



Tell Tales



The official Newsletter of the Arlington Yacht Club

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Save the date –
Every Wednesday
this summer!

AND much much
more!



**At least it's not this
cold!**



From the Masthead Karen Arrington, Commodore

January came and went in a flash. For those of you who did not make the Annual Chili Cookoff, you missed a great time. We had several contenders, including a pot of what I believe was a chicken soup with pasta, which I intended to taste, but never got the chance. I believe there were about 40 people in attendance and some went through the line more than once. Good times for all.

February has sailed in, uncharacteristically, with spring-like temperatures. (What happened to our usual Stock Show weather, but mind you, I'm not complaining.) Last Sunday the weather was beautiful and I believe we had about five Catalina 22's on the water and two or three Scows. I'm not sure if we had any Day Sailors, but I'm sure that those who went out had good sailing.



There was a lot of debris in the yard, after the rains, and I was concerned about floating debris for our chase boat, but Pat Hollabaugh assured me that he had canvassed the lake on Saturday for three hours and that most of the debris was at the South end, except for the large log that was by the Yard Arm. I'm glad that the lake was cooperative and the waters receded nicely after Wednesday night's episode of pulling the boats out of the yard. If you haven't done so, please return your boat to the yard.

Things are moving along nicely with the proposed Dock, and I hope to have a

report from our City Liaison and Dock Team soon. Hopefully, the City will like our plans and give us the Go Ahead.

Our Annual Founder's Day is coming up to be celebrated on Saturday, **February 25, 2012**. Please note your calendar and plan to attend.

Come out to the Club and enjoy the weather, companionship, and go sailing when you can.

See you at the lake



Notes From the Vice Commodore Reid Douglas, Vice Commodore



Howdy AYC!

I just want to say thanks to everyone who showed up to the chili cook off especially those of you who competed! It was a great time and we had some amazing chili. Frequent past winner of the event, Jack Hattendorf (my hero), got scared this year and ran away with his wife to NOLA. I guess he ran out of recipes. Less shocking than Jack's convenient absence, the winner of the cook off was none other than the great chef Karen Arrington.

This month brings our biggest social of the year; Founders Day! The celebration will be held on February 25th. Beer and wine will be provided by

the club and the dinner menu is still to be decided but rest assured it will be great. We will send out some email updates and reminders about the event as soon as the menu is finalized. I really hope to see the majority of the club at this celebration, it is always a great time and it is the best opportunity of the year to honor the history of our club. I, for one, hope we get another reading of past important/ interesting events from our unofficial historian. It was a great Founders Day tradition and it would be great to see it continued.

See you at the lake,

Vice Commodore, Reid Douglas



Race Captain Report

Mike Gralish, Race Captain



You have to love winter racing on Lake Arlington! Last Sunday we had 8-10 mph winds from the south, cloudless skies, and 74 degrees of pure bliss. While the Catalina's were duking it out for 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th, Kevin walked away with two bullets. The MC's had the 1st gun, and Kevin must have seen that my choice of heading to the west was a complete bonehead move. The Hattendorf Clan headed East, and when we next met, the fleet was looking at the transom of a boat being beautifully sailed down-wind by the sure hand of Miss Aubin. Race 2, same result, different skipper. This time it was Miss Ava leading the pack on the last leg!

Bested by worthy competitors. And I'm reminded again that it's not about the victory, but the keen competition and the joy of wind and water on a Sunday afternoon.

Come out and play with us! It sure beats sitting in recliner!

As always, the race results are on the web at
<http://www.arlingtonyachtclub.org/Race/race.htm>

See you on the water

Save the Date

Jack "Wednesday" Hattendorf

Okay, I know it's February, but before you know it Sprint / Summer will be here. You may not know this, but we have a Wednesday night racing series. It's a TON of fun. Three minute starts, short races and laid back racing = a great way to break up the week.

"but I don't own a small boat" Well, did you know the AYC owns 5 Sunfish? First come first served! OR Pat Hollabaugh even comes out in his C-22.

We all start at once and it's scored by the Portsmouth Racing Yardstick! Beginners to experts are encouraged to come out. If you haven't raced before, this is a great place to start.

2012 Duty Fleets

Duty Fleet A

Manuel LeBlanc – Duty Captain
Eldor Eisen
Ken Douglas
Steve Gall
Patsy Haines
Chuck Haines
Marshall Woodson
Greg Gearing
Carlos Laserna
Garrett Williams
Randall Graham
Danny Pitzer
Tom Buddenbohn

Duty Fleet B

Lynn Wunderlich – Duty Captain
David Wyman
Craig Veal
Lynn Van Hooser
Kevin Stillwell
David Felstein
Daniel Kovich
Doug Miles
Nick Grunt
Jay Mize
Kevin Williams
Mike Leisch

Duty Fleet C

Steve Blake – Duty Captain
Doug Petit
Chuck Anderson
Brian Keathley
Rich Laffey
Stan Bullard
Don Bumps
Paul Reschke
Jack Hattendorf
Scott Butler
Pat Squires
Paul Gibbs

Duty Fleet D

John Stewart – Duty Captain
James Harvey
Jerry Davis
Mike Fitzpatrick
Karen Arrington
Lloyd Dietert
David Tyler
Russell Smutzer
Bob Johnson
Howard Webb
Mark Handley
Drew Mize

Duty Fleet E

Ken McClanahan – Duty Captain
Phil Harvey
Reid Douglas
Dave Walter
Wayne Hesser
Chuck Hield
Karl Wiig
Peter Van Wig
Roger Johnson
Kevin Kowolski
Arne Winguth
Gene Gehring
Doug Penland

Fleet F

Pat Hollabaugh – Duty Captain
Ray Higdon
Mike Gralish
Al Gearing
Karen Foreman
Andy Katz
Mike Pilgrim
Carla Driver
Nick Nervo
Bill McReynolds
Bob McGuire
Bob Liles

2012 *AYC* Racing Schedule

Winter Series

1-Jan New Years Stand-down
8-Jan Duty A
15-Jan Duty B
22-Jan Duty C
29-Jan Duty D
5-Feb Duty E
12-Feb Duty F
19-Feb Duty A
26-Feb Duty B
4-Mar Duty C
11-Mar Duty D
18-Mar Duty E

Summer Series

1-Jul July 4th Stand-down
8-Jul Duty D
15-Jul Duty E
22-Jul Duty F
29-Jul Duty A
5-Aug Duty B
12-Aug Duty C
19-Aug Duty D
26-Aug Duty E
2-Sep Labor Day Stand-down
9-Sep Duty F
16-Sep Duty A
23-Sep Duty B

Spring Series

25-Mar Duty F
1-Apr Duty A
8-Apr Easter Stand-down
15-Apr Duty B
22-Apr Duty C
29-Apr Duty D
6-May Duty E
13-May Mom's Day Stand-down
20-May AYC Regatta
27-May Memorial Day Stand-down
3-Jun Duty F
10-Jun Duty A
17-Jun Duty B
24-Jun Duty C

Fall Series

30-Sep Duty C
7-Oct Duty D
14-Oct Duty E
21-Oct Duty F
28-Oct Duty A
4-Nov Duty B
11-Nov Duty C
18-Nov Duty D
25-Nov Thanksgiving Stand-down
2-Dec Duty E
9-Dec Duty F
16-Dec Duty A
23-Dec Christmas Stand-down
30-Dec New Year's Stand-down

Treasurer Report

Doug Miles, Treasurer



As treasurer I am still paying bills and accepting money!

Nothing else to report.

Regards – Doug (from Austin, TX)

Harbor Master Update

Drew Mize, Harbor Master

Greetings and Fabulous February 2012 (I'm still having trouble with believing that it's 2012, much less February 2012). If during the course of reading this note your heart suddenly enters one of those "Oh-No" moments because you don't yet have a 2012 Lake Arlington permit on your boat in the boatyard, might I kindly recommend you do something about it like.... Now! If you aren't having one of those moments because you don't know what I meant above (or do know but don't really care), might I kindly recommend you review 13.f of the AYC Boatyard Policy which you can find online @ <http://www.arlingtonyachtclub.org/Directives/Boatyard.htm>.

If you still don't have a heightened sense of urgency (or still don't care).... Well.... I guess I can only say you've have plenty of opportunity. If at a point in the near future your boat is no longer allowed to be parked in the boatyard please be sure to let your wife/husband/significant other know that you just couldn't find the time to go to the Lake office and get a \$30 Lake Permit for your boat (1/2 price for you old guys and gals), and that parking your craft in the driveway is well worth the \$30 you saved (not!)

Cheers -- Drew



Fleet Captain Report Marshall Woodson, Fleet Captain

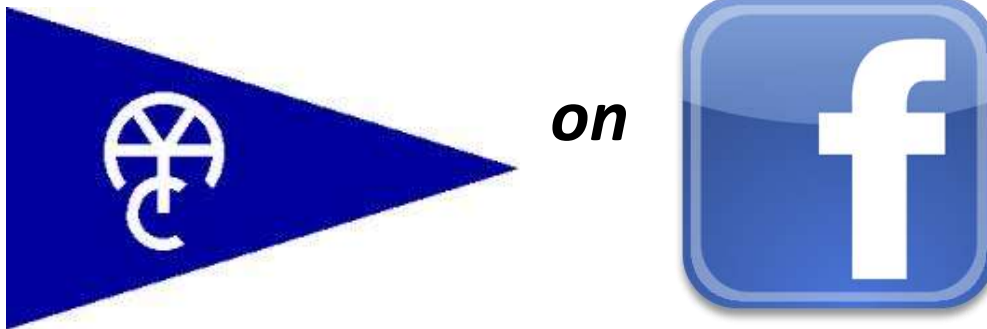
Come on Marshall...

Anything?

Maybe we will get some series trophies at the Founder's Day Party????



Arlington Yacht Club on Facebook!



As an additional means to casually communicate, market our fantabulous club, and revive our Facebook presence, there is another attempt to get AYC going on Facebook. The primary purpose would be casual communication (*nothing official*) and to help new or prospective members to learn more about our club.

Many adults have taken the steps to join the global phenomenon known as Facebook. It can be a tremendous tool to share what we know about our club....for free! Take a moment and join the conversation, post a few pictures, share your thoughts, and help make a positive statement to the world!

There was an AYC FB page that was created on former FB versions, but that page has not been very active. This most recent "page" is posted as a "club" and not as a "group" so that anyone on the internet can view/post and learn about our club. In order to join the conversation, one must have their own FB account, which is simple to create with an email address and some basic information.

Go to www.facebook.com and begin to explore this effective online tool!

Do you Yahoo?

Ever wonder why you don't get e-mails from the Commodore? Well that means you haven't signed up for the AYC Yahoo Group. This is our primary way to communicate. Heck, you can even post if you want to!

If you haven't joined the group, just go to:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/arlingtonyachtclub/> and take a couple seconds to join. You will get informative updates from our Commodore, first to get word that this great newsletter has been published.



Photo Caption Contest

The winner is.....

Lloyd Dietert! This was a close one, but I laughed out loud when I got this.

Lloyd is going to receive a highly sought after t-shirt from the 2008 MC State Championship!



"FREE AT LAST!! FREE AT LAST!! I'm heading for the BVIs."



"Who is that running on the dock ? It's the Captain!"



"OH NO! The dummy is swimming after me."



"RATS !*#@*! He caught me."

"Where are the great white sharks when you need them?"



New Contest.

Here is a good one! Please e-mail entrants to jack_hattendorf@yahoo.com



Fleet update – Catalina 22

Arlington Yacht Club
Fleet Breakfast & Meeting



Sunday, February 12th
8:30am @ AYC Clubhouse
Fleet Meeting to follow
All AYC and Catalina 22 sailors are
welcome!

Menu:

Fat Bread French Toast
Breakfast meat
Fruit
Yogurt
OJ & Coffee

Trailer Seminar Report

By Rich Laffey

The Senior Sailing Program Trailer Seminar went off without a hitch! There were lots of cones, lots of boats, a good time, and even some learning that took place. Thanks to all who hooked up a boat and attempted the course. With a little practice, the Challenge Course was the popular selection and several folks made it through just fine! Pat Hollabaugh and Mike Gralish came out victorious and took home the trophies! Good work gent's. A special thanks goes out to Gene Gehring for getting our cones for the Seminar!



The Senior Sailing Program will continue with additional seminars designed to build confidence, gain experience and learn seamanship skills to make boat ownership a pleasure for the entire family.



We are working on our next seminar, which will be Trailer Part 2! The Trailer Part 2 will be a Seminar on ball bearing replacement. This seminar will be down and dirty as we all go buy new bearings for our trailers and learn step-by-step from club experts on how to completely replace, grease and learn all there is to trailer bearing replacement.



Stay tuned, be on the look-out, and get ready for the next Senior Sailing Program Seminar!





See you next month!