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Easter Sunday	April 24
Independence Day	July 4
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AYC 2011 RACE CALENDAR

September 3-4	Centerboard Regatta
September 10	Late Summer Series Race Day #1 (FWS 4:00P, RC Multi-Hull)
September 17	Late Summer Series Race Day #2 (RC PHRF A)
September 24	Late Summer Series Race Day #3 (PHRF B)
October 1-2	AYC Governor's Cup Regatta
October 16	Fall Series Race Day #1 (FWC 1:30P, RC Non-Spinnaker)
October 23	Fall Series Race Day #2 (RC J-22)
October 30	Fall Series Race Day #3 (RC Ensign)

AYC NON-RACING EVENTS

August 6	PB&J Junior Sailing Camp
August 13	PB&J Junior Sailing Camp
August 20	PB&J Junior Sailing Camp
August 27	PB&J Junior Sailing Camp
August 27	Luau
September 24	Keelboat Sailing Clinic #2
October 22	Women's Sailing Camp

You may now sign up online for series races through "Regatta Network."

In Memory of Pat Halter



AYC lost a long time member and beloved friend on Wednesday, July 27 with the passing of **Pat Halter**. Memorial services were held Tuesday, August 2 at St. Theresa's Catholic Church, where Pat and Ed's many friends joined together to honor and remember her life.

Pat and Ed were among the very first J/24 owners on Lake Travis in 1978. Who will ever forget "Patty Wagon" and her many years of racing at AYC!

Pat, we are going to miss you so very much! The family requests that any donations be made to the American Lung Association or the AYC Fund.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

2012 Board of Directors Nominations

The Nomination Committee is soliciting nominations for the 2012 Board of Directors. Please email your nominations to committee chair **Steve Eller** at steve.eller.tx@gmail.com.



2012 Perpetual Awards Nominations

It's time to submit nominations for Perpetual Awards! If you know someone who should be considered for one of the following awards, please submit his or her name and a short description of why you think they should be considered. Nominations should be submitted to the office or directly to **Jim Tillinghast** by September 16.

- **Jimmy B. Card Memorial Trophy.** To the Club senior sailor new to the sport. This trophy is to recognize the beginning sailor who enthusiastically, bravely, and with a real zest and enjoyment for life becomes a reasonably competitive sailor in their first or second year of sailing.
- **Max White Memorial Trophy.** To the Club senior member for outstanding service to the Club in the past year. This trophy should be awarded to the individual who has given freely and unselfishly of their time and/or talents over and above what might otherwise have been necessary or expected of them.
- **Jessie McIlroy Smith Bowl.** To the Club junior or senior sailor who has made an outstanding contribution or achievement in yachting beyond the Club level or normal Club activities. This award is intended to recognize a Club member for outstanding service to yachting or racing achievement beyond the Club level or to recognize an individual's accomplishments that are not within the normal scheduled activities of the Austin Yacht Club such as significant application of sailing skills in a rescue, ocean crossing, yacht construction, etc.
- **Corinthian Woman Sailor Trophy.** To a woman sailor exhibiting traditional Corinthian traits. This trophy is to be given annually to a woman who is an individual or family member who has exhibited good sportsmanship, enthusiasm, and participation, thereby making an overall contribution to the enhancement of the sport of competitive sailing.
- **Liz Bauman Memorial Trophy.** To the most improved female junior sailor. This trophy is to be given annually to a young woman who, though not necessarily the most accomplished, demonstrates those traits of cooperation, discipline, willingness to learn, and good sportsmanship that are the goals of the junior sailing program.
- **Ron W. Harden Memorial Trophy.** To the most improved male junior sailor. This trophy is to be given annually to a young man who, though not necessarily the most accomplished, demonstrates those traits of cooperation, discipline, willingness to learn, and good sportsmanship that are the goals of the junior sailing program.
- **Old Salt of the Austin Yacht Club.** To the Club senior sailor who has exhibited enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and a competitive zeal over a period of time, and has a quality of life that can be admired by all.

And don't forget to keep your eyes open for candidates for the Blue Duck Trophy (awarded to the sailor responsible for most outstanding Bloopers of the year)! We already have a great list of candidates for the Blue Duck this year, but it's never too late to add more to the list!

From The Commodore by Jim Tillinghast



HEAT WAVE! It's August 4th as I write this column, and we have just hit our 51st day of triple digit temperatures! And more to come – forecast for the next six days is 100+ degrees! With 27 days to go in our historically hottest month of summer, the 1925 record of 68 triple digit days seems likely to go down without a fight!

As we suffer through this period of "exceptional" drought – the most severe condition on the drought scale – we are witnessing the impact of these conditions on AYC. At the current lake level of 639' MSL, our north ramp is rapidly losing its utility for launching and retrieving any boat bigger than a SC 21 or J24. And with the lake dropping at a rate of 1.5 feet per week, we are looking at a potential lake level of 623' MSL or lower by mid-October – the lowest level since the drought of the 1950s!

Panic? Not at all! We will be continuing to run Beer Can races through September for the many boats still in the water. There's still lots of sailing room on the lake, just no way to launch the dry sailed boats for awhile. What a great time to jump aboard another boat already in the water and get to know some of your AYC mates a little better!

Later this Summer and into the Fall, we will continue to run regular series races. And our top notch Social Committee will be serving their great post race fare as usual! No excuse not to come out and enjoy the fun, even if your boat is out of the water!

Austin Water Treatment Plant #4

While our Austin city politicians continue to argue over cancelling, postponing or continuing construction on WTP4, one fact is clear – there's lots of activity and noise over at Keller's Marina. As pointed out in last month's Telltale, Keller has contracted with the city of Austin and MWH Constructors to be the staging point for the WTP4 intake system. It is expected that the project will continue into Spring 2012. AYC sailors are cautioned to be aware of frequent work boat and barge activity around the Keller marina point during this period.

New Docks!

Our new Dock 3 is assembled and in place east of Dock 4 off the AYC point. Our new Dock 1 will be delivered and assembled in early August. It will be placed in the gap between Dock 3 and the old Dock 1. Check with the AYC office regarding boat slip changes and moving schedule if you are currently a Dock 1 slip holder.

AYC Youth Program

I congratulate **Bill Records** and the entire youth sailing team for an outstanding Summer program! Our Summer camps were packed and the PBJ Saturday sessions are going full bore! These youth programs, coupled with our adult sailing seminars and clinics, are the lifeblood of AYC's future growth! Please keep spreading the word, and thank you all for participating in and recruiting for our sail training programs!

Building & Grounds Report

by Fred Ford



*"All day I face the barren waste
Without the taste of water, cool water
Old Dan and I with throats burned dry
And souls that cry for water, cool, clear, water"*

In honor of the demise of our only drinking fountain, I thought I would quote a song made popular by the Sons of the Pioneers (yes, I really am that old).

The good news is we have the money approved for a new drinking fountain and with a little help from **Tom Romberg** we have a great deal on pricing. The new drinking fountain will provide filtered, cool water from a bubbler and filler. Our new system uses less power (smile **Don Dwight**) and is ADA compliant. Installation will be some time in August at the behest of the delivery truck and the plumber. Imagine, cool, clear, water...hold that thought...revel in that thought.

Those old crusty, peeling signs at our gate are only a distant memory. **Tom Cunningham** riveted new signs onto the fence and with the cleaned-up planter around the base of our AYC sign ... that old gate looks pretty good.

The A/C-heat pump in Cabin 6 has been installed. Our rental guests give it an A+ for comfort and silence. Note to members ... Cabin 6 is a great rental for overflow guests ... say Thanksgiving, Christmas or UT football. We have a Nebraska grad nephew in our family who just loves to come down here and be humbled.

John Bartlett broke out his welder (when he puts on that big welder's mask he actually looks like he should be singing "YMCA") and made a set of brackets for the vanity in the women's clubhouse restroom. Thank you, John, for your gift of time and material. In the same vein, by the time this article is published **Fred Schroth** will have completed his rigging of both mast hoists. Thank you, Fred, for gifting us with your lofty efforts. I could not resist the pun ... rigging a hoist is not for the acrophobic.

The rocking toilets in the men and women's locker rooms rock no more. While we had the plumber on site he re-plumbed a water supply line in the sprinkler system. Our hot, dry weather probably had a little to do with inducing enough stress on the line to crack it open.

The chairs on the balcony will continue to glide smoothly due to the ongoing efforts of **Terry McDermott** who is replacing worn chair glides. Terry also waters our flowerpots around the clubhouse...thank you, Terry, for keeping us pretty and slippery or is that pretty slippery?

My apologies to our Beer Can chefs ... I know you could really use more light. Your light request is still on my list for this year; I just have to fit it in between fly fishing in Colorado and racing in Maine. Life is supposed to be fun.

Shade...that wonderful thing we don't have enough of around the shallow end of the pool. **John Bartlett** has a plan that should work well for us and we will try to implement it for the next swimming season.

Finally, for humanitarian reasons (hot, hot, just too darn hot) the B&G Committee has re-scheduled replacing the shelter screens to a time later this Fall with the hope of cooler temperatures.

One last thing...and I nervously await your input. Please respond to me via my email address on the AYC website in answer to this survey. (This makes me nervous because I am about to discover if anyone reads my column.) Many of our members would like to recycle. The Social Committee takes their recyclables home to recycle because AYC does not offer recycling. I am willing to research and set up the service if members will recycle. From what I see in the various bins, I think we could make a difference in beer and soda cans plus water bottles if we recycled. Please let me know if you, as a member, would participate in such a program. If I get a large enough response in favor ... I will make the effort to bring recycling to our campus.

Thank you, AYC members, for your continuing efforts in keeping our club neat, clean and in good repair.

"You must know the sea, and know that you know it, and know that it was meant to be sailed upon." Harry Pidgeon

Sail Training Report

by Bill Records



We just completed the July sessions of PB&J with **Coach Kate Noble** in charge and the feedback has been all positive. We added two additional adult counselors as well as two junior counselors. The extra help made a big difference, resulting in less time spent rigging and more time on the water. Thanks goes to **Jennifer Loehlin, Dan O'Donnell, Ben Peel and Sam Peel**. In the

end, I think that the counselors had as much fun as the kids!

The much anticipated Roadrunner boat storage area is about to be realized. After relocating some trailers, we will begin work at the end of August. This will necessitate a work party under the expert guidance of **Tom Groll**. Thank you Tom. We couldn't do this ambitious project without your help. Notice of the work party will be out soon.

The regular Roadrunner practices have been very well attended with lots of new faces. The Saturday sessions now include racing with some surprising results. Since everyone has been working so hard, we decided to plan a picnic cruise. Saturday, Aug. 27 seems to be a good choice, so we will let you know when the details are worked out.

There has been a lot of discussion about reaching out to people in the community who don't traditionally get involved in sailing. We have been working with **Explore Austin**, a group that mentors underprivileged boys. The group offers outdoor, active outings such as hiking, camping, and exploring. On Sept. 17, we will have a sailing clinic for the group at the club. I think that this will be a very positive experience for the boys.

Our next clinics will be the Keel class on September 24 (see the ad on page 12) and the Women's clinic on October 22. Last year these were the best attended of all, probably due to the great weather.

I am saddened to hear of the passing of long time member **Patty Halter**. When I joined the club many years ago, Patty went out of her way to greet me and make me feel at home, I will never forget her contagious smile and warmth. She will be missed.



Camp coaches – Alan Rochard, Austin Dwight, Ryan Dwight and Trey Clawson



Twins go sailing



Jenny Molisky in Opti



PB&J'er Tiger Lili Daw pointing at sail



SUMMERTIME CAMPS FUN FOR KIDS AND COUNSELORS!



PB&J Counselor Jennifer Loehlin teaches rigging



AYC 2011 Camp Staff



Coach Kate Noble teaches Carter Fojtik how to steer

Race Commander Report

by Bruce McDonald



The only racing scheduled for July outside of the Beer Can races was the Independence Cup Regatta. That regatta was well attended and the Beer Can races have continued to be popular events.

The low lake levels and record high heat makes the July/August vacation from series races appear, in retrospect, to have been a good decision. Hopefully, the Fall will bring with it much needed rains.

The rehabilitation of Chase 3 continues. We have done a considerable amount of research into adding flotation to replace that which was removed more than a decade ago. The foam should be adequate to support the boat with the gunwales and motor above water with the boat completely swamped, but not, however, with a sinking South Coast 21 attached. We have ordered the two-part foam and we hope by the time you read this, the foam will have been replaced and new decking will be in place. It will involve removal of the floor boards, installation of two-part polyurethane foam, and replacement of new $\frac{3}{4}$ " marine plywood. Once that is completed, we can turn the boat over to **Tom Cunningham** to replace the electronics and we expect to have the boat back in service by the start of the Late Summer Series.

Vic Manning will be giving a Boater Safety Course which will be held at the club on three Monday/Tuesday evening sessions in August and September. For those of you wanting to brush up on your seamanship, here is a painless way to do it, given by one of the club's most experienced boaters. For more information on the course, contact Vic at 826-2950.

The three race day Late Summer Series will kick off on Saturday September 10 with the first gun at 16:00. This will be a very similar format to the Summer Series. To those of you who have a conflict with UT football, we apologize, but the overwhelming sentiment after last year's September afternoon races was that it was just too freaking hot out there at 3:00 and no one seemed interested in Sunday night races. So, turn on your video recorder and sail with us. The game will keep until later.

AYC Member Directory Information Needed!

Information for the 2011 Directory will be obtained at the end of this month (August) from the data that is on the AYC website. This information will be used to publish this year's directory.

Please log onto the AYC website this month and review your membership information on the AYC website directory. Make any changes that are needed to your data by the end of the month.

If you do not have access to the AYC website, please review last year's directory and send changes you would like made by email to ymares@earthlink.net, or give Yolanda a call at 254-526-2085.



DOCK 1 AND KELLER POINT CONSTRUCTION



Photos by Bruce McDonald



DuckWatch!

by Bob Goldsmith



DuckWatch don't know but DuckWatch been told.....

Women are Just as Dumb as Men, Right???? AYC is a famously co-ed institution in which the skipper who beats you is as just likely to have bright eyes and a ponytail as to need a shave and have a problem with publicly scratching in the wrong places.

So scientific statistical analysis tells us that women are just as likely as men to have been responsible for other AYC happenings such as collisions, dismastings, upside-down boat launches and "taking her deep" (and what does "her" refer to if not a woman?). But a close examination of the history of the Blue Duck Perpetual Trophy reveals a disturbing lack of female winners. Has the curse of sexism attached itself to AYC? Do we, as an institution, treat men as being dumber than women? If we do, is there a reason for this?

To explore this further, let us examine the case of a well known AYC couple. **Susie McDonald**, following in the revered female footsteps of **Yolanda Mares**, is the flawless editor of this incomparable publication, and her cooking has graced the tables of AYC after many a hard fought race. This woman could never be mentioned in the same sentence as the Blue Duck (oops, except this one). Likewise Susie's husband **Bruce McDonald**, well known man about AYC and our current Race Commander, is obviously not Blue Duck material – *or is he?*

You Can Make it Happen. DuckWatch admires a member who does not wait for his boat to sink of natural causes but proactively drill holes

in its hull while "repairing" it. A member who leaves his car in gear on the launching ramp and thereby launches both car and boat cannot help but elicit our heartfelt applause. And members who connect their mast to the ERCOT electricity grid thereby causing power outages along the Gulf Coast are AWESOME! But why do they all have to be men?

Forget that – let's be positive here. The men of AYC know that there is no need to wait for the Blue Duck when you can actively seek it! Diligent readers of last month's Telltale will recall that in that issue our esteemed Race Commander Bruce, husband of Susie, called for not just a single Blue Duck but for recognition extending to as many as five places. Interestingly, elsewhere in the same issue, one may read a report by members of the Catalina 22 fleet who noticed that, during a race, Bruce decided to leave his, what else – South Coast 21 – for a refreshing dip in the lake with the idea seemingly being that his boat was perfectly capable of rounding the next mark without him and could pick him up on the way back (DuckWatch is giving the benefit of the doubt here – some say that our Race Commander simply fell off of his boat in the middle of a race). The remaining crew of Bruce's South Coast, no doubt motivated by their fleet-wide conspiracy to corner the Blue Duck, continued to race. The Catalina fleet, who were doing RC that day, were having none of this illegal lightening of Bruce's boat and insisted on restoring Bruce to his "on board" position before his boat crossed the finish line. Will this qualify Bruce for one of his expanded Blue Duck positions? There are lots of races left in the year so who knows, but it serves to answer our original question: AYC men are not dumber than AYC women, they are just more proactive.

And so we bid you a fond "Auf Wiedersehn" for now, but remember: The eyes of DuckWatch are upon you.

AYC ROADRUNNER QUALIFIES FOR USODA TEAM TRIALS!

Alexandra Mares is now Team Trials Qualified and will be traveling to Brent Beach, New Jersey in April 2012 to qualify for the U.S. National Team. Alexandra raced in six different USODA National regattas during July, all with very large starting lines, an average of about 90 boats at each start line, and trapezoid race courses. She raced her Opti "Fast Frog" for six nearly continuous days in sweltering heat during Texas Youth Race Week starting at Texas Corinthian YC on July 9, busted her steel sprit halyard cable during a race on the first day of racing, completely ripped her mast step and capsized in a dangerous collision just before the starting sequence during another day of racing, then raced using an unfamiliar borrowed boat. On July 14, the day of a full moon, a trailer came and delivered her new shiny hull, blades and spars set at Houston YC, as promised by her parents a year ago in anticipation of her qualification for Team Trials.

Despite her mishaps, Alexandra finished TYRW with a score of 70 out of 104 in the Championship Fleet and went on to practice for a day with her newly formed "Hippies" team before racing for three days at Houston YC during the USODA Team Race National Championship on her repaired hull, where her team finished in 14th place out of 27!

Without skipping a beat, she hopped on her new boat and raced the next day in the USODA Girls' National Championship, finishing 35 out of 90. Then, continued racing for four more days in the USODA Fleet National Championship against 223 Opti sailors representing 26 states and four countries. After two days of racing, the top 75 Opti sailors were selected to the Gold Division, the next 74 to the Silver Division, and the last 74 to the Bronze Division. After 12 races in strong wind that reached 26 knots and five-foot swells near the Houston Ship Channel on Galveston Bay, she scored 45 out of 74 in the Silver Division and earned the coveted "Team Trials Qualified" title. A very happy Alexandra rested for two days, then flew to Marion, Massachusetts with three other Opti sailors from Texas to race at the Beverly Yacht Club in the USODA New England Championship. There, she raced 13 races over three days in light breeze increasing to only 10 knots, strong current, and mostly chop against New England sailors as well as sailors from California, Ecuador, Canada, US Virgin Islands, and the Bahamas, and scored 114 out of 295 on July 31. Her best race score during July was a 14 out of 99 in the foreign shark-filled waters of New England! A very tired but happy Alexandra will now be training for the USODA Southeast Championship at Naples, Florida in October, which will determine who will qualify to represent the U.S. in the 2012 Spring International Teams.

Way to go, Alexandra! She definitely earned her new Opti, called "Moonlight Mist". For all the detailed results, visit www.usoda.org.

Vice Commodore Report

by Johannes Brinkmann



Possible FJ Fleet Replacement

The UT Sailing team (UTST) has put in a bid to host the 2012 College Nationals at AYC. Those of you who witnessed the College Nationals held here in 2006 know what an amazing and exciting event this is, and what an honor it would be for UTST to host this event at our Club again.

As part of its bid, the UT team is working to replace its fleet of 12 FJs, and the team asked AYC to consider including its fleet of six FJs in the deal so that a perfectly matched fleet of 18 boats will be available for the Nationals.

After much deliberation, the AYC board passed a motion in May, clearly stating the conditions under which it would support replacing its six FJs. In a nutshell, those conditions are:

- 1) UTST will secure donations to fund 75% of the cost of replacing the AYC boats.
- 2) AYC's maximum outlay of cash will be \$6,000.
- 3) During the replacement process, AYC will have access to at least three FJs at all times except for four weeks during February and/or March 2012.

Although AYC's FJs are in good condition and replacement is not essential for AYC's purposes alone, this is an excellent opportunity for AYC. AYC can replace its fleet with new boats for less than one sixth (1/6) the cost of the new boats, and AYC can provide direct support to one of the highest profile U.S. sailing events of 2012.

All of this is contingent upon securing a buyer who will pay a suitable price for UT's and AYC's old boats. UTST's team president, **Luke Craig**, is leading this effort and is currently conducting negotiations with interested buyers.



PLANNED GIVING

Remember AYC in Your Will

If you have thought of including AYC in your estate planning, but were overwhelmed by the logistics of amending your will, the Club now offers a convenient way to support the future of AYC.

The board has been working with an estate planning attorney who has prepared a codicil that just needs to be signed and witnessed to be official. It is revocable should you change your mind at a later date. The document is available through the AYC office.

Why include AYC in Your Will

Besides providing for your loved ones, your will can be a tribute to the principles and values that you have lived.

Without a will, your estate will be distributed according to state laws, and unfortunately, these laws may differ from your preferences. Creating a will is the single most important step you can take to ensure that your final wishes will be carried out. It may also be your most meaningful opportunity to establish a legacy for the organizations closest to your heart.

2011 has been a banner year for improvements to the Club, from the facelifts to the pool, club house and rental cabins to the addition of two new docks. Still to come are new access ramps to the docks. All of these amenities have been long overdue and in many cases mandated by various regulatory agencies and are beyond our control.

One thing for sure is that these have not come without significant cost to the Club. A modest increase in dues and storage fees has partially offset these expenses and the Club's financial position remains strong, but there are many known and unknown challenges that will face us in the future if we are to maintain our beautiful Club and keep our dues affordable.

AYC's Planned Giving program makes it easy for our members to leave gifts to AYC through their wills. The Club would like to reward members who donate \$5,000 or more with a permanent memorial in the form of a brass plaque which would be placed on a wall near the AYC Levins' bell. Families of members who have passed previously could also be included in the memorial for a similar donation.

The sub-committee heading up this effort includes **Barry Bowden** and **Bruce McDonald**, who are open to suggestions on how best to implement this program and the best form of permanent memorial. If you have questions about Planned Giving or wish to make suggestions for implementing the program, please email Barry at bbowden1@austin.rr.com or Bruce at brucemcdonald@att.net.

Register online now to attend the 2011 Luau.
Tickets are \$25 through August 19
and \$30 after August 19/at the door.

J/24 Fleet News

by David Broadway

The dog days of Summer combined with a dwindling lake level has put a crimp in the racing. Currently, the Friday Beer Can is an option. Lengthen the tow rope as the ramp is less steep with the receding water. The white PVC pipe section with orange tip designates the edge of the ramp along the wall and is approximately 100' from the ramp end.

The J/24 TX Circuit Regatta season will resume with three stops in the Fall. The events/dates are: Houston YC One Design Regatta on September 17-18, Lakewood YC JFest on October 29-30, and Lake Canyon YC Circus on November 19-20.

Additionally, the Wurstfest Keel weekend of November 12-13 will be a nearby opportunity to race and tune up for the Circus stop.

Sadly, AYC and the J/24 Fleet has lost **Pat Halter**, one of its core fleet members. **Ed and Pat Halter** with their family aboard the blue J/24 Patty Wagon (#916), helped to establish the AYC J/24 Fleet 21



Photos Submitted by David Broadway

we enjoy today. Pat also was part of five AYC Women's Team Championships in addition to Ed and Pat jointly receiving the Max White Memorial trophy. Pat will be sorely missed.



Pat Halter on the leeward rail monitoring the close crossing with Jet Stream.

FORT WORTH BOAT CLUB OL' MAN OF THE SEA REGATTA

October 7-9, 2011



IT'S JUST WIND, WATER AND... PARTY!

- Friday, Oct 7 9:00 AM Longhorn Cup Skippers' Meeting
10:30 AM Warning Signal for Race 1
5:00 PM Complimentary Draft Beer and Snacks
5:00 to 7:00 PM Registration for Ol' Man of the Sea
5:00PM to ? Music and dance.
(I wonder if the Ol' Man will show for the party!?)
- Saturday, Oct 8 8:00 to 9:15 AM Complimentary Continental Breakfast
9:30 AM Ol' Man of the Sea Skippers' Meeting
10:45 AM Warning Signal for Race 1
After Races Complimentary Draft Beer
6:00 to 8:00 PM Dinner Buffet (\$13.00 inclusive with wrist bands)
5:30 to 9:30 PM Party and Dance to
Three Fools on Three Stools
- Sunday, Oct 9 8:00 to 9:00 AM Complimentary Continental Breakfast
9:30 AM Warning Signal for First Race of Day
No Warning Signal after 1:30 PM
After Races Complimentary Draft Beer and
Hamburger Buffet (\$7.00 inclusive with wrist bands)
Awards Presentation

More info at: WWW.FWBC.COM

Fort Worth Boat Club invites AYC members to participate in the Ol' Man of the Sea Regatta on Eagle Mountain Lake. The Club has 10 J-22s as their Club boats and they have a very active J-80 and J-105 fleet in addition to Catalina 22s and many other racing boats.

Keel Fleet News

by JoAnn Welles

Not much has been going on in Keel Fleet beyond the Beer Cans and dock moves. There are still sailors going out for Friday night Beer Cans, with more showing up for the burgers and brats afterwards. Thanks to **Scott Walsh** who was the cook for July!

For those of you who aren't old timers the idea of the Beer Cans came to us thanks to **John Mandell**, who had been sailing in similar races in Santa Cruz. Now they're an AYC institution. The wind gods are generally good to us on Friday night, particularly this year!

The Beer Can for the last week in July was special, as friends of **Ray Shull** gathered to celebrate his 60th birthday. The steel drum band was great and everyone enjoyed the party, especially those in the conga line! The birthday cake was special – a picture of Ray's J29 with the sail number changed from 59 to 60!



The dock moves the last weekend in July went well, although it's depressing to see Dock 1 so far out on the point. A strong east wind would certainly cause havoc! Thanks to everyone who helped – the addition of the south rigging platform to the dock enables Dock 1 sailors to walk out to their boats instead of dinghying.

There are a few new keel fleet boats. **Bob Gallant** purchased a Pearson 26 One Design, again. He'll be sailing non-spinnaker since the boat doesn't carry a spinnaker. **Debbie and Gray Rackley, with daughter Millie**, purchased a Beneteau 27 7. You may have seen the large blue hulled boat with the tall, tall mast on Dock 1. They had a J22 but wanted something that would allow them to camp out overnight once the weather becomes cooler. The boat, unnamed as yet, has been on Lake Travis for a few years.

Every weekend, the ramp sees more boats being pulled from the water and stored on the point. If you're one of them, please stop by the office and fill out a temporary storage request. The office and the Harbor Commander just want to know where boats are being stored. It's my understanding that the normal rules about storage on the grounds are being loosened as long as you are paying for a wet slip.

Those of you who have boats in the water – please make a special effort to come out and sail, and invite your sailor friends without access to boats to come along! Although there's less water than we'd like, there's been plenty of wind for a daysail, cruise or Friday night Beer Can. The one silver lining about the lack of water is the corresponding reduction in power boat wakes.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY RAY!





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BASIC KEEL BOAT SAILING CLINIC

The Austin Yacht Club is offering a Basic Keel Boat clinic for beginning and intermediate Sailors

The Clinic Includes:

- Land-based instructions including
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For more information please check our website: austinyachtclub.net
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BOAT REGISTRATION

AYC House Rule #6 requires that "All members shall obey County, State, and Federal laws that apply to the operation of the Club."

The Texas Administrative Code, Title 31, Part 2, Chapter 53, Subchapter E, Rule 53.90 reads as follows:

(a) Documented vessels are required to display the registration validation sticker on both sides of the bow and maintain current documentation through the United States Coast Guard or display the state-assigned TX numbering series with the decal. Commercial vessels used in coastal shipping and vessels exceeding 115 feet in length are exempt from registration requirements.

(b) Vessels registered as antique boats are permitted to display the registration validation sticker on the left portion of the windshield. In the absence of a windshield, the registration validation sticker must be attached to the certificate of number and made available for inspection when the boat is operated on public water.

The following vessels (when on Texas public water) are required by law to have current registration. This includes vessels that are docked or moored:

- All motorized boats, regardless of length (motorized boats include boats propelled by a trolling motor);
- All sailboats 14 feet in length or longer or any sailboat with an auxiliary engine(s); and
- USCG Documented vessels.

Exempted vessels — All (non-motorized) canoes, kayaks, punts, rowboats, or rubber rafts (regardless of length) when paddled, poled, or oared; sailboats under 14 feet in length when windblown; USCG documented commercial vessels used in coastal shipping; and USCG documented vessels exceeding 115 feet in length.

Information on renewing or obtaining registration for your boat can be found on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's website at www.tpwd.state.tx.us.

TEMPORARY STORAGE TAG LEGEND

Due to the current drought conditions, special arrangements are being implemented in an effort to make things as organized as possible and to keep track of member boats. Your cooperation is vital for this to succeed. Please read the following legend and contact the office if you need to store your boat someplace other than your assigned slip.

Blue and Checkerboard tags must fill out a Temporary Storage Form and have it approved by Office Staff.

All tags should be attached to the bow area of boat or the front portion of the trailer. The tags are not adhesive and will not damage the boat or trailer.

Blue Temporary storage 30 days max (this includes dry out area), sign & date tag (use sharpie)

Checkerboard Temp storage for wet slip holders that want to keep their slip but want to store on land due to low water, valid until conditions improve, no need to sign or date tag

Yellow Work area 3 weeks max, sign & date tag (use sharpie)

Yellow Tags must enter time reserved into work area log book, 3 weeks maximum time allowed.

If storage is needed past the allowed time, contact the Harbor Commander or the General Manager to discuss arrangements. If no contact is made, you will be billed according to the House Rules section regarding illegally stored boats and trailers.

Boats not in their assigned location and stored on AYC grounds that are untagged should contact the office to make proper arrangements.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Ensign Fleet News

by Bill Hawk

On July 2, two Ensigns sailed as Spinnaker D racers in the AYC Independence Cup in up-and-down wind and choppy boat wake. In the first leg of the race **Bill Records** took off with a commanding lead, but by selecting the wrong side of the lake in the first downwind leg allowed the other competitors to pass him. Prickly Pair, sailed by **Bill and Kelly Hawk**, chose not to fly their spinnaker on the first downwind leg, and were able to get out ahead of the other boats because of the fluky conditions. After a long race with plenty of excitement and close racing, the pair came in first in the fleet, followed by some other boat and then Dos Locos, skippered by **Lewis Price** who came in at a close 3rd.

With no other racing on the calendar in July, the Ensign fleet hosted a Full Moon Sail-Around and Potluck for its members. Racers included: **Bill and Kelly Hawk with George Dahmen** on Prickly Pair; **Lewis and Joany Price** on Dos Locos; **Tom Romberg**, **Claude and JoAnn Welles**, and **Renee Ruiz** on Eagle; **Tom**

and **Norma Lien** and **Robbie and Eric Nelson** for their excellent race committee work, especially the water balloons!

After the race, a festive crowd including the racers, **Randolph Bertin and family**; **Sarah and Eric Faust**; **Jonathan, Tamara, Jane and Caroline Baker**; **James Wilsford**; and **Cliff and Sue Price** enjoyed a potluck and moonlight swim down on the point. **Randolph Bertin** gave us an extra reason to celebrate by bringing birthday cupcakes.

We want to wish **Jonathan Baker, Tom Groll, and Sarah and Eric Faust** good luck at the 2011 Ensign Nationals in Canandaigua, NY. The regatta will be held Aug. 15-19, and there will be lots of off the water events planned by the host club, including **Gary Jobson** as the keynote speaker at the opening dinner. Have fun guys – bring back a trophy!



Photos by Norma Lien

and **Kelly Groll**, **Doug Laws** and **Tom's brother Bill Groll** on **Caroline**; and **Fred Ford**, his daughter **Becky**, **Claudia Peterson**, and **Randolph Bertin's son Andrew Bertin** on September.

The unorthodox sailing rules rewarded the 3rd boat across the line with the first place trophy, and the 5th boat across the line with 2nd place. Eagle took an early lead, but Prickly Pair passed **Tom Romberg** and crew on the downwind spinnaker leg. A tricky diversion at the finish line allowed Prickly Pair to cross the line 3rd, and **Fred Ford** sailed across the finish line at 5th, thus allowing them to take first and second respectively. Many thanks to **Danny**



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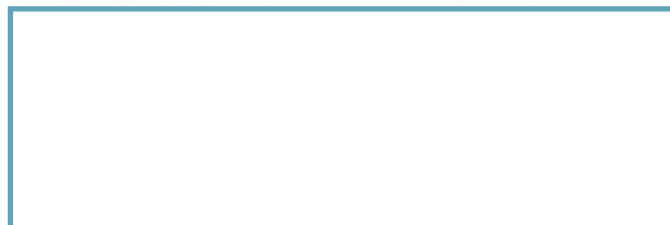
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