

Telltale

March 2009

Monthly Newsletter

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AYC Opening Day
&
Start of
Spring Series



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US Sailing PRO
Certification Course



March 28, 2009
Long Distance
Regatta
NEW DATE!



Blowing 30 Knots at Frostbite...
What a blast!

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Tuesday: noon—5:00 p.m.
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Closed Mondays

Closed Club Holidays:

New Year's Day	1 January
Easter Sunday	12 April
Independence Day	4 July
Thanksgiving Day	26 November
Shopping Day	27 November
Christmas Day	25 December

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Cover photo: Frostbite Series Race on February 21, 2009, Photo courtesy of Bruce McDonald

AYC 2009 Race Calendar

March 7-8	Roadrunner Regatta TSA
March 15	Spring Series Race #1 (RC J24, FWS 1:30 p.m.)
March 22	Spring Series Race #2 (RC Keel Fleet A, FWS 1:30p.m.)
March 28	AYC Long Distance Regatta (Rescheduled)
March 29	UT SEISA Dinghy Championship
March 29	Spring Series Race #3 (RC Keel Fleet Non-Spin, FWS 1:30 p.m.)
April 3-5	J22 Circuit Regatta
April 5	Spring Series Race #4 (RC Keel Fleet B, FWS 2:30 p.m.)
April 11-12	Easter Laser Regatta
April 18	UT SEISA Women's Championship
April 19	Spring Series Race #5 (RC Multihull, FWS 1:30 p.m., EOS Shrimp Boil)
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)

**Long Distance Race
has been rescheduled for
March 28, 2009**

AYC 2009 Non-Racing Events

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 17	US Sailing Mount Gay Rum Speaker Series— Dave Perry
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.)
May 30	PB&J June Session—Week #1
June 6	PB&J June Session—Week #2
June 8-12	Summer Sailing Camp Session #1
June 12	PB&J June Session—Week #3
June 15-19	Summer Sailing Camp Session #2
June 18	New Member Candidate Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
June 20	PB&J June Session—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 July Session—Week #1
June 29-July 2	Summer Sailing Camp Session #4
July 6-10	Summer Sailing Camp Session #5 (tentative)
July 11	PB&J July Session—Week #2
July 16	New Member Candidate Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
July 18	PB&J July Session—Week #3
July 23	PHRF Handicap Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
July 25	PB&J July Session—Week #4
July 28	AYC Board of Directors Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
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From The Commodore

By David Lewis



Am I in the Zone yet? Are you in the Zone? Should you care? If you don't know, you'll soon have an opportunity to find out!

For the last couple of years, Austin Yacht Club has been among the prestigious hosts of **US Sailing's Mount Gay Rum Speaker Series**. Gary Jobson

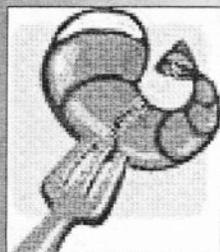
was the speaker both years, and both of his presentations were absolutely outstanding. Both events were completely sold out, and both years, everyone that I talked to after had a really great time. (And there's free Mount Gay rum, to boot!)

So, we're doing it again this year! On **April 17th** AYC will host the **2009 US Sailing Mount Gay Rum Speaker Series**, with **Dave Perry** as this year's featured speaker. (We thought we would give Gary Jobson a rest and not put the pressure on him to come up with a completely new and original presentation for a third year in a row—although that didn't seem to be a problem for him last year!)

Dave Perry, of course, is probably best known for his book "Understanding the Racing Rules of Sailing." Recently updated for the 2009-2012 rules, this book was first published in 1985, and has found a home in countless protest rooms and sail bags around the world since then. Since 2009 is a rules change year, this seemed like a perfect opportunity to have one of the foremost experts in the

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Shrimp Boil & New Members Social



Join us on April 19 after the last Spring Series Race for a Shrimp Boil and social to welcome our newest AYC members!

Race Commander Report By Rick Smith

The first series of the year is in the books. We congratulate the winners and hope everyone had a wonderful time sailing and socializing. The series started out with difficult weather conditions and ended in the same manner. We are thankful to **Molly Lewis** and the social committee for putting on one of the best after race social gatherings. The food was great! We give a big hand of applause to all that helped with the after race activities.

On the water the changes we have implemented this season seem to have been well accepted, and we hope they add to the ease of racing as well as making the sailing more tactical and fun. We are moving along with our redesign of the signal system for the committee boat. We thank **John Bartlett** and **Pat Feagin** who are doing the work. We also thank all who provided input on how to improve on the concept with which John started.

We finished our second and final Race Committee training session during the first part of February. We had good participation from the fleets with all but 2 fleets represented. We owe thanks to **Brad Davis** who agreed to teach the training and to **Fred Ford** and **Remus Broussard** for the organization of the materials for the session. We tailored the discussion to the level of expertise attending. The feedback was extremely positive.

I would like to highlight the scoring team this month. The team is lead by **Remus Broussard** with **Jenny Loehlin**, **Mark Boelens**, **John Madalozzo**, and **Rob Stivers** as members. We have put a lot of focus on the scoring process with training and reemphasis of the importance of the data recorded on the water. Good data makes the scoring go smoother and with fewer issues. The membership needs to take responsibility for ensuring they have up-to-date information in the system with the correct boat type, name, and sail number. It is critical for those folks who plan to sail PHRF to have up-to-date Certificates with the rating and boat information. If something changes (like using a different sail with a conflicting number than the one on our data base), please ensure that you let the RC know about the change. Please be considerate of the folks that volunteer their time to this function. These issues are the cause for delays in the scoring process. Also, when you see these folks around the club, say thanks as a nice reward for doing a thankless job.

Spring Series races are listed below with the dates and key times for your information. Remember you can access the race schedule on the club web site by clicking on Racing at the top of the home page.

Spring Series:

- March 15th** Spring Series 1 Competitors Briefing
12:00 First Signal 13:30
- March 22nd** Spring Series 2
- March 29th** Spring Series 3
- April 3rd -5th** J-22 Circuit Regatta
- April 5th** Spring Series 4 Due to the J22 Circuit
Regatta First Signal 14:30
- April 19** Spring Series 5 and Awards

Please note that we have set back the start time to 14:30 for Series Race 4 to accommodate the J22 Circuit Regatta. We need to be good hosts and give the traveling boats ramp priority to get them out of the water and ready to head home. The J22 fleet will have folks at the ramp and rigging docks to help with the traffic management.

Here is one last pitch for the PRO Certification Training to be held at the club on March 21st. This is an opportunity for AYC members to elevate the level of race management at our club. Limited space is available.

Late breaking news: The Spring Long Distance Race was cancelled due to excessive winds. I guess the old adage, "March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb", is true. Quick thinking by all on hand changed the sailing instructions to allow for a re-sail of the event on the 28th of March. Let's see if the lamb shows! This date is pending approval by the board.

Rick Smith for your PRC



SPRING CLEANUP DAY

Attention everyone! We will have a cleanup and new project day on Saturday, April 18 from 9 am to 3 pm. Several activities will take place to improve the appearance of the Clubhouse and grounds. **Steve Vaughn** will be laying a new section of sidewalk as part of the "new" Clubhouse entrance. We will be planting spring flowers and applying fresh stain to the downstairs' picnic tables. There may be other activities, as well, depending on member attendance and interest. If you know how to use a shovel, plant flowers, mix concrete, hold a paint brush, make a sandwich, or offer an opinion, please come out! Show up for part or the whole day, as you schedule allows. Lunch will be served around noon.

See you then!
Jim Rehage,
Buildings & Grounds Commander



Vice Commodore Report By Steve Eller

Just like last year, the wind gods were not kind to the Long Distance Regatta. Unlike last year where there was absolutely no wind, this year we had way too much wind (30 – 40 mph) and the race was abandoned. **Ravi Subramanian** (who will be traveling the world by the time you read this) did an excellent job pulling this event together and as he said at the event, "if you want a sport that does not depend on the weather conditions take up bowling."

However, we own all of the ingredients for a really good event (trophies, crew trophies and beer) so we are going to give this event another try on Saturday, March 28, 2009. If you registered on February 28, you are automatically registered for the resail date. **Renee Ruais** has graciously agreed to be the Regatta Chairwoman for the resail event. If you did not make it out due to the weather, please plan to join us at the end of the month.

Some of you may have noticed that we included a 2-day regatta at the beginning of May. This event was placed on the calendar in lieu of the Centerboard Regatta which has suffered from low participation the past few years. The new May regatta is envisioned as a 2-day round-the-buoys event for just about anything that floats (keelboats, triamarans, beach cats, and centerboarders). We have decided to resurrect the Governor's Cup name for this event. **James Wilsford** has agreed to Chair this event and he is busy pulling together the details this month.

Late in February, I had a meeting with **Ray Shull** who is the Chairman of this year's Turnback Canyon Regatta. Ray has been very busy planning this event and he has a number of improvements in store for this regatta. I am not going to spill the beans yet but I will say that if you miss Turnback this year you will be jealous when you hear the stories.

Lastly, we are planning a Centerboard Handicap Series this summer to be held on Thursday evenings. We have not finalized the concept yet but it will be something between the Wednesday Night Sunfish/Laser Series and the Beercan Races. If you have a centerboarder lying around gather dust get it cleaned up are ready for action this summer.

See you on the water!

AYC's Opening Day...is coming!

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field come and 'splain them to us in plain English. In addition to being a master of the rules and accomplished writer, I'm told that Dave is an excellent speaker as well. He's also an accomplished sailor, having won numerous local, regional, national and international regattas. Just recently, he qualified to represent the USA at the ISAF Nation's Cup. David is chairman of the US Sailing Appeals Committee and he will be an instructor for the US SAILING Racing Rules Seminars presented by North U this year.

If you haven't been to one of the previous Mount Gay Rum Speaker Series events, let me give you a quick synopsis. It's like happy hour, with free rum, and sailing stories told by the folks you read about in the sailing books and magazines. Basically, as a host of a Speaker Series event we agree to hold a "cocktail party" with drinks and snacks. Mount Gay Rum, as a primary sponsor, supplies free rum; AYC provides mixers and snacks. The cocktail hour is followed by the featured speaker. After the speaker speaks, there is an opportunity to meet him, and probably to buy copies of his book or get your copy autographed. Eating, drinking and socializing continues after the speaker's talk until the food and drink run out and everyone makes their way home. To cover part of our costs, we have charged a nominal fee to come and hear the speaker. We are planning on doing that again this year (\$8 per person—an outstanding value!). As part of our agreement with US Sailing, we have to commit to having at least 100 attendees. That has not been a problem either of the past two years—both events have been completely sold out well in advance, with us removing all of the tables and putting as many chairs as we can fit into the Clubhouse (~130 seats). So, mark you calendars now and plan on signing up soon for this year's event. Look for flyers around the club in all the usual places for more information.

As I'm writing this, Opening Day and the kick-off of the Spring Series is a week away. As your reading it, I hope you had a great time. I know the volunteers that organized the brunch and the after-race snacks and Roman festivities put a lot of work into it.

If you didn't make it out for any of the Frostbite Series races you missed some good racing and some really, really good food after the races. The after-race meals were such a hit that the Social Committee has agreed to continue them for the Spring Series. There is more about that in the Social column in this edition of the Telltale. See you in the Zone!

Harbor News By Christopher Dwight

Harbor Committee: For 2009, my job as Fleet Commander is being aided by my fellow Harbor Committee members **Vic Manning** and **Remus Broussard**. For 2009, we will be working to address our pending wet slip move request wait list, repair and re-foam the junior pavilion, and work with the long-range planning committee and Loomis Partners to develop a harbor improvement engineering proposal. We will also be scheduling various work parties to reposition docks and perform general maintenance. In coming months when you see notices in the Telltale or posted around the AYC buildings, please consider volunteering for these work parties. Our volunteer workforce helps to minimize expense and also provides a great opportunity to make new acquaintances among the AYC membership.

Wet Slip Reassignments – Moving Some Boats

Around: The Harbor Committee has completed an initial round of wet slip reassignments, moving less active boats in order to accommodate the pending slip requests of our more active members. Over the coming months we will continue to reassign slips. If you happen to be one of the members contacted by the harbor committee for reassignment, I would appreciate your understanding the challenge of managing a limited supply of wet slip resources, and would ask you to consider the benefit your cooperation will have on continued participation from our more active sailor community.

Visiting Boats: As part of a long standing tradition, we allow some visiting J/22 and J/24 boats onto the AYC grounds a few weeks before and after their respective circuit stops at AYC. This courtesy helps to drive higher participation at these racing events. With the J/22 circuit stop coming up on April 4-5 and the J/24 circuit stop shortly thereafter on May 16-17, don't be surprised to see some unfamiliar boats out on the AYC point.

Work Area, Hoist, and Dry-Out: Our work area and hoist have been busy so far in 2009. For both the hoist and slab areas, slots must be reserved in advance. Reservations are recorded in black calendar books that are located in the AYC office during office hours, and in the AYC clubhouse near the soda cooler during non-office hours. Note that hoist usage is limited to three consecutive days, and the work on slab to three consecutive weeks. Our dry-out area is also a shared use location. This area is intended to allow members who have an assigned wet slip the opportunity to dry-out their normally wet-stored boats. Boats may be stored in the dry-out area for up to thirty days. Please be sure to follow our rules for using these facilities to ensure that all members have equal access. If you have questions, please contact me at Fleet_Commander@AustinYachtClub.net.

Sail Training By Bill Hawk

The AYC Junior sailing season is traditionally kicked off by the TSA Roadrunner Regatta, which was held this year on March 7-8. The **Rochards** volunteered to act as event co-chairs again, and again kept to the high standard of past years' performance. The Austin stop is always a favorite of the Texas Sailing Junior Circuit, and under **Brigitte and Eric's** careful attention a team of volunteers ran another wonderful regatta.

For several years the RR Regatta has been the largest event held at AYC during the racing season; we always have at least ninety boats, and over a hundred kids and their families drive in from all over Texas to race. If you have not had a chance to be a part of it, consider helping next year with race committee or some other role – it's wonderful to see so many young competitive sailors, and a great way to help pass the baton to the next generation.

Plans are coming together for the 2009 Peanut Butter & Jelly and Summer Camps. The dates for the camps this year will be:

Peanut Butter & Jelly Camp

AYC's PB&J camp is our learn-to-sail for 4-9 year olds – no sailing experience is necessary. **Doug Kern** and **John Morran** are going to take the lead in running this camp again, as always with assistance from the office and the parents. PB&J Camp costs \$40 per child for the four week session.

Kids attend PB&J camp for one of two sessions each morning of camp - 9:30 to 11:00 or 11:00 to 12:30. The sessions will be held as follows:

June PB&J Session - May 30, June 6, June 12, June 20
July PB&J Session - June 27, July 11, July 18, July 25 (skipping July 4th)

An August session may be held, depending on lake levels – a decision will be made in June as to whether this session can be held – reservations will be taken but no payments will be accepted until a final decision is made. If it is held, the August Session will be August 1, August 8, August 15, and August 22.

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Summer Camp

The Austin Yacht Club summer sailing camp is a week-long day camp that provides 8-16+ year olds an introduction to sailing, boat handling, knots and rigging, and water safety. The camp runs from 9:00AM to 5:00PM every day, with drop-off beginning at 8:00 and pick-up no later than 6:00.

The training combines chalk-talks and drills with lots of time spent on the water. The Club owns fleets of Optimist Dinghies, Lasers, FJs, and windsurfers that are available for the campers to sail. Fridays consist of a short fun regatta, water tag, or some other competitive drill with a pizza lunch and cake and ice cream to celebrate the end of the week's session.

Camp costs will be the same as last year - \$400 per week for non-members, \$350/week for members, and \$50 off for additional children enrolled. There are currently five sessions planned for the summer camp:

Session #1 - June 8-12

Session #2 - June 15-19

Session #3 - June 22-26

Session #4 - June 29-July 2 (short week, Friday off and camp fee prorated for this session)

Session #5 - July 6-10 depending on demand and lake levels – hopefully a decision can be made in the late April/early May timeframe as to whether this session will be held.

Registration

Current plans are to open PB&J and camp pre-registration to AYC members through April 8, then open registration to members and the general public from April 13 until sessions are full or until the start of camp.

Pre-registration for any session of the camps may be made **by members only** by sending an e-mail to Sail_Training@AustinYachtClub.net. Include the desired camp session, child's name, and AYC member number. Incomplete information or e-mail from non-members will not result in a spot being reserved.

Please do **not** call the AYC office to reserve a camp spot – reservations can **only** be made by sending an e-mail as described above.

No payment will be required from members until the website registration is fully opened. A confirmation e-mail will be sent to pre-registrants with instructions on payment – in general, PB&J will require payment in full to reserve a spot, while summer camp will require a down payment of \$150 per child per session.

Counselors

At this time there are a few paid positions open for Counselors and Coaches for the AYC Summer Camps and the junior program. We are looking for individuals who are good with children and parents, can commit to and follow through with a scheduled series of activities, and who are knowledgeable about sailing and sailboats. US Sailing certification, life guard certification, and first aid/CPR training are not required but would be beneficial.

The positions we are currently looking to fill are camp counselor, PB&J assistants, and High School/Middle School coach. The work schedules are full-time for June and maybe one week in July for the camp counselor, Saturday mornings in June and July (and possibly August) for PB&J assistant, and about 10 hours/week for a coach. Interested parties please e-mail Bill Hawk at Sail_Training@AustinYachtClub.net to discuss availability and training.

Adult Sail Training

Keep an eye on the AYC Website and this space for announcements about Rules Seminars, Adult Learn-to-Sail, Young Adult Double-Handed, Racing Clinics, and other training opportunities for the, um, more mature kids at the AYC!

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



Frostbite

The Ensign fleet finally got in their first race of the year. Turnout was light, with **Mitch Barnett**, **Tom Groll** and **Fred Ford** turning out with their crews for a go around the permanent marks.

It was windy enough for #2 Genoa's, and spinnakers remained stowed. When the waves settled, **Fred Ford** let it be known that there's a new stick jockey in town, as he picked up the win. Having solid crew didn't hurt his cause either, while **Tom**, who finished second, was sailing single handed.

The following weekend, we had four boats out and near perfect conditions, though the wind bordered on light for a spell. **Bill Hawk** got the best start, but decided to head back to the right, ducking the fleet and eating a header across the lake. **Danny Lien** took **Gravy Boat** out for her inaugural race, and whether it was boat, crew or skipper, the combination proved to be a winning one as they took the lead on the first windward leg and never looked back except to see how far away the rest of the fleet was. **Fred Ford** brought **Randolph** and **Frans** on board to try and maintain their lead in the series. Opting to stay west of Starnes Island on the way to D mark turned out to be a good call as they managed to leapfrog **Tom Groll**, who was sailing with **George Dahmen** and **Caroline Parobek**. It was a different story going downwind as **Fred** could not fend **Tom** off before getting rolled. The fleet tightened up a bit with **Prickly Pair** making up significant ground (or water) over the downwind leg until rounding K mark just

behind September. The two boats sailed in close proximity until **Bill** tried to tack to port and cross. There was not enough room to cross, nor even opportunity to duck, so they had to tack back at low speed and that left their come back attempt wallowing. So, the finish left **Tom** and **Fred** tied in points going into the final weekend.



Re-conditioned Gravy Boat during pre-start



Fred Ford focuses on driving while Tom Groll comes up from astern

The final weekend was yet another gusty Saturday, and the only two boats turning out were sitting atop the standings. Getting battered and soaked in the pre-race whitecaps, **Fred Ford** and his crew on September called it a day before the race began, and headed back to the docks. **Tom Groll** started alone and sailed a leg or two before retiring. With only one boat starting, they would not be scoring the Ensign fleet. So **Fred**, by virtue of his first place finish in one of two races completed, took the hardware home on a tie breaker over **Tom**. Congratulations to Fred!

The Ensign fleet was represented in the end of series Chili Cook-off by **Tom Groll** who prepared another batch of his splendid chili concoction.

Looking Ahead

Spring Series gets under way on the Ides of March, so come out on the 15th and join the fleet for Opening Day. On April 5, in conjunction with an post-race dinner sponsored by the AYC social committee, our fleet will be celebrating the engagement of **Sarah Baker** and **Eric Faust**, so come join us to wish them well and enjoy some cake! Afterwards, we will have a Regionals Championship Regatta planning meeting. More details coming up via email, but in the meantime, **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

SC 21 Fleet News By Mark Boelens



A select few, courageous sailors tested the water and winter winds on their much loved South Coast 21s in this year's Frostbite series. Five vessels along with their skip-pers and crew engaged the elements for some fun racing

during January and February, while most other South Coast 21 owners and crew participated on J/29s and other larger sailboats with the hope of keeping dry.

Coastbusters, skippered by **Andy Hempel**, took honors with an average of three vessels participating per race. Unfortunately, his lovely craft was the recipient of the "annual ramming of a South Coast" during Race 2. Last year's recipient was **Tommy Meyer's Gone Coastal**, hit in same location after his beautiful paint-job. Fortunately, no one was injured.

Carl Morris and crew deserve special recognition. Carl, who is rumored to be over 40 years of age, raced his South Coast 21 in all three races and participated in our race committee duties.

Race Committee

The South Coast fleet did an outstanding job with excellent and greatly appreciated participation of countless fleet members. Special recognition is extended to **Bruce McDonald** who organized our eleven plus volunteers on that windy day. Bruce provided excellent leadership getting the races started on time, even with one the chase boat fouling a prop close to the start time of race.

Following the new scoring procedures, scores were posted in record time without incident.

Gin and Tonics

The social committee has been doing a fantastic job bringing the club together for post-race activities. Their Frost Bite success has created demand to extend the beer and food post race activities for the Spring Series. After a random polling of the fleet, we will forego Gin and Tonics for most of the Spring Series races and have fun fellowship with the other fleets.

However, we will have a Gin and Tonic toast and brief meeting following the first race of the Spring Series before heading to the main club festivities. This will allow some planning for the Intergalactics and other activities.

Administrative Details

Several members must be in the witness protection program and don't want to be contacted as phone numbers, emails and photos are out of date and incorrect. Close to 50% of fleet members are unreachable via the phone numbers and emails listed at AYC. Please take a minute and log into the AYC web-site and update your personal information so you can be notified of upcoming events and contacted if needed.

Photos

Progressing throughout the year, the fleet's web-site will continue to be refreshed. To do so, please email an updated photo of your South Coast for inclusion in the fleet roster to rmboelens@gmail.com. Additionally, feel free to include a separate photo of yourself and or other relevant photos.

Important Dates

2009 Intergalactic is tentatively scheduled for April 25th. This date is still pending formal approval by the Board.

Dues and Dock Fees Increase Notice

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts informed AYC this month that a 1% local sales and use tax for the Travis County Emergency Service District No. 6 becomes effective on April 1, 2009. AYC is inside the boundaries of the Travis County Emergency Service District No. 6, which includes the Hudson Bend area. Therefore, AYC must begin collecting the 1% Travis County Emergency Service District No. 6 sales and use tax on April 1, 2009. This means that the combined sales tax rate is being raised from 6.5% to 7.5% and it will affect both the dues and the dock fees. For more information, please contact Bob Woods at the AYC office.

In Memoriam



Memorial for
Jean Ann Tippett Gairloff

Born in Abilene, Texas
Departed on Feb. 27, 2009 and
resided in Austin, TX.

Jean Ann Tippett Gairloff, age 53, passed away February 27, 2009. Ann was born in Abilene, Texas to G. Ross Tippett and Jane Downing Tippett (deceased). She was a kind, generous and selfless person who was always helping others. Ann is survived by her father and step-mother, Ross and Jacquelyn Tippett; her sister and brother-in-law, Jenny and Michael Kelley; her nephews, Kevin M. Kelley, and Christopher R. Kelley and his wife Susie Littlejohn; and her step-sisters and brother, Cheryl Carrell, Wendall Corrigan-Braniff, Shannon Carlile, and Scott Corrigan.

Ann Gairloff graduated from Abilene High School in 1974 and then attended South West Texas State University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Fashion Merchandising. After graduation, she moved to Austin and thrived in the Austin culture. Ann was an employee of JMJ Associates.

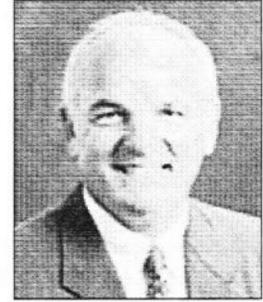
Ann was happiest spending time with family and friends and enjoyed tennis, her pets, and sailing. Ann was a long time member of the Austin Yacht Club. She served on the AYC Board of Directors and various committees in addition to competitively racing sunfish and J24s. She received the 1994 Women's Corinthian Sailor Award and the 1996 Caroline Howard Memorial trophy. The family would like to express their appreciation to the many family and friends who cared for Ann and to the wonderful doctors and staff at Texas Oncology for their professional and compassionate support and guidance during this difficult period.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, March 9, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at the St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Austin. There will be a celebration of Ann's life at her house following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Ann Gairloff's name to the American Cancer Society (<http://www.cancer.org/docroot/home/index.asp>), Harmony Hills Retreat Center (<http://www.harmonyhill.org/>), Austin Humane Society (<http://www.austinspca.com/>), or a charity of your choice.

In Memoriam

Memorial for
William Hartley Cahill



William Hartley Cahill departed this life on Sunday, March 8, 2009 at the age of 55 at his residence in Spicewood, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents, William Fronheiser Cahill and Audrey Hartley Cahill. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Hazel Sanchez Cahill; his children, William James Cahill, husband of Andrea Hanel Cahill, Joan Margaret Cahill, and Matthew McFaul Cahill; and his sister, Ann Cahill Casbon, wife of John Newton Casbon. Bill, as he was called by his family and friends, was born on December 15, 1953 in Marianna, Florida. He lived in New Orleans for twenty-five years before moving to Austin, where he and Hazel resided for the past seven years in the beautiful Hill Country. He graduated from the University of Delaware in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and later earned an MBA in Finance from Loyola University New Orleans in 1981. He served as the Vice President for Information Technology at St. Edward's University in Austin from 2002 to the present. Bill was an avid sailor and a member of Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans and the Austin Yacht Club. He loved racing sailboats, cooking, and "ranching" on his property on Bee Creek. Bill gave tirelessly of his time and energy to numerous non-profit organizations, including the United Way and Knowbility, an organization devoted to ensuring barrier-free information technology to people with disabilities.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Friday, March 13, 2009 at the Chapel at Remembrance Gardens at Riverbend, 4214 Capital of Texas Highway North in Austin. A Mass honoring Bill's life will be held at noon on Friday, March 13 at the Chapel, followed by interment at Remembrance Gardens. In lieu of flowers gifts may be made, in memory of William Cahill, to St. Edward's University, Advancement Office, 3001 South Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78704.

Obituary and guestbook online at wcfish.com.

Catalina 22 Fleet News

By Peter Broberg



While February was a month of recovery from racing for most of our group, the fleet nonetheless distinguished itself on the water with an excellent turn at Race Committee duty on Valentine's Day. Ten fleet members showed up to volunteer even though they risked time conflicts with plans for romance later that evening. On the committee boat,

Dan Ohe again proved himself an accomplished PRO, setting great courses and a perfectly square start line. **David Rehberg** ran start flags and called the line for several congested finishes. **John Grzinich** and **Christy Bataille** worked feverishly to double-record the data. **Peter Broberg** manned the stern for class flags and course data. **Roy Crouse** ably drove one chase boat with **Art Bussey** and **Brett Wilson** as mark inflators and handlers. The tried and true team of **George Robison** and **Paul Jensen** manned the other chase boat. All the races went off without a hitch and the last finisher had just crossed the line when a gentle rain began to fall. We returned to the clubhouse in time for some excellent refreshment and everyone still had time to make his or her evening Valentine's Day destination in a timely fashion. Many thanks to all for pitching in to make it all go so smoothly!

By the time you read this we should be well into the Spring Series, which we usually run as Genoa-only to encourage maximum participation by new skippers and to take advantage of the often-breezy spring conditions. Hope to see you out on the lake in large numbers!!

J24 Fleet News By Tom Lappin

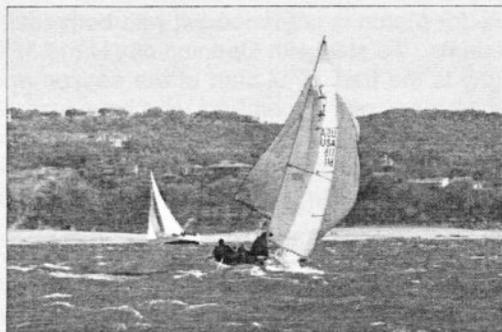


For those that have not heard, I have some bad news. **Ann Gairloff** lost her battle with cancer on Friday, February 27th. She was a long time and loved member of the J/24 fleet and was active up until her battle began a couple of years ago. For those wishing to attend her services, it will be held at St. Mathews Episcopal Church on Monday, March 9th at 11:00 AM. Her obituary is on the previous page in this Telltale.

My heart and prayers go out to Tommy and the rest of her family.

Frostbite Series Photos...

(Courtesy of Bruce McDonald)



Keel Handicap Fleet News

By Larry Ratliff



What happened in February:

The month of February provided some interesting weather and racing for KHF. From having to call races for no wind to having to call them because of too much wind, we saw it all. In between, some good races were held for the Frostbite series...and the winners are:

A Fleet: **Ray Schull** in his J29 with an average of 4.7 boats;

B Fleet: **Jim Henrickson** in his Holder 20 with an average of 3.8 boats;

Non Spin: **Rob Stivers** in his Hunter 28.5 with an average of 6.7 boats.

Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to all who came out to compete.

A few comments from B-fleet specifically, courtesy of our B-fleet Captain **John Maddalozzo**: **Mike Chambers** and his Olson 25 crew on **Oz** gave B-Fleet a break from his usual domination by sitting out the Frostbite Series but he might have wanted to show up. He could have had a good time duking it out with **Jim Henrickson** who sailed his Holder 20 to three straight bullets. **Doug Laws** managed to win first in Race 4 by being the only one to finish, and got two seconds and a throw-out third. Heavier boats are a good thing when it's gusting 30. Another welcome appearance was made by **Dave Wahlberg** in his Kiwi 24. **Dave** and **David Lewis** fought it out for third place and came out with a tie.

Once we were done with the Frostbite series, it was on to the Long Distance Race. But Mother Nature wasn't done showing off for us just yet. The Long Distance Race was scheduled for February 28th, but was cancelled due to high winds, with gusts up over 40 mph. Fortunately a spot on the calendar has been found to re-schedule this race, Saturday March 28th (pending approval by the Board). Get your crews ready and come on out, there will be great racing, followed by food and a party...Don't miss it, it's a fun race.

Whats up in March:

The schedule for March is crammed full with both social and racing events. To start with Opening day is the 15th. This ceremony is the traditional start of the season and is the day when many of the members who have worked over the past years to build AYC are recognized, accompanied of course by food and drink. Come on out and don't forget your Blue Blazer, or blue t-shirt if you prefer, it is after all, Austin.

Racing kicks off the same day with the start of the Spring Series, so come for the party and stay for the

racing. The three KHF Fleets all have RC Duty during this series:

- A Fleet - Race #2 on March 22nd,
- Non Spin - Race #3 on March 29th:
- B Fleet - Race #4 on April 4th.

So call your Fleet Captain and volunteer now ...avoid the rush, limited seating.

Another event during March is the Race Management Seminar being held on the 21st. This seminar is being hosted by the PRC and is aimed at moving people into the Club Race Officer program. Much can be learned about the intricacies of race management from this seminar and I urge everyone who has an interest in this to sign up soon. Seating is truly limited for this event, so if you want to attend, sign up early.

What's going on with the Rating Committee:

There's been a personnel change on the Rating Committee. **Tom Lappin** after two years on the committee has stepped down. Many thanks to **Tom** for his help over the last two years. Luckily, **Claude Welles** has agreed to serve the rest of Tom's three year term, and per the KHF By-Laws this appointment has been approved by the KHF Board. **Claude** has been a member of this committee several times and is very experienced at rating Boats.

The committee is working hard to put new procedures in place and to take advantage of the tools that are now available on the US Sailing PHRF Council web site. One of the most interesting of these is list of 4200 different boats that gives the low handicap, the high handicap and the average. Go check it out and see where your boat stands. If you have any questions on your rating or the rating process in general contact **Barry Bowden** (Rating Committee Chair) or any member of his committee.

Social Stuff:

The success of the post race meals put on by the Social Committee has led to the AYC Board to approve the same thing for the Spring Series. First, kudos to **Molly Lewis** and her crew for one of the best social events we have seen in a long time. The food was outstanding and the camaraderie was better. Since post race food was not originally in the Club Budget there will be a nominal cost (\$3 is what I believe the price will be) for Spring Series. These are great post race events and KHF does not want to compete with this, so we will be holding off on any KHF post race events until the next series. The KHF Board has approved the purchase of three kegs to be used for these meals on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th races of the series. Let's all meet up in the club house after the races, have food, drink and swap stories about what happened on the course.

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Socially Speaking By Molly Lewis

The first two months of 2009 have been a lot of fun out at the Yacht Club. We had a great turn-out for the Frostbite series races. Although the weather for the first one resulted in a cancelled race, and the weather for the last race made for some rough sailing, the climate was always just right in the clubhouse with the wonderful soups and other food served up by our terrific club volunteers during the post-race socials. We had a great turn-out for the Chili Cook-Off after the last race, with the big winners being:

- Ed Hill** – First Place in the blind judging
Barb Prashner – First Place in the Sailors' Choice contest
John Howard – Best-Named Chili winner (Stimulus Chili)

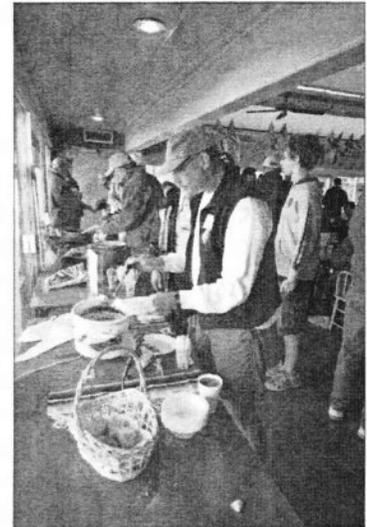
Congratulations to these guys, and special thanks to ALL of other the chili cooks as well: **Terry McDermott, Ray Shull, Brett Wunderlich, Tom Groll, Jenny Loehlin, Stacy Tucker, Rob Stivers, and Barry Bowden**. I don't think there was a drop of any chili left at the end (well, except for the "Stagg & Doe" chili whipped up by the Social Committee with various canned ingredients we had left over from earlier dinners – I'm pretty sure it took last place in all contests, but at least a few of you ate it!).

We're looking forward to a great Opening Day and Spring Series Kick-Off on the Ides of March, followed by food and beer and a "not-really-a-toga-party" party after the race. Then, based on all the fun we had during Frostbite, we'll be continuing the post-race socials during the rest of the Spring Series, so be sure to join us in the clubhouse following each the races for food and beer! The Keel Fleet has volunteered to cover the kegs for the Spring Series, the Ensign fleet will be providing a very special dessert on April 5th, and **Susie McDonald** is busy lining up volunteers for the meals. If you'd like to be part of putting on a great meal and earn the praise and gratitude of your apparently always-hungry fellow sailors, contact either **Susie McDonald** or **Molly Lewis** and let us know when and what you'd like to contribute (Susie: ghowiellc@aol.com or 785-2484; Molly mlewis@signaturescience.com or 569-9623). For the last meal of the Spring Series on April 19, we're planning a Shrimp Boil and New Member social. Be sure to mark your calendars and come out for what's sure to be great food and a fun time.

The next social event on the horizon along with all the Spring Series shindigs is the Mount Gay Rum Speaker Series on Friday, April 17th, featuring **Dave Perry** (and of course, Mount Gay rum!). Be on the lookout for more

details as the date for this event gets closer.

Although it's a little further out on the time horizon, we're also starting to make plans now for the AYC Luau, to be held on August 1 this year. We're very excited about this event, and are starting to line up volunteers. Be sure to let one of the social committee know if you'd like to be involved. From those who have helped put this on in year's past, I've been told that all the goings-on in getting ready for the Luau are almost as much fun as the Luau itself. Yes, I do recognize that they said this partly just to get me agree to do it, but if the first couple months of 2009 are any indication, I think they might be right. AYC is filled with lots of energetic and enthusiastic volunteers that make these types of events a lot of fun not only to participate in, but also to help support! And it's amazing how nice and grateful everyone is when you are serving them food and drinks and they're having a fun time! So, if you are looking for a chance to get involved, this is a great one to jump into – there's lots to do and lots of fun to be had!



(Photo Courtesy of Bill Records)

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Another social note:

The Friday Night Beer Can Races start on the Third of April. First gun for April will be at 6:30 PM with burgers and brats afterwards. Once the days get longer the start will move back to 7:00PM. As part of this series we need people to volunteer for cooking the meal. **Jim Tillinghast** has done an outstanding job of organizing this event over the last several years, but he needs volunteers to make it work. It's never too early to contact **Jim** and volunteer for cooking the burgers. This means taking it on for a month. You don't have to do it yourself, but you do have to coordinate with your crew or fleet or friends to make sure that someone is there to set up, cook and clean up. **Jim** takes care of purchasing the food so all you have to do is show up and be the Top Chef for the night. Please get back to **Jim** ASAP if you can help with the cooking.

See you on the water.

Turnback Canyon Regatta Update

By Ray Shull, Regatta Chair

Turnback Canyon 2009 (May 23-24, 2009) planning is well underway. Everyone who participated in Turnback Canyon last year remembers the great sailing conditions we had for both days, and the fun of camping out at a great shore-side facility. While, we can't guarantee that the sailing will again be such steady winds all the up and back, and that we'll also have warm sunny days, the aspects that are under our control are now being developed so that the regatta is fun, enjoyable, competitive, and did I mention fun.

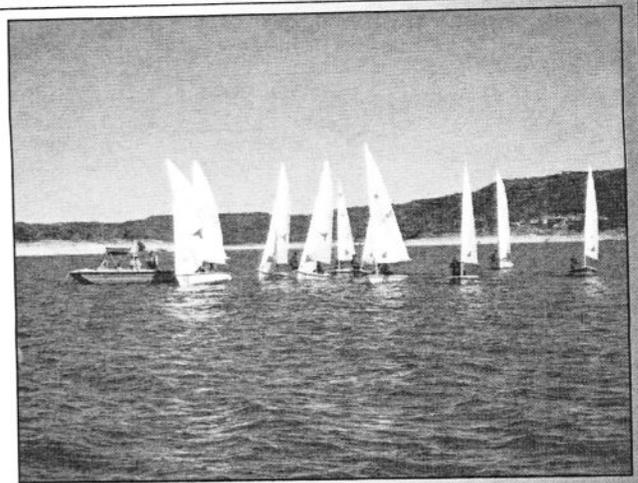
A major difference from recent previous Turnback regattas is that this year we are jointly planning an event with several enthusiastic Lago Vista organizations. The Lago Vista Chamber of Commerce, the Lago Vista Economic Development Fund, and the Lago Vista Board of Realtors are all working hard to establish a local annual event for Memorial Day Weekend centered on the Turnback Canyon Regatta. They hope to initiate an annual festival at the Bar-K Park that will provide the local community an enjoyable outing while at the same time providing a number of activities, displays, entertainment, and food/drink for the competing sailors once we arrive. They are hosting a number of activities for the Bar-K Park during that weekend which should make Turnback even enjoyable and interesting.

First the Lago Vista groups are organizing a "food court" type of eating area featuring at food prepared by at least four different local restaurants in an a-la-carte serving style. We will be able to sample the various types of food and drink over a longer period of time with no pre-planned dinner serving time. Scheduling the catering to coincide with our arrival time has always been difficult in the past with so many different types of boats and the unpredictable wind conditions. Food should now be available all afternoon and evening and may be purchased whenever you and your crew are ready to eat. Tickets are planned to be sold at a central location that can be used for either food or drink purchase. The central ticket booth will accept either cash or credit cards. Also, there are planned to be several displays and booths for various lake, and not-so-lake businesses, to display their products and services. This is planned to include boat dealerships, boat equipment, lake oriented businesses, boat chartering services, and arts and crafts plus

others. Also planned are children activities such as face painting, inner tube races in the cove, kid's crafts, etc. In addition, the Lago Vista groups are planning to add to our usual musical entertainment by provide two bands for the event in addition to a band provided by AYC. Thus, we should have musical entertainment for most of the afternoon and evening, instead of just for a couple of hours after dark.

Additionally, we're planning to provide lots of the smaller things that make the Regatta much more enjoyable such as ice delivery both Saturday and Sunday, breakfast on Sunday starting at seven (with lots of coffee), lots of portable toilets, the permanent restrooms/showers staying open all night, very limited vehicle access to the camping area of Bar-K to reduce noise and traffic, reducing the fire ant population before-hand, a ship-to-shore shuttle service for boats anchored away from shore, and assistance with shore anchoring and use of the tie-up stakes.

I'm sure that a number of other ideas will be incorporated into the planning as it develops. One common theme that I have heard in all my discussions with Lago Vista representatives is how interested the local residents are in our annual Turnback Canyon Regatta. They have repeatedly remarked how nice it is each year for them to find a good spot with a view of the lake to watch us sail by on Saturday and Sunday. They've even said that some of the local churches even schedule their Sunday morning services later than normal because too many of their congregation would otherwise not attend since they stayed home to watch us sail by on our return trip to AYC. I was surprised at the local interest in our event and expect that a number of residents will attend the park to get a closer look at the sailors that annually visit their part of the lake. With that in mind we're exploring ways to introduce the local non-sailors to the sailing part of the event. We may be calling on volunteers to provide commentary at a race viewing area and for sailors to staff an AYC booth and answer questions about sailing. More importantly, by wearing your regatta shirt around the Bar-K grounds you'll be recognized as one of the real sailors at the event and may be asked questions about how (and why) we do what we do. We're still working out a lot of the details for the events. I'll provide more information in subsequent articles as everything becomes more finalized. I think it's shaping up to be a great regatta and will be the start of a great tradition of the Lago Vista community sharing our interest in having a great time on Lake Travis over Memorial Day Weekend.



Calling All Junior Sailors!

Our junior sailing program is ramping up for the season. As the days are getting warmer (and the water too!) it's time to get our juniors out on the water. The AYC Junior Sailing Program is open to members age 9-18 with previous PB&J or Summer Sailing Camp experience. Our goal is to continue teaching and refining the sailing and racing skills learned in previous programs and build new skills that will allow our juniors to sail and race with confidence. We generally meet on Sunday afternoons from 2:00pm to 4:00pm down on the junior rigging dock. Though, as general spring sailing and racing gets underway at AYC, we may need to change our practice days or times occasionally. Official days and times can be found on the AYC website. There will be no Junior sail practices Sunday, March 15th or Sunday, March 21st, due to Spring Break holidays.

This past weekend we had many AYC juniors participate in the TSA Roadrunner Regatta held right here at AYC. It was a fantastic sight to see our kids out there showing off their skills during two challenging (though very differ-

ent) days of competition! And while we are proud of all our juniors, special congratulations goes to **Alan Ro-chard** who placed third in the Opti Red fleet and **Will Hawk** who along with his crew, **Clay**, placed fourth in the FJ class. Well done boys!

If you have any questions about the junior program or would like to be added to our google group to receive notice of practice times and other important Junior information, please contact **Susan Dwight** at sdd@austin.rr.com or 261-3009.



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