeze picked up about 30 minutes before the first signal. The Ensign fleet had race committee duty, however, so we arranged for the rest of the club to have a great time on the water. Thanks to the following volunteers for stepping in to serve: **Fred Ford, Ken Jolly, James Bené, Bill Hawk, Mitch Barnett, Randolph Bertin, Charlie Arnold, George Dahmen, Tommy Rogers, and Jonathan Baker**. I should point out that we have recently "added" to our fleet as **Tommy Rogers** moved up to the area from Houston Yacht Club where he used to crew regularly for **Dean and Kay Snider**, and **George Dahmen** has returned to the area, at least for awhile, after being in Colorado for a number of years. Welcome (back) to Ensign fleet 30.

(Re)New(ed) Boats

Both **J. Seagull** and **Gravy Boat** have been splashed after recent overhauls, and both are looking fantastic. **Sarah Baker** had #324 out on the water for a shake-down sail when we had race committee and managed

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This group performs an invaluable service to the Club, offering expert advice, dissenting opinion, and lively discussion, and otherwise just generally keeping the Board on the straight and narrow. (These also tend to be the same faces that we see over and over again on our volunteer committees—running races, organizing events, serving meals, providing professional services for free, and otherwise lubricating the gears that keep the Club running.) So, if you're looking for good, clean, cheap entertainment (pick two) on the fourth Thursday of the month, I would encourage you to come out to the Club and join us. It's a good crowd. And, it's your Club—this is your chance to have a say about how it's run. The next meeting is Thursday, February 26th.

One more thing, on a different note. **Randolph Bertin**, our Secretary, is working with our General Manager, **Bob Woods**, to gather and update all the information necessary to publish the new directory. To do this, they need your help—*please, please take a minute to check and update your contact information on the website*. Or, if you'd rather, call Bob Woods at the AYC office (266-1336) and he'll check it for you. Given the effort and expense of publishing an annual directory, it only makes sense to have it contain accurate information. See you on the water!

AYC Directory Info Needed

This is a call out to the AYC membership to PLEASE update your member information so that we will have an accurate directory. Go to your account: <http://austinyachtclub.net/myAccount> and enter your member number and password. Then edit your account information for any changes (boats, phone numbers, address, etc.). Even if you haven't made any changes in a long time, it may be that your information is incorrect for some reason, so please confirm that all the details are correct. It only takes a few minutes.

The directory is only helpful when the information is accurate. Thanks for your help.

Randolph Bertin, Secretary, AYC Board

to perform some destructive limit testing on the outhaul. We are looking forward to both of those boats being active in 2009. An almost Ensign sighting: **Fred Schroth** had his **Electra** out for the Winter Series #2, and like the aforementioned boats it looked spectacular on the water. Fred sailed solo in PHRF where he finished somewhere near the middle of the fleet, but we expect him to come and start with the Ensigns later in the year.

SC 21 Fleet News By Mark Boelens



First, allow me to thank you for entrusting me to be your Fleet Captain this year. It is a responsibility that I enter into humbly given the excellent reputation of the fleet and previous leadership. **Tom**

Meyer did a beautiful job last year as Fleet Captain, with help from many fleet members. Many thanks are extended to Tom; especially as I begin to fully appreciate the responsibility is bigger than simply organizing our Gin and Tonics socials.

Our fleet is off to a great start to 2009 with **John Cockle's** winning of the McCollum Cup at the Red Eye Regatta. I'm sure his win will inspire more South Coast 21s to compete in the Red Eye next year. Additionally, we have at least four boats racing in the Frostbite Series; which historically has limited South Coast 21 turn out.

Welcome to the South Coast Fleet: The fleet continues to grow with Scott Walsh and Greg Scully recently acquiring hull #134, bringing her to AYC for a bit of racing. The boat has been for sailing lessons on Lake Travis for a number of years, but hasn't been raced in over a decade. They are have been seen in the work area paying close attention to her bottom and plan to have it ready for the Spring Series.

Keith and Bonnie Lackey purchased hull #160 from **Kirk Livingston** last fall. Keith and Bonnie have been AYC members for some time and were looking for a good one-design boat that they could also sail with their kids.

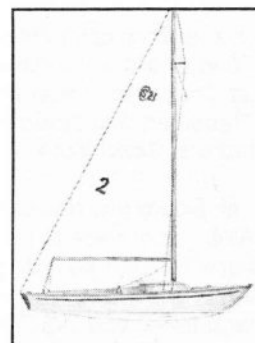
Viator, hull #84, has a new owner. **Scott Schaffer** purchased her from **Duane Dobson** and is doing a little bit of work on the hull and keel prior to racing her in the Spring Series.

Gin & Tonics: With the advent of the Spring Series and consistently warmer weather, we will begin again our highly celebrated Gin and Tonics Socials. In the meantime, fleet members continue to enjoy the wonderful after race meals and friendships in the comfort of the clubhouse. Let me know when you would like to host the social.

Changes to the Rules: It is official, when participating in one-design events; South Coast 21's headsail can only be a jib. Larger genoas are no longer permitted in one-design events. This includes AYC one-design Se-

ries Races, Leukemia Cup, Intergalactics. Skippers may use the larger genoa for PHRF races, beer cans, etc. This rule was enacted with a vision to keep our racing fun and cost effective. Experience suggests that the genoa does little to improve performance except in a whisper of wind. Additionally, one less sail continues to keep our competitive one-design fleet affordable. Use of the smaller sail makes sailing simpler and enjoyable for short-handed crews and family racing. Expect to see the update to the rules on our fleet home web page shortly.

Beyond Our Shores: A warm thanks for Wisconsin based South Coast 21 sailor and new friend of our fleet, **Dean Shumway**. Dean made a special visit to our club to see the sister ships of his South Coast 21 hull #57, which he acquired 42 years ago. Dennis shared some historic South Coast memorabilia including his original



sale brochure, kit information, invoices, and some wonderful original artwork. This is fun historical material, which you can access on our fleet web page. Dean's vessel was one of the first to come with sliding hatches, instead of the swinging doors. He loved seeing the enhancements several members have made to their vessels and trailers. We are hoping Dean joins us for a few races, especially the Intergalactics.

Important Dates: **Saturday, Feb. 21st:** Come join in the fun participating in our turn as Race Committee for the Frostbite Series. **Saturday, April 25th:** Save the date for this year's upcoming Intergalactics. Start getting your crew and vessels in shape for some fun and exciting one-design competition.

Help Advance Racing Quality at Our Club US Sailing PRO Certification Course

March 21, 2009

Lead Instructor: Jimmy Tichenor (Director, US Sailing)

Cost: \$25 Members of US Sailing
\$55 Non Members
(6 month membership included)

Click on the US Sailing banner at the top of the AYC web site for more information, or contact Rick Smith, AYC Sail Training Commander, at ricksmith10@mac.com.

AYC Fund News By Scott Young

HAVE A SAILING DREAM?? THE AYC FUND CAN HELP!

The AYC Fund was established in 2006 by the Austin Yacht Club to provide an opportunity for its members to act collectively: 1) contribute to the development of amateur athletes for national and international competitions. 2) contribute to the development of instructors, coaches, race officials and judges, and 3) foster local excellence in hosting national and international amateur sailing competitions on Lake Travis. The AYC Fund Board of Directors for 2009 includes **Danny Lien** as Chairman; **Johannes Brinkmann** as Secretary and Treasurer; and **Doug Kern, Rick Smith, Claudia Bartlett** and **Scott Young**.

The Board has discussed its interest in helping talented AYC junior racers in meeting their racing goals; perhaps through providing grants for on-the-water coaching at the Road Runner events and potentially helping fund travel and logistical expenses for junior club members that qualify for regional or national competitions. We have also discussed allocating funds for educational and training purposes. These could include Principal Race Officer training programs and other educational programs designed to improve the race management operations at the Club.

With the AYC Fund's 501 (c)(3) status with the IRS, the AYC Fund has received approximately \$25,000 in tax deductible donations from generous Austin Yacht Club members. This money is available for investment in accordance with the AYC Fund Mission Statement. The AYC Fund Board is interested in soliciting input as to how these funds can be best leveraged to support the stated goals of the fund. We invite you to attend a meeting on Sunday, March 1st at 2:30 p.m. in the main Club House to discuss ways these funds can be put to work. We want your input! Please plan on attending this meeting and help us devise an investment strategy that will ensure the greatest return for our club membership. If you are unable to attend or would like to log your opinion on how these funds could best be allocated, please feel free to email the AYC Fund Board c/o Johannes Brinkmann at jbrinkmann@appliedmech.com. We look forward to hearing your thoughts.

We also ask that if you are interested in making a contribution to the AYC Fund, you can contribute online with a credit card at www.aycfund.org or send your check to AYC Fund, c/o Austin Yacht Club, 5906 Beacon Drive, Austin, TX 78734-1428. These donations may be tax deductible in accordance with IRS rules. Please consult your accountant prior to contributing.

J/24 Fleet News By Tom Lappin



Photo Right
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Bruce
McDonald



The fleet is off to a great start for 2009 with a great turnout of 7 boats in the first racing of the Frostbite. Four more boats will be racing soon. The conditions were very tricky, especially with the wind at the weather mark coming way out of the left side. As a result many boats had to practice their quick jibes right at the mark. In the end, **David Broadway** took 1st, with **Ryan Harden** coming in second. It is a good thing we have had more J/24s racing as there are new crew looking for a ride, so keep coming out. We don't want to turn away anyone who is interested in J/24 racing. If you wish to try some one design J/24 racing, contact **Jorge Martin-de-Nicolas** or myself.

Jorge has been refitting **Bon Temps** to be ready for racing soon. He is also organizing a J/24 Racing School complete with website, coaching, etc. This will be a great opportunity whether you have new crew, rusty crew, or seasoned crew wanting to practice and learn more. We are working hard to try and get this up and running as soon as possible to maximize our participation. Look for updates soon.

The 2009 Circuit calendar is now posted at <http://www.j24texas.com> with the AYC stop scheduled for May 16-17. **Eric Nelson** is organizing this, but I'm sure he'll need help, so if you would like to offer assistance, please contact him. The Frostbite and Spring Series will be good opportunities to gear up for the AYC Circuit stop.

The J/24 North Americans are currently being held in Valle de Bravo, Mexico. I have heard from **Charlie Singstad** who is representing the fleet at this event. Here is what he had to say: "Finished the warmup regatta midfleet. Other than a few colossal mistakes, feeling very competitive. Practice race for NAs was today. Having a great time with a lot of super folks and great competition. Chris Snow is here and Mike Ingham from New York. Have made a lot of friends and wishing more of our TX fleet was here as well. Talk with you soon. Charlie (PS The food, parties, town, etc are fantastic)" At the last update, he was sitting at 29th. You can see updates at <http://www.j24mex.com/northamericans/index.html>. Good luck Charlie.

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Catalina 22 Fleet News

By Peter Broberg



Photo Right: Wild and Crazy Guys Ted and Johannes

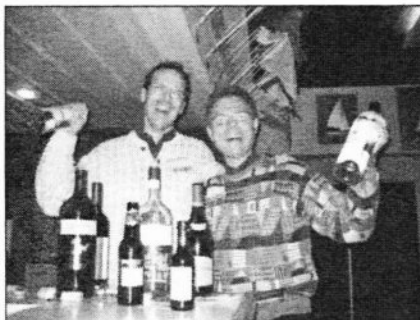


Photo Left: The Dry Heave extended family table

Christmas potluck party. Diane Broberg procured an excellent brisket and fleet members brought an array of amazing side dishes ranging from tasty salads and desserts to a German onion-meat-potato-pizza-casserole-thingy with an unpronounceable but nasty-sounding name. John Fitch again loaned us his professional quality blackjack tables and Emilio Gonzales served as dealer and security officer. Art Bussey's wife, Andrea, was top winner at the gaming table and made off with a basket of goodies for her efforts. Several folks broke out their guitars and an enthusiastic crowd joined in a sing-along and dance-a-long to some golden oldies. We were excited to have about a dozen young folks tagging along with parents and friends who enjoyed sitting by the fire,

demonstrating some jazz dance routines, and even engaging in a serious Scrabble match. All in all the evening demonstrated once again how fortunate we are to have such a congenial and diverse group with an easy ability to share fun times both on and off the water.



Photo Left: Gary Payne ragales the Blackjack crowd with his chip tricks



Photo Below: Walter Allan gives the crowd a table dance

As we go to press, we are organizing for our Race Committee duty on Valentine's Day with the dual goal of serving the club in the afternoon and saving some time for romance in the evening! In addition, we hope to get a number of C-22's to the start line for the Frostbite Series finale on 2/21. After that we have only 3 weeks before the Spring Series begins on 3/15.

Happy Sailing and Pray for Rain!

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The *mr. happy* team and GBCA's Stuart Lindow (*Tropical Agression*) will be representing our District 14 in the upcoming J/24 World Championships in Annapolis, MD <http://www.j24worldchampionship2009.com/>. I'll keep you all up to date as this gets closer.

Mary Volpe and I have started to talk about our upcoming fleet social events. I know we will continue to have successful parties this year. I'll be updating everyone through the Tell Tale and my fleet email list. I look forward to seeing you all out on the water over the coming season.

Errata:

The image of the Permanent Race Marks included in last month's Telltale is outdated as some of the marks have moved. Please disregard it. Please see the AYC website at www.austinyachtclub.net for a current Permanent Race Marks image or visit the AYC office.

The list published in last month's Telltale of the AYC Keel Handicap Fleet PHRF Ratings is inaccurate and outdated. Please disregard it. An updated list is currently being worked on. For more information, please contact Remus Broussard or Felipe Payet.

Keel Fleet News By Felipe Payet



Photo right:
Why we
love sailing
in Austin.
Wild Hare
heading
upwind on
a gorgeous
Austin
winter day!



Photo Above: The Viper 640 heading downwind, and looking for more breeze. Make sure to give a warm welcome to new member Roger Deatrick, who takes ownership of this boat in February. And look for more Vipers in Austin soon!

As you read this, the Frostbite is well underway. Even though things got off to a bit of a slow start with the weather-related postponement of Frostbite Series #1, the following two Saturdays provided fantastic sailing conditions.

Rather than bore you with lots of words, we're going to

let pictures speak for themselves. Thanks to **Bob Leonard** for the great photos in this article from Frostbite #2.

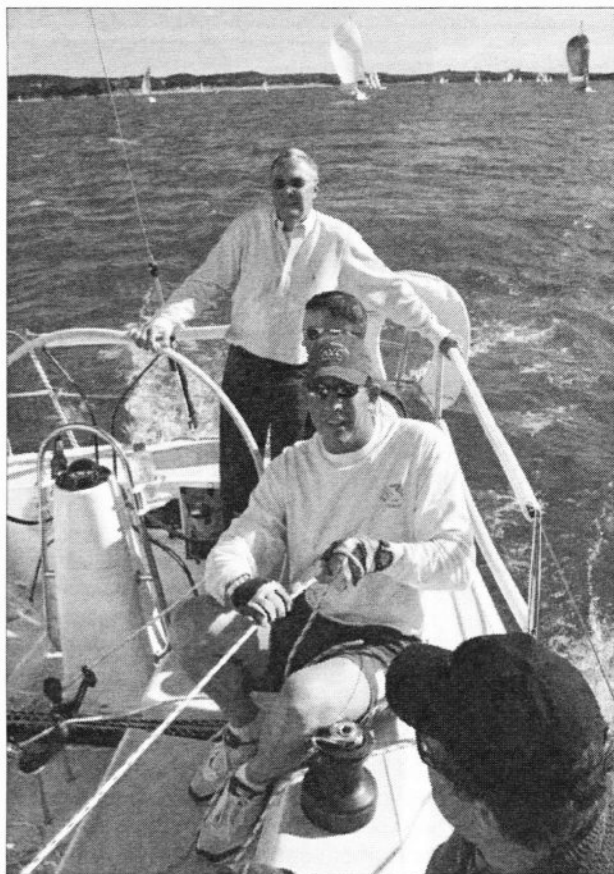


Photo Above: Greg Buck trimming the spinnaker aboard Ken Lemons' J105 "Spike", out on the race course for the 1st time.

As we wrap up the Frostbite series, spring sailing is just around the corner. With that in mind there are a couple of items your Keel Fleet Board wants to bring to the attention of the KHF sailors:

1. We are going to start having KHF post-race get-togethers (similar to the SC21 Fleet) on the first race of the Spring Series, March 15th. Look for the KHF flag. This is a chance for the Keel Handicap Fleet to get to know each other and talk about racing and the zen of sailboats.
2. We will be getting out more information on the KHF Championship which is going to be a multi event championship including series Races, Regattas and KHF events. More to follow.
3. The Long Distance Race (One of my favorite events! - KHF Captain **Larry Ratliff**) is going to be held on

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Socially Speaking By Molly Lewis

If you've been out for the Frostbite series races, then you already know that we're kicking off what promises to be a great year of good food and socializing at AYC! Be sure to give a big thank you to **Susie McDonald** for coordinating all the complimentary after-race dinners. And of course, a big thank you also to our wonderful chefs. On January 24th, **Bill and Jerri Colleti**, new AYC members, got it going right with awesome fish chowder. They didn't miss a beat when the race was called due to the cold and wind; they were able to scramble and get a delicious meal served up a couple hours earlier than they had planned. Those who stuck around (and there were a good number of you) enjoyed the "best fish chowder I've ever had" (to quote a member who was back for his 3rd bowl). The next week, the weather proved to be a little more pleasant, and we had a great turn-out not only for the race, but for the delicious gumbo that **Frank and Sharon Woodul** prepared. They served both shrimp gumbo and crab gumbo, and it's hard to tell which was the favorite as there was not a drop left of either one. At least one member was heard saying that it was definitely the "best gumbo I've ever had" (as he filled his 4th bowl).

As of this writing, we are looking forward to more great after-race dinners to be served up by **Barb Prashner** (tomato soup and cheese sandwiches) on Feb 7th and **Pat Manning** (sloppy joes) on Feb 14th. Yep, that's Valentine's day, in case you'd forgotten, which works out just perfectly. Nothing says "I love you" like taking your sweetie out for some vigorous racing on Lake Travis followed by sloppy joes in the clubhouse. Well, at least some of us would buy that – we'll do our best to make it kind of valentine-sy, to try to make it a little more convincing for those who are less easily swayed.

In addition to all the great food, **Pat Manning's** been serving up her "Hot Rudder'd Bum" (contributions accepted!) to the delight of many, and we'll also have a keg for the end of series dinner. And what will we be serving at the end of series dinner? Chili off course! Your fellow sailors (and you if you want to join the fun!) will be facing off with a Chili Cook-Off on Feb 21. We'll have a panel of judges (volunteers still being accepted but not for long!) who will pick the top chilis and we will also be handing out a "sailors choice" award. Yes! There will be prizes for the winners! There's not much time if you still want to participate but haven't signed up yet, so contact Susie (ghowiellc@aol.com or 785-2484) or **Molly Lewis** (mlewis@signaturescience.com or 569-9623) if you're interested.

Finally, mark your calendars now for Opening Day on March 15. There will be more details in the March Tell-tale, but plan on joining us as we officially kick off the

2009 racing season with brunch and a short ceremony before the first Spring Series race. The Ides of March is particularly appropriate for this event because (in addition to the well-known Julius Caesar connection), it marks the first day of Spring in the Roman calendar and coincides with the festival for Anna Perenna, Roman goddess of the New Year! We won't make you wear togas or anything, but thought everyone would appreciate the connection (or maybe I'm just enough of a nerd that I had to share this bit of trivia when I learned of it and recognized it's connection to our Opening Day!). In any case, we're looking forward to seeing you out there for this event (did we mention that we'll be serving food? For free?)

Please join us for AYC Opening Day

March 15, 2009

Keel Fleet... *(Continued from Page 12)*

the 28th of February. Let's see as many KHF boats as possible out for this one. It's a fun race and goes up to places on the Lake we don't often see.

That's it for now. See you on the water!

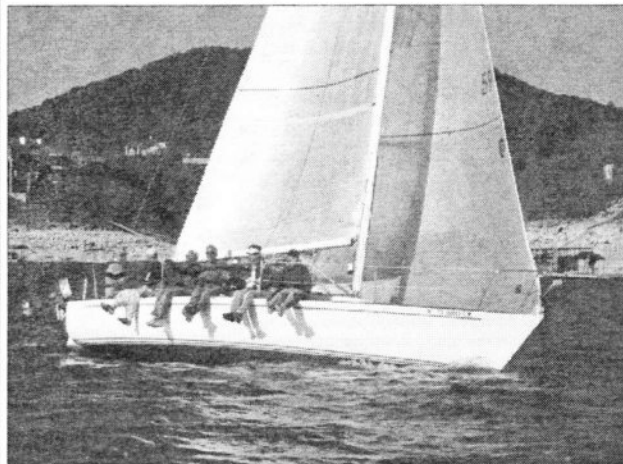
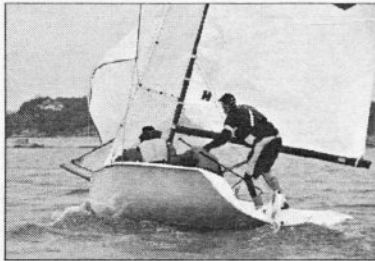


Photo Above: Ray Shull and crew, all smiles on "Mostly Harmless".

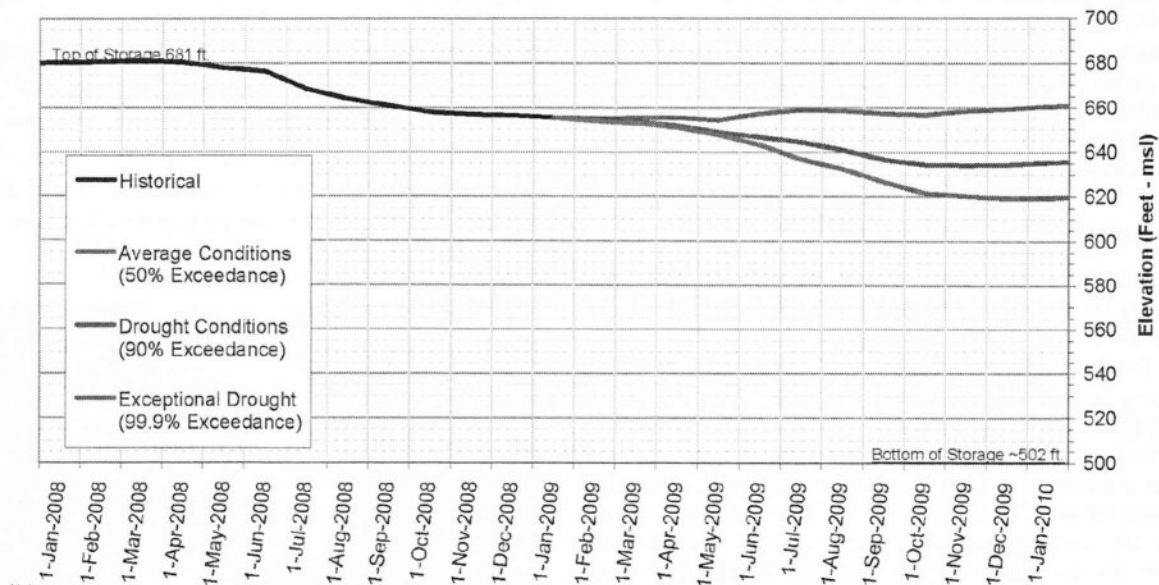


Viper Demo Day Photos

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Lake Travis Level One-year Forecast with Variable Inflows to the Highland Lakes



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Membership Changes

Name	Action	Type
Klein, Will	Prob. completion	Sr.
Ford, Fred	Prob. completion	Sr.
Palmer, Vicki	Made Honorary	Non - Res.
Lance, Leon	Resignation	Sr.
Tothro, Melissa	Resignation	Sr.
Musgrave, Ken	Resignation	Sr.
Bach, Lauren	Resignation	Non-Res
Rolls, Daran	Resignation	Asso.

New Members

Name	Type
Floyd, Donald	Sr. Prob.
Rogers, Tommy	Asso.
Deatrick, Roger	Sr. Prob.

Congratulations!



Calling All AYC Junior Sailors!

The TSA Roadrunner Regatta is scheduled for the AYC on March 7-8. We would love to have a huge turnout of local racers to represent our club in this competition.

Please check the AYC Office or website for registration information, or call or e-mail Steve Gay or Bill Hawk for more information.

We need to know how many FJs are needed for local competitors - there are a number of teams coming from other clubs, and we want to reserve the boats for our kids before they are all loaned out.

Thank you - see you at the Club!



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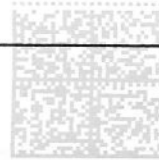
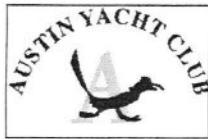
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