



The University of Texas Sailing Club

Report – February, 2017

The Spring semester is off to a good start for the club. We have had strong turnout and stable membership for the whole academic year. Our primary goals for the semester include training new members and officers and managing our boat storage situation. As of last semester, we have revised our boat checkout procedures to include legally mandated NASBLA licenses and we are now considering making our keelboat checkout align with the standards for the ASA 101 course taught here at AYC.

To help alleviate our small boat storage problem, we have discussed building a small wooden standing dinghy rack similar to the one at Lakewood Yacht Club. The rack would be of approximate dimensions 6ft wide, 14ft long, 14ft high and built to accommodate no more than 6 Sunfish or Lasers. The proposed location is on the north side of the grass road running through the trailer yard (south of the dry sail area near the waterline) across from the sail training trailers. This location would provide good access to the ramp while being mostly hidden from view from the north. UTSC will cover all expenses and labor with construction expect to take no more than two weekends. Construction would entail 1) clearing a flat ~6x14 ft space, the proposed area is already relatively flat, 2) building the frame, 3) installing lines and padding for the base supports. Expected total cost is under \$500.

We have also begun discussions with several companies in downtown Austin for the long term storage of several of our small boats and we are still trying to auction our old J/24 through the proper UT channels. Hopefully these will allow us to get rid of at least one dry slip in the near future.

Upcoming Events

We have submitted a FUR for our first annual UTSC Alumni Regatta & Diner scheduled for March 25. We did not see any other regattas scheduled for that weekend. The event will be an informal race around Starne's Island (or some such) with first gun at noon followed by a diner in the clubhouse that evening. Invitations would be for all current and former UTSC members as well as all members of AYC. Classes will be J/24, Sunfish, and PHRF reflecting our currently fleet composition. We expect to have 20-40 in attendance.

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