



Governor's Cup in April!



Photo Bill Records

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TurnBack

Canyon Regatta

AYC 2017



- ▶ **Memorial Day weekend May 27-28, 2017**
- ▶ **2 days, 20+ miles on Lake Travis up and back from Austin Yacht Club to Lago Vista.**
- ▶ **Open to all sailboat classes.**
- ▶ **Awards, t-shirts, pre/post race parties at AYC. Overnight anchorage and camping, LagoFest party in the park at Lago Vista.**
- ▶ **Online registration and info: www.austinyachtclub.net**
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From The Commodore

by Wade Bingaman



To say things are going well at AYC would be an understatement. The Governor's Cup Regatta was a huge success. I won't go into detail, but there were 75 boats competing in the regatta! Credit for this goes to our Vice Commodore, **Bill Records**, for recognizing that the spring was the best time for this regatta, and to **Karen Bogisch**, Regatta Chairperson, for her excellent work in organizing this event. The only problem was that many people attended we

almost ran out of food at the Saturday dinner. We planned for about 150 but probably served over 200. It was a problem, but a good problem.

Another good problem we have is that AYC is so popular, we are running out of vacant days to schedule events. Past Commodore, **Molly Lewis**, and Club Manager, **Jackie Wheeless**, have headed a group that had to better organize our calendar to make sure events didn't conflict with each other. Just as an example (this is an incomplete list), in the near future we have Beer Can Races (beginning April 21), the Keel Boat Learn to Sail Clinic (April 29), the Summer Series (begins April 30), Wednesday Night Sunfish/Laser Races (begin May 3), the Women's Sailing Clinic (May 6-7), the J-22 Circuit (May 13-14), and the Power Boat Safety Course (May 20). Oh yea, and don't forget about Turnback Canyon Regatta on Memorial Day Weekend.

The heavy use of our Club does put a demand on our facilities. The Board is being diligent in trying to keep our Club in good condition. Aging Dock 6 should be replaced by May. A beautiful new sign at the entrance should be ready to be unveiled soon. The re-roofing of all our shelters should also be completed soon. And our major bathroom remodel is almost complete.

So come out and enjoy your Club. There's plenty going on. We have a beautiful facility. What's not to like?



Governor's Cup Grill Chef Bill Benker
Photo *Bill Records*

Vice Commodore Report

by Bill Records



GOVERNOR'S CUP REGATTA

By all accounts, the 2017 Governor's Cup was a big success. 75 boats registered with quite a few from other yacht clubs. Regatta Chair, **Karen Bogisch** and her team of volunteers did a fabulous job. Starting the planning early, enlisting good volunteers, and emphasizing the "Fun Factor" was key. Moving the regatta from Fall to Spring really made a difference.

Aside from the Los Piños tacos, we brought the food service in-house. **Bill Benker's** barbecue on Saturday night was a big hit as were the **Roadrunner's** burgers on Sunday. A regatta of this size with multiple courses involving radically different boats, demands good race committee

and we had the best. Race Commander **Ed Taylor** ran the RTB courses as well as starting and finishing some of the LD courses. **Vic Manning** was stationed near Lakeway, finishing race 1 and starting race 2 of the LD courses. **Steve Ward, Coleman, and I** ran the Opti courses. On Friday night, during



Boat Builder Jim Merritt and Bill Records

registration, we had boat builder **Jim Merritt** give an informative talk about boat maintenance. Before and after his talk, Club member **Jeane Goldsmith** entertained with her singing and guitar playing. After the races on Saturday we were entertained by three bands: **The Austin Polka Band**, **Joey Kipter**, and **The Shoal Brothers**. Everyone seemed to have a good time and we received a lot of thanks from the out-of-town sailors.

TURNBACK CANYON REGATTA

Those skippers who chose to race to Lakeway in Governor's Cup got a warm-up for Turnback Canyon. Yes, we are sailing to Lago Vista again! Regatta chair **Diane Coverl** is well into planning the regatta and with a full lake, it should be a blast! It was so much fun last year! I would like to see all those big AYC cruising boats that don't race in series races, sailing with us to Lago Vista. If you don't plan on racing, why don't you volunteer to help make another regatta "FUN" ?!

Race Commander Report

by Ed Taylor



Friday Night Beer Can Races begin April 21. Check your start time from list on the downstairs bulletin board.

2017 SPRING SERIES RESULTS

<u>PHRF A</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	Spadefoot Jack Rabbit Flyer	Christina Wolfe Claude Welles Ray Shull
<u>PHRF B</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	Ornery Aphaia Fast Break	John Maddalozzo Dane Ohe John Thurston
<u>PHRF C</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	Blue Note Los Monos Caveat	John Durfor Andre De La Reza David Wahlberg
<u>J/24</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	Stray Dog Clair Bouyant Superman	Jorge Marín-de-Nicolás Graham Marshall David Broadway
<u>J/22</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	Project Mayhem Bonfire Riff Raff	John Halter Linda McDavitt Bruce Uphaus
<u>Ensign</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	Styf Kop Prickly Pear Spirit	George Daymen Tom Groll James Bland
<u>Multihull 1</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	Swallow Tritium Tribology	J Kuc Steve Frick Doug Casey
<u>Multihull 2</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	Trial Run Neko Boolean Knot	Russ Shermer Owen Crouse Ryan Verret
<u>Catalina 22</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	Affinity 9920 Strings Attached	Steve Pervier Peter Broberg Louise Miller

2017 GOVERNOR'S CUP RESULTS

<u>J/70</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	JBSW Racing Mojito Nasty Baby	Scott Spurlin Forbes Durbin Rick Schaffer
<u>PHRF A</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	Speedracer Amazing Grace Flyer	Claudia Bartlett John Burke Ray Shull
<u>PHRF C</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	Aphaia Caveat 1022	Dane Ohe David Wahlberg Jeff Avant
<u>J/24</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	Stray Dog Superman Chupa Cabra	Joan Freeman David Broadway John Parker
<u>J/22</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	HNL Project Mayhem Bubbles	Doug Weakly John Halter Renee Ruais
<u>Ensign</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	578 Los Bros Prickly Pear	Tom Groll George Dahmen Bill Hawk
<u>Multihull 1</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	America Swallow Abandoned Assets	Mike Rohrer J Kuc Bo Kersey
<u>Sunfish</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	93282 79344 80387	Ravi Subramanian Ed Hill David McCary
<u>Catalina 22</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	Hanzo who dat? Affinity	Ty McAden Mark Goodwin Steve Pervier
<u>Centerboard</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	Harpoon 5.2 Johnson 18 Weta	Jennifer Loehlin Theodore McDonald Charles Valentine
<u>Optimist</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	19924 19624 17380	Jamie Brock Fiona Froelich Aidan Krempetz
<u>Governor's Cup Winner</u>		Lakewood Yacht Club Represented by Al Poindexter	

Sail Training Report

by Carolyn Wilsford



cussing at himself, not you sweetie!!

Hi Everybody, I am having such a great time meeting new faces and bringing in some old ones. As **Bill Records** has said, a blast from the past! **Dave Wahlberg**, past commodore, old time friend, and another very very good sailor has still got it! It is so nice to have you and Caveat back on the water! **Wendi Froelich** you did a great job holding off the Caveat while she was on port, and you were on starboard, both heading to their marks. **Dave** was



Dave and Carolyn

John Bartlett, I heard from everyone, "I always learn something new from **John** no matter how many times I take his Spinnaker Clinic." That is so true for me, just get in the back of the bus ☺. Thank you once again for such a great clinic and also to **Jan Thompson** for getting us lunch.

WHAT'S AHEAD!!!

April 22 is **Scott Young's** "Start Clinic" in the clubhouse. He will start with Chalk Talk, provide time for questions and then actually get on your boat and coach you through a start. We'll have a start line set up and go through as many times as it takes for **Scott** to help you and your crew. This is a wonderful opportunity to get hands on learning and coaching time from a Mallory Cup Winning sailor. Registration is on the website.

April 29 is **Bill Record's** "Learn to Sail" clinic for beginners and intermediate sailors. Registration is up and ready for you to register. As always, please bring sun screen, water bottle, close toed shoes and gloves to protect yourself from the sun ☺.



May 6 & 7 is the first of three Women's Clinics. Saturday is the whole day 9-5, while Sunday will be half a day 9-noon, because the women in the clinic will get a chance to experience a series race on that Sunday afternoon, May 7. Skippers, please keep your eyes open at the crew bench as ladies from the clinic will be volunteering to crew for this series race. Never know, may find a top-notch crew to join your boat. Also, the J-22 fleet has graciously volunteered their boats for this clinic and it's the weekend before their circuit, so ladies take good care of those J-22s.

May 7 The Austin Yacht Club offers a Small Boat Introduction to Sailing Series during the fall and spring. **Coleman's** class is geared towards adults, and is open to all skill levels, from beginners with no sailing experience to more accomplished sailors just looking to experience dinghy sailing. Each

series will feature five days of sailing and is on the calendar.

May 20 is the "Learn to Sail" small boats FJs and possibly sunfish clinic given by **Lauren Crouch** and **John Bartlett**.

May 20 is also "Power Boat Safety Course" given by **Vic Manning**. Keep your eyes peeled about specifics as the time draws nearer.

Building and Grounds Report

by Chris Thompson



Some happenings on the B&G front:

- North side of point sign is installed – thanks **Ed Taylor**. Scaffold will be brought soon to finish the south side.
- Main sign pieces are back from powder coater. Installation of mounting posts will proceed shortly. Plan to use 2" channel tubing similar to dock framing that will be set in concrete with sign mounted in front of the stone wall. Thanks again to **Ed and Taylor Press Products**.
- Bids for office remodel are being solicited; latest contractor did not have insurance so continuing to search for best price on work. Carpet bids in process. **Diane Covert** is assisting.
- An additional 12 foot tall roller step ladder is on order for the work area. We will also pick up two 16 foot aluminum extension ladders. Currently we are using A-frame ladders that are not considered appropriate for some of the ways we need to use them, like leaning them against boats.
- Bids are complete for remaining roof areas and **Jackie** has dealt with insurer to secure reimbursement for past storm damage.
- Upcoming work party on 4/22 with Sea Scouts.
- Stainless steel hurricane brackets have been purchased to anchor into the concrete and metal posts for added support for the pool railing that is rusting.



Notes from Your GM

by Jackie Wheelless



- The 2017 Fleet Captains and AYC Committee listings are complete and uploaded to the website. After signing onto the website, under the MEMBER MENU, click on COMMITTEES. The Fleet Captains list can also be found under the Racing Tab; click on Fleets at AYC.
- Just a reminder that according to AYC Rules, aircraft, including drones of all sizes, are not permitted to be operated on AYC grounds or off of AYC property, including docks and any Club-owned boats. This rule applies whether or not you hold a currently effective certificate designating that you're a commercial or airline transport pilot.
- 'Tis the season for the pool to open back up!!!! The target date to have it up and running is May 20 (as long as weather permits and there are no unforeseen problems, of course!).
- It's been reported that the sign in the Dry Out Area was run over recently. Please be aware of sign posts around parking areas, etc.
- New Treasurer **David Morley** has jumped into his new position with both feet and a life preserver! We just completed the 2016 Personal Property Renditions and we're now preparing to begin working with our contracted CPA firm to complete an audit of the 2016 financials for our three companies.
- Former Treasurer **John Howard and Carolyn** are on their US RV Adventure! We'll miss them but wish them Happy Trails and many adventures!
- PLEASE keep all of the doors to the Clubhouse CLOSED. The birds are once again migrating in and nesting in the beams.
- **Tom Cunningham and I** would like to applaud the UT Sailing Team and the UT Sailing Club on working together to host two very well attended events – the UTST McCarthy Cup and the UTSC Alumni Regatta – both on the same day of the same weekend in March. Both groups worked together to share all of the facilities and dump all their trash as well!
- The cabins are continuing to fill up for event weekends. Please be sure to review the Cabin Rental Rules in the AYC Membership Handbook.
- I'm not sure everyone is aware of our Lost and Found unwritten policy. Found items should either be brought to the AYC office or, if the item is too large to bring to the office, the office should be notified of found items so that we can put them in a secure place until owners inquire about them or pick them up. Items of value will be kept in the office (watches, phones, cameras, etc.). Other items (hats, coats, shoes, etc.) will be placed in the wire basket downstairs behind the coke machine.
- During the recent storms, a few of us had the pleasure of bunkering up in the bathhouses during a Tornado Warning. PLEASE NOTE, the bathhouses ARE our designated Storm Shelter during inclement weather. I'm glad to report that: 1. We did not experience a tornado; and 2. We got an up close and personal view of the hard work put into the renovation of the bathhouses!

- In addition, we experienced rain AND high winds, THANK YOU to all the members who helped (and continue to help!) other members by bailing water out of their boats, securing their bowlines, contacting the office that sails are flapping, etc. etc.
- Fred Schroth's bunny population took over the AYC office for the Easter Regatta. It was a good thing I took that weekend off, there wasn't enough room for me AND Fred's bunny friends!
- On a personal note. my husband Paul has graduated to following up with his doctors every three months rather than every month and doing blood draws once a month rather than twice a week! He's doing remarkably well and we thank everyone for all the prayers and for constantly checking up on us!!!

Sailing Director Report

by Coleman Terrell



We are starting to see the camp registration sign-ups come in, due in part to our full-scale advertising effort this year. We are utilizing a number of different outlets to spread the word about our summer camps and PB&J series. We are also advertising all of our learn-to-sail and women's clinics through the Austin Statesman and Lake Travis View. This is leading to a large number of non-member signups for these events!

The Junior Program is rolling along, with our practices continuing to be full, with excellent conditions all season so far. Our sailors continue to represent AYC very well at all the out of town regattas they attend. If you are interested in seeing their results, please visit www.tx sail.org.

In March, we hosted the US Sailing Level 2 certification course. I was happy to be able to participate in this class and earn my Level 2 certification. Thank you to **Steve Gay** for teaching the course, and thank you to **Carolyn Wilsford and Linda McDavitt** for coaching my Saturday practices that week so that I could participate!

Governor's Cup was a great weekend! We had tons of boats from out of town and we got all the wind we could handle, and then some. I was helping on the Opti course and we had 8 boats out there! We had 12 good races, with competitiveness throughout the fleet!

The **Scott Young** Start Clinic is coming up on the 22nd, and the Smallboat Introduction to Sailing Series (formerly the Adult FJ Series) begins on April 23.

The Learn-to Sail Clinic is on the 29th, so please mention this course to all your friends that have expressed an interest in sailing but haven't made it out to the lake yet. This will be a good opportunity for them to see what sailing is all about!

Last but not least, the Women's Clinic is coming up on May 6&7 so don't forget to sign up!



Scott Young Start Clinic April 22 9:00am - 5:00pm

Member Pricing - \$50 per boat - \$35 for individuals

Time

Activity

9:00 - 12:00

Chalk Talk

12:00 - 1:00

Lunch

Non-member Pricing - \$60 per boat - \$45 for individuals

1:00 - 5:00

On the Water

6-time Mallory Cup winner Scott Young is hosting his annual Starting Clinic at AYC. During this course, Scott covers effective starting strategies, focusing on mindset, knowledge of the course, understanding your competition, and maximizing your boat's capabilities.

Register online at www.austinyachtclub.net.

Contact AYC Sailing Director Coleman Terrell at (512) 266-1336 or coleman@austinyachtclub.net

Learn to Sail Clinic

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

The Clinic includes:

- Land Based instruction:
 - Basic sailing terms
 - How sails work
- On the water Instruction.
 - Rigging
 - Steering
 - Crewing
- Refreshments and follow up talk

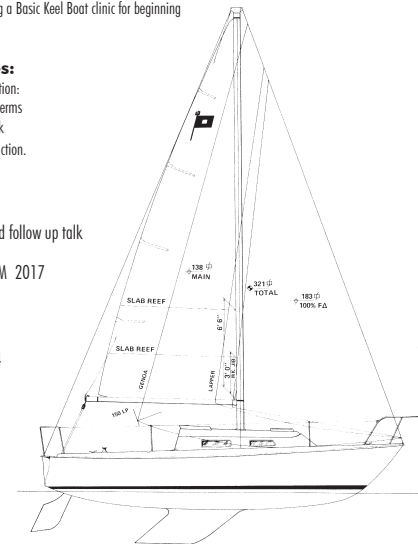
When: April 29th 1-5PM 2017

Where: Austin Yacht Club
5906 Beacon Dr.
Austin, TX 78734

Cost:

\$50 per person (AYC members)

\$65.00 per person (non members)



Please bring sunscreen, a reusable water bottle, hat & sunglasses.

Close toed water shoes/sandals or boat shoes and a sun protection shirt (rash guard or similar) are strongly recommended.

Register online at austinyachtclub.net | non-members bring payment to clinic.

Contact AYC Sailing Director **Coleman Terrell** at (512) 266-1336 or
AYC Sail Training Commander **Carolyn Wilsford** at (512) 266-1220.

AYC SPRING CLEARANCE!

May 1-May 31

ITEM	REG PRICE	SALE PRICE
AYC Visor	\$10	\$7
Men's Fleece Vest	\$30	\$21
Men's Fleece Jacket	\$30	\$21
Ladies Fleece Jacket	\$35	\$25
Soft Shell Jacket	\$45	\$32
Large AYC Sticker	\$5	\$3

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Becoming an ASA Sailing Instructor by Harry Polly



In March, AYC held two back-to-back American Sailing Association (ASA) Instructor Qualification Clinics (IQC). There were 12 candidates — all successfully earning their ASA101 Instructor rating.

ASA Instructors are an experienced sailor who want to share their love of sailing with others. Among the accomplishments of the American Sailing Association is the establishment of national standards for sailing instructor certification. The objective is to take experienced sailors and give them the “tools” necessary

to transform them into certified sailing instructors.

ASA sailing instructor clinics test existing skills and knowledge while teaching a structured curriculum and proven presentation techniques. ASA certified sailing instructors have proven they measure up to a national standard which is used by more than 90% of the commercial sailing schools in the country.

Certification as an ASA instructor requires the successful completion of a written three hour comprehensive ASA Instructor Qualification Examination much like the U.S Coast Guard commercial licensing exam and single handed practical sailing exercise covering all of the points of sail, tacking, jibing, heaving to, reefing, and man overboard recover procedures under sail.

AYC teaches the two day ASA101 Basic Keelboat sailing course several times a year. This is an ideal way for beginning or novice sailors to get into racing. All of AYC's ASA instructors are experienced racers who generally teach on their own personal boat.

AYC tries to keep their ASA101 class size small — usually only two students to a boat with one ASA instructor. Many times students are rotated among two

instructors and on two different boat to give them an overview of skipper style and boat characteristics.

Our new ASA101 instructors are: **Paul Carew, Joe Roddy, Hector Lujan, John Thurston, Rosanne Butera, Steve Ward, Jeff Wigzell, James Peterson, Kurt Carson, and Susie Ortega.** Plus, **Reagan Schuttger** of Sea Scout Ship 681 and **UT Sailing Club Rikin Shah.**



Rosanne Butera, Joe Roddy and ASA Trainer Charley Weaver



John Thurston, ASA Trainer Charley Weaver, and Hector Luhan

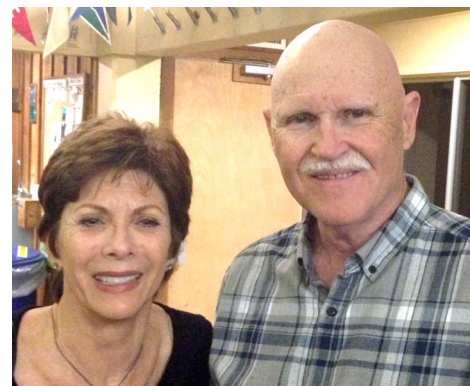
Welcome New Members!



Paul Carroll (Associate Probationary). Paul and his wife **Helen** are new to Austin. Paul is relatively new to sailing (since 2014) but has been actively sailing out of Kemah, TX, including races with South Coast Sailing. He participated in the Harvest Moon Regatta and would love to crew with someone from AYC in a future Harvest Moon. Paul holds ASA certifications 101, 103, 104, 105, 106, 114 and 118 and has cruised in the BVIs, Whitsunday Islands, and the West Coast of Italy.



Kurt Gustafson (Senior Probationary). Kurt has extensive lake and blue water sailing experience, including 37 years of sailing in the Caribbean. He has been a Charter Captain with Texas Sailing for 10 years. He owns a Catalina 30. Although he reports that most of his experience is cruising experience, he has participated in open races and Beer Cans at AYC since the 1980s and is excited to participate in more races as an AYC member.



Lance Stairs (Senior Probationary). Lance and his wife **Karen Richards** are interested in joining AYC because they love to sail and enjoy the company of sailors. Over the past four years, Lance has logged over 6800 nautical on his Seawind catamaran (San Diego to the tip of Baja into the Sea of Cortez, down the Central American Coast, through the Panama Canal and in the Caribbean). He also sailed a 19 Rhodes for 2 years on Lake Michigan out of Chicago. He holds several sailing certifications, including ASA 101, 103, 104, and 114.

2017 Governor's Cup



Karen Bogisch
Regatta Chair

The 2017 Governor's Cup Regatta began with an idea from **Bill Records**. Move it to the Spring when the winds are more favorable. Boy, did that pay off! The winds and weather were wonderful, and 76 boats ended up registering for the regatta, the most for an AYC regatta in many years. The regatta was a circuit stop for the J/70s, who brought 14 boats, the Sunfish fleet, which brought in seven boats, and the Catalina 22s, with three boats.

The AYC family made the regatta a great success.

Bill Records and **Jeane Goldsmith** worked on the

trophies, **Preston Bezant** provided the poster and T-shirt design, **Cathy** and **Dan Ellenbrook** transferred that design to the T-shirts, including special volunteer T-shirts, **Bill Benker** provided us with a wonderful BBQ dinner on Saturday evening for more than 200 people, and the **Roadrunner fleet** provided burgers on Sunday for lunch. For entertainment, **Commodore Wade Bingaman's** band, The Shoal Brothers, provided music on Saturday evening along with The Austin Polka Band and a local up-and-coming country singer, **Joey Kipfer**, and **Jeane Goldsmith** and **Chuck Pinnell** provided music during Friday evening registration, which included a talk from boat builder **Jim Merritt**. As the regatta chair, I could not have survived without the AYC staff of **Jackie Wheelless** and **Tom Cunningham**, and the following volunteers – **Krissy** and **Richie Amato** and **Dane Ohe** helped assemble competitor packets on Friday afternoon, **Krissy** also helped shop for Saturday breakfast and Friday evening snacks. **Ed Taylor** and **John Maddalozzo** helped with registration on Friday evening, and **Bonnie Lackey**, **Claudia Bartlett**, **John Maddalozzo**, and **Cheryl** and **Steve Pervier** helped with registration bright and early Saturday morning. **John Thurston** led the early Saturday morning breakfast team of **Krissy Amato**, **Doug Laws**, **Chris** and **Justin Wolfe**, and **Jeff** and **Marilyn Jackson**. The Los Piños tacos disappeared quickly while the competitors waited for the racing to begin. Once the racing started, **Bill Records** handled the race committee for the Opti line, which included **Coleman Terrell**, **Steve Ward**, **Robert Cabera**, and **Larry Haig**. **Vic Manning** was in charge of the Lakeway RC, which included **Richie Amato**, **James Bland**, **Steve Gay**, and **John Howard**. **Ed Taylor** was PRO for the regatta, with his team of **Tommy Meyers**, **Mark Bradford**, **Jim Tillinghast**, **Owen Crouse**, **Lanelle Montgomery**, **Jim Johnstone**, and **John Maddalozzo**. **Chris Thompson**, **John Thurston**, **John Maddalozzo**, and **Jim Casto** helped me with scoring. For Saturday evening's BBQ dinner, **Diane Covert** led the team of servers, including **Bob** and **Jeane Goldsmith**, **Louise Miller**, **Doug Christensen** and **Dan Ellenbrook**. **Bill Benker's** BBQ also christened a beautiful cutting board provided to the Club by **Tommy Meyer** and **Tom Groll**.

See you all again next year!

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<u>Junior Optimist</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	James Brock Fiona Froelich Aidan Kremetz
<u>Sunfish</u>	1st 2nd	Ravi Subraminian Ed Hill
<u>Portsmouth</u>	1st 2nd	Jennifer Loehlin Theodore McDonald
<u>J/22</u>	1st 2nd	Doug Weakly John Halter
<u>J/24</u>	1st	Joan Freeman
<u>Ensign</u>	1st 2nd	Tom Groll George Dahmen
<u>Catalina 22</u>	1st	Ty McAden
<u>J/70</u>	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	Scott Spurlin (AYC) Forbes Durdin (Lakewood YC) Rick Schaffer (Fort Worth Boat Club) Jay Lutz (Lakewood YC)
<u>B/C Handicap</u>	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	Dane Ohe Dave Wahlberg Jeff Avant James Parsons
<u>A Handicap</u>	1st 2nd	Claudia Bartlett John Burke
<u>M-H Handicap</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	Mike Rohrer J Kuc Bo Kersey
<u>Governor's Cup Winner (Most boats from a traveling Yacht Club)</u>	Lakewood Yacht Club Represented by Al Poindexter	

2017 Governor's Cup

The AYC Governor's Cup trophy was originally commissioned and awarded in 1962 to the traveling club that fielded the largest number of boats in the then AYC Governor's Cup Regatta. Since its inception, it attracted members from other clubs around the state and helped build AYC's reputation as a great sailing venue. The Governor's Cup for many years was the first event in the city of Austin-sponsored Aqua Festival which attracted many yet to become sailors to the Club. Although the Governor's Cup Regatta was initially so named to simply provide panache to the event at our fledgling Club, it became a major central Texas event. In 1983 AYC was able to attract the presiding Texas State Governor (Mark White) to present the trophy to the winner, Dallas Corinthian Sailing Club. The Governor's Cup trophy was retired in 2005 and recommissioned in 2016.



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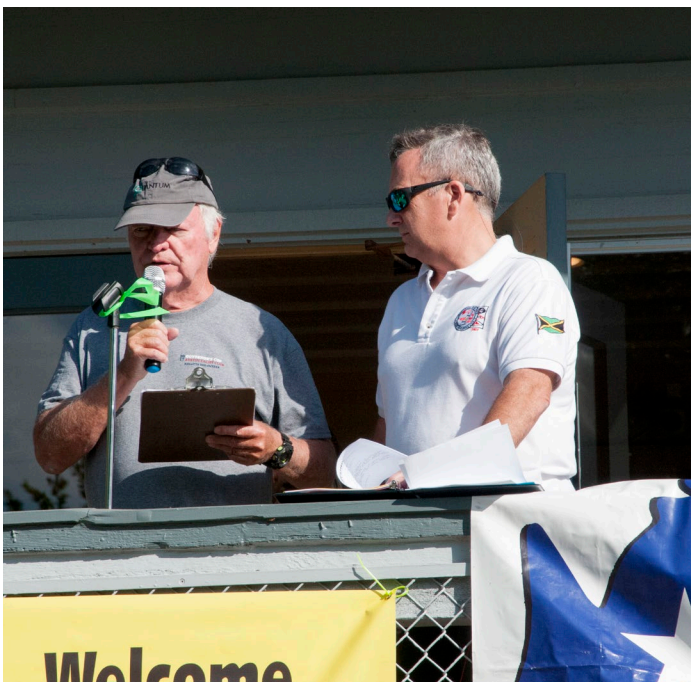
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Friday Night Beer Can Races



The Keel Handicap Fleet invites all AYC members to participate in fun, informal races with a staggered start so all participants finish at the same time.

Where: in the main basin of Lake Travis starting and finishing from the “No Wake” Buoys at the entrance to the AYC harbor.

When: **Starts Friday April 21** and continues every Friday night through September. In April and again in September the first boat will start at 6:30 PM so you can get in before dark. You do not have to come in then, we just thought some of you like to put your boat up while you can still see what you are doing.

In May through August the first boat will start at 7:00PM. Your exact start time is based on your PHRF handicap.

Check your start time by handicap rating on the AYC bulletin board.

Oh, and one more thing, If your boat is made to fly a spinnaker and you don't fly it you can start 30 Seconds earlier than your posted time.

The course: Round the AYC marks B, E, and Channel Mark 5 in any order you dare! **Sailing Tip:** *Avoid sailing through water with less depth than your boat requires with its keel down!*

Protests: Really? Settle these among yourselves over a cool drink and a burger after the race. The KHF will set aside a special picnic table for you and invite everyone over to offer advice.

Winner, Winner Chicken Dinner! The winner gets something to be determined by the KHF, usually a bottle of wine but occasionally something else and sometimes just a pat on the back if we forget to purchase prizes. And hey, before you start whining about that, remember the entrance fee was zip, zero, nada.

Each time you win, add, 30 seconds to your start time for the rest of the races. Save your killer instincts for Sunday, we want everyone to win even if they have an inch or two of moss on their hull.

Post-race social activities are limited only by your imaginations just keep in mind this is a family oriented venue. The KHF will provide a tasty meal for the low, low price of only \$5.00 to make sure you are well nourished for whatever you decide to do after racing.

Roadrunner Fleet Update

by Mary Carew



Two TSA regattas in March kept the team on the road. Close to home, 20 sailors travelled to Canyon Lake on March 11-12 to participate in the Spring Fling Regatta. It was nice to see new sailors join an "away" regatta: **Rebecca Schooler** crewed for **Wendi Froelich** in a c420 and both girls did an amazing job in a new boat. **Lucy Brock/Julius Heitkoetter** took 1st place in that fleet. **Ben Froelich** captured 2nd place in Laser Radial while **Ethan Froelich** got 1st in Laser 4.7. **Maggie McElmurray**

also performed well in Laser 4.7, finishing 5th. **Eli Ortiz** finished mid-fleet in Laser Radial and **Taylor Snyder** continued to improve her performance. On the Opti green line, **Keen Cabrera** is learning all aspects of racing while his brother **Kynes** has a great attitude on the RWB line. **Aidan Krempetz** and **Nicholas Carew** also performed well on the RWB line. Overall results for RWB were as follow: **Tony Slowik** – 1st (and 1st in Red), **Lucas Tenreiro** – 3rd and 2nd in Blue; **James Brock** – 6th overall and 5th in Blue. **Katie Froelich** finished 5th in While Fleet and **Fiona Froelich** finished 5th in Blue.



Roadrunners and coaches at CSC, Corinthian Sailing Club Dallas

On April 1-2, 15 juniors travelled to the Rock the Rock regatta in Corinthian Sailing Club, Dallas. **Lucy Brock** and **Julius Heitkoetter** again dominated c420 while **Wendi Froelich** and **Rebecca Schooler** looked like they were having a lot of fun on their 420. **Ethan Froelich** took another 1st in Laser 4.7 while **Ben Froelich** took 2nd in Laser Radial. **Andrew Butler** and **Taylor Snyder** also performed well in Laser Radial. The RWB fleet was really competitive but AYC did really well again with **Lucas Tenreiro** in 3rd overall (3rd also in Blue) and **James Brock** in 5th overall (4th in Blue). **Fiona Froelich** has really started out the year well. She is really close to earning one of the top spots and no doubt will do so this year. She finished 8th overall and 5th in Blue Fleet. **Nicholas Carew** consistently finished mid-fleet and **Katie Froelich** also did great; she pulled off a very impressive 8th place in one of the races. **Kynes Cabrera** is also working really hard as is his brother **Keen** in Green Fleet.



Rebecca Schooler and Wendi Froelich derigging

Closer to home, 8 juniors sailed Optimists in the Governor's Cup. All sailors deserve praise for managing the windy conditions on Saturday, especially **Kevin Duhovich**, **Jamie Brock** won 1st place with **Fiona Froelich** and **Aidan Krempetz** coming 2nd and 3rd respectively. **Wendi Froelich** also sailed a sunfish in the regatta. Thanks to everyone for supporting the Sunday Lunch Roadrunner fundraiser and bake sale, led by **Constance Heitkoetter**. We really

Roadrunner Profiles

Taylor Snyder



I started sailing at AYC in November of 2015 with limited experience. I learned as much as I could and by September 8 of the next year I bought a laser. DCYC was my first out of town regatta and I had fun but I didn't do very well. I wasn't aggressive with my starts and didn't make the right moves tactically. After that I knew what I needed to work on and I got a little more serious about practicing. At CCYC this past February most of all the other competition had years of experience under their belt and

racing with still intimidating but, I tried my best and I did well. It is the same people that are the top four or five and by next year I hope to be in those places. Yes, starting my sailing life I started on a laser and mostly everybody else started on optis and worked their way up through the TSA circuit to lasers. I'm hoping to learn just as much as they have but in a short amount of time so I can be a serious competitor.

Catalina 22 Update

by Steve Pervier



Spring Series saw our first C22+SC21 Race Committee of 2017. Thanks to South Coast 21 sailors **Bob Musselman** and **Tom Meyer** (PRO), new AYC members **Doug** and **Pamela Christensen**, working a chase boat with **Vic Manning**, AYC member and good crew **Owen Crouse**. Also thanks to C22 members **Brett Wilson**, **Louise Miller** and **Walter Payne**, and **Cheryl** and **Steve Pervier**. On this cloudy, cold to cool day, **Tom** selected E4 and E3 for long courses and we ran good races in

10mph wind shifting from NE to N. Thanks to **Louise** and **Cheryl** for bailing me out with good paper score recording, since I crashed and could not reset the iPad – oops!

After our Opening Day C22 races including four skippers on three boats, personal needs took precedence for some. Our next Spring Series race day became match racing with just two boats – Strings Attached with **Louise**, **Walter**, and **Brett**, and Affinity with **Cheryl**, **Steve**, and **Lizette**. This day was a windy

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Force 5, with reefed mains and reduced headsails only. The second was a little better at Force 4, in which Affinity sailed ahead of all but one Ensign and one South Coast. Actually it was the only South Coast 21, with **Bob Musselman** sailing singlehanded, and he beat us and all the Ensigns – great racing, **Bob!**



#196 Hattori Hanzo sailed by Ty McAden with Sherrie and Andrew

Governor's Cup was also our Catalina 22 Region 8 Spinnaker Championship, but with two windy days, none of our fleet tried setting a spinnaker even once! Two great crews and boats came to race – our Region 8 Commodore **Mark Goodwin** with his wife **Judy** and crew **Laura** were on #1700 WhoDat?, and new C22 owner **Ty McAden** with his sister **Sherrie** and crew **Andrew** on #196 Hattori Hanzo. On Saturday, it was so windy (gusts to 30) that the C22 diamond partially blew off the old Trump mainsail of #7619 Affinity. In race one **Ty's**



#1700 Who Dat? sailed by Mark Goodwin with Judy and Laura

boat destroyed a jib lead, allowing #7619 to stay ahead for 2nd. Just before the finish of race two, **Mark's** boat rounded up, hove to and instantly parked, allowing us to sail past for another 2nd. All tied on points, four apiece, on Sunday it was **Ty, Mark and Steve** getting 1st, 2nd, 3rd in the last race and therefore the regatta. You should have seen these well set up visiting C22s, and enjoyed meeting some of the good circuit racers in our class. Maybe we could send a few boats to race with them later this year?

With all the early warm weather, AYC's calendar realignment is working well. We've seen a good Spring Series and a great springtime Governor's Cup with over 75 boats. Now we will begin... Summer already? Yes, since in 2017 we have three racing series with Summer in their names. It's also time for Friday Beer Can and MoonBurn racing, starting just after Easter. Even some Wednesday Laser and Sunfish racers are showing up early, well ahead of their May 3rd series opener. Let's go sailing!

J/24 Fleet Update

by Stu Juengst



The J/24 Texas Circuit is underway, with our first stop being hosted by the Galveston Bay Cruising Association. We had 18 boats turn out, including teams from New York YC and Portland (ME) YC. They came down to practice in Galveston Bay in preparation for our upcoming NAs. The New York boat was skippered by J/22 World Champion **Mike Marshall** and tactician was J/24 World Champion **Will Welles**.

The Portland boat was skippered by multiple National Champion **Carter White**. Overall the weather was nice, but it was so foggy as we were heading out to the race course on Sunday morning, the Coast Guard told us to turn on our running lights. Running lights on a race boat? What?

After 5 races, **Natalie Harden** and Team Giggles finished 3rd behind the two out-of-state "ringers". Team Vang Go was happy with a 6th place finish. **Jorge Martin-de-Nicholas'** Stray Dog finished 10th, with **Dave Broadway's** Superman right behind him in 11th. Our circuit continues on April 22-23 in Ft. Worth.



In the Spring Series, Team Stray Dog showed that consistency pays off with their second straight Series title. A visiting skipper, **Graham Marshall** on ClairBouyant sailed well and took home a 2nd place trophy, and Superman finished 3rd.

Three J/24s competed in Governor's Cup: Stray Dog, Superman, and **John Parker's** Chupacabra. (Team Vang Go sailed on **Pat Caughey's** Catalina 27 because we're going to miss Turnback Canyon since the J/24 NAs are the same weekend). The battle between Stray Dog and Superman was an epic back-and-forth struggle, with Team Stray Dog coming out on top (with a little help from **Dave Broadway's** mistaking the Sunfish reaching mark for his own leeward mark)!

The J/24 fleet has grown recently: **Larry Parks** is the proud owner of "My Joy". Welcome to the fleet Larry!

A Fleet Update

by Ray Shull



The first race of the Spring Series started with 12 A-Fleet boats on the line. The flock of seven J80s was joined by the Schumacher 28, the Tripp 26, the SB 20, a Melges 24 and a J29. We just needed a couple of J 70s and a VX One to make it 15 competitors. The great participation in the races for this series made for crowded starting lines, close mark roundings, and other boats always nearby. During the subsequent races, the above mentioned additional boats did

appear, which made the participation of A Fleet for the series the highest number of boats racing. Way to go A Fleet.

The first race day was held in nice spring-like conditions. The winds were moderate, the sun was warm, and it was one of those great early spring days that we have in March. We were lulled into thinking that the cold winter weather was over for the year until the second race day. This day dawned just after a strong cold front and highs in the upper forties for the day and dreary cloudy skies. However, the sailing was still good with 12 boats starting in brisk north winds. It seemed that Frostbite Racing was just delayed by a few weeks for us. If you were properly bundled, as illustrated by one of my crew,



the sailing was still good.

Who is this masked crew person?

When the next weekend brought a gorgeous forecast without a scheduled race, a few of the J 80 sailors decided that having excellent weather, no racing, and nothing else planned for a Sunday afternoon was just too much temptation.

After a few phone calls, some emails, and more discussion on the docks, **John Bartlett** was coerced into conducting a brief talk on tuning J 80s, and he followed that with an on-the-water evaluation and demonstration of sail trim. Approximately 15 sailors showed up on dock one at the appointed time where **John** talked about and showed us how he makes his J 80 go so fast. We then measured most of the other boats for mast position, stay tensioning, and other tuning aspects, and compared notes. After that, four J 80s rigged and headed out into the lake for an hour or two of boat-on-boat testing and observation by **John** in his power boat (and some time to just enjoy sailing in the great weather). It was a great impromptu seminar and practice, with some useful expert advice on how to rig and tune a J 80 for top performance.

The next weekend was fairly breezy and was mostly a J 80 affair with six of them racing along with Spadefoot and a J 80 crew jumping ship and appearing instead on a J 70. The J 70 crew said that they needed to practice on the J 70 for Gov Cup, since they expected over 15 of the 70s to race in the regatta/circuit stop that weekend. I think we saw the VX One leave the dock single handed for the race that day, but after a capsize just outside of the T-Head, he thought better of this plan and returned to wait for better

conditions. We did notice that a VX One is self righting, (as soon as at least one crew member is able to climb onto the keel).

The fourth and final race started with no winds, warm temperatures, and what seemed to be little chance of racing following a strong front, heavy rains, and maybe a small tornado on the lake that morning. After the front barreled through the area, it seemed it had taken all of the atmospheric energy with it as it raced eastward. We drifted out of the cove around one o'clock or so, with little optimism for racing. Fortunately the multi-hull fleet race committee had the patience to wait, and by around 2:00 a little sign of wind from the west appeared. They did a great job of setting up courses for our two races, and the winds held throughout the afternoon for some great racing. The six boats that raced experienced some incredibly tight mark roundings and close racing in the somewhat short race legs.



A Fleet racers heading downwind

After the final racing was completed, Spadefoot won the series with four first places in the eight races. They showed great boat speed both upwind and downwind in the series and their Schumacher 28 was tough to beat in any of the conditions. The next six places in the standings were held by J 80s. These boats consistently placed in the top half of the fleet in the series races. That performance, plus racing in most of the races, gave them the points they needed to score well. Places two through five were only separated by ten points after eight races, so the racing was close indeed.

During the one week break during the series, Spadefoot disappeared for a few days from its slip. **Justin and Chris** are planning to haul her to the east coast later this summer for a race to Bermuda and back. **Justin** is planning to race it single-handed in the Newport to Bermuda Race and then **Chris** will join him there to race it back in the double-handed class. **Justin** needed to demonstrate a single-handed offshore sailing experience of at least 100 miles from land, so they hauled the boat to Galveston Bay where he went out into the Gulf the required distance and returned. **Justin** said one of the worst parts of the trip for him was the trek from Clear Lake to the Galveston entrance/exit to the Gulf. Narrow channels, lots of commercial ships, and four hours each way which didn't count toward his 100 mile minimum distance, made for an experience not to be repeated often. We wish them the best of luck in the upcoming Bermuda races. They have done a great job of representing AYC in major off-shore races, and we're all proud of their accomplishments.

Following the end of the Spring Series, six J 80s and the SB 20 registered for Governor's Cup Regatta. The forecast was for very breezy conditions for both days and for once the weather forecasters were spot on. We had steady 15-20 mph winds, with gusts estimated to be in the upper twenties, the first day. These conditions tested the crew's high wind skills and provided some amazingly quick downwind legs. Every A Fleet boat broached at least once and one skipper of a J 80 with a knot meter said he saw speeds of over

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18 knots on one of the spinnaker runs. **Claudia and John Bartlett** showed their prowess in these conditions and won three of the five races on Speed Racer. **John Burke** won two races on Amazing Grace and finished second. We finished third on Flyer. We don't have a knot meter on Flyer but several of the high speed spinnaker runs put us into the "hang on, we're screaming down the lake and the spinnaker is driving the boat range." It was "cleat the spin sheet, because you couldn't trim it in even if you tried." It appeared that moving this Regatta to April certainly changed it from a typically light-air affair in the fall, to high wind early spring sailing at its best.

A Fleet Rumors – The word is that a couple of long time AYC top-level racers are seriously considering buying an A Fleet boat and jumping into the fray. Hopefully more details to come about these rumors next month.



MoonBurn 2017 Starts May 5

1. We have four races this year (May 5, June 9, Jul 7 and Aug 4) First gun 8:00 p.m. for all races.
2. There's a throw out race!
3. Incentives for RC/Cooks are returning (details soon in NOR)
4. There are three overall course types we could race
 - a. Arkansas Bend: just like 2016. Thanks to Chris Thompson for the input in 2015: If you build a night race, they will come.
 - b. The Bowl: racing in the area we know well, doing multiple laps if the wind permits. Thanks to John Bartlett for the input!
 - c. Party at the Gnarly Gar near Mile Marker 16. If it's not open, we can anchor nearby and have an overnight raftup. This course is likely to be the June and/or July race. Thanks goes to Doug Casey for the input.
5. The four full moon Fridays are dedicated to MoonBurn so there won't be a Beer Can Race those evenings. Thanks to Keel Fleet Board for the input!
6. Dinner is pre-race, from 6-7 p.m. Thanks to #5, our cooks won't need to be around all night. They may be able to race!
7. Skipper's meeting at 6:30, each race. Come hear some tips on the likely course we'll sail and get your questions answered.

Want to volunteer? Have questions? Email: moonburnayc@gmail.com

C Fleet Update

by James Parsons



Governor's Cup was a ton of fun for C Fleet. Not quite throwing a governor in the AYC pool, but fun nonetheless.

C Fleet had three races over the weekend. Saturday #1 up to Lakeway, finishing at Mile Marker 14. Saturday #2 was back from 14. The 3rd race on Sunday was a standard course in the bowl.

From the rest of the fields perspective, Pirate Unicorn and her skipper were crazy, and were in imminent danger of running aground between marks 12 & 14. From the Pirate Unicorn's perspective, there was a beautiful site (see the picture) of the entire rest of the fleet who were in imminent danger of finishing behind her.



While her skipper is younger than most, he'd like to remind folks that some call him Ishmael. Oh, and that he has a Coastal Skipper certification from the Royal New Zealand Coast Guard which involved a ton of chart work. The Pirate Unicorn may be slow downwind, but get her in an area where others haven't studied the charts, and she'll find a field rich in unicorns. That, and get her in winds that her skipper learned to sail in (20-30 knots), and he might even catch Moby Dick.

On to the results:

All of the races saw **Dane Ohe** and his crew (**Dane's Dames**) on Aphaia win line honors for each race. Being a B fleet boat, there were some boats that corrected over them. However consistency was the way to win this weekend with different and unfamiliar courses.

Race 1 – Saw **Jeff Avant** in his Columbia 26 win on corrected time by 26 seconds over Aphaia. 8 seconds later was **Dave Wahlberg's** Caveat, then 5 seconds later was the Pirate Unicorn in 4th. Los Monos and Slip Kid were within the next 21 seconds. It was a tight race all the way up (other than the Pirate Unicorn peeling off for their shortcut, and peeling off a few boats in the process).

Race 2 – The Pirate Unicorn was first around 12 after that shortcut, and held off Aphaia and Caribbean Star for a good 1.5 miles before the inevitable downwind pass happened. Passing by 9 under the power lines, it was Aphaia, Caribbean Star, Pirate Unicorn, and **Jeff's** Columbia. The order was the same at 7, but got mixed up once Caribbean Star got overpowered and Pirate Unicorn went hunting where no one else did (this time near AYC and the Opti's course).

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In the end, Pirate Unicorn won her first race in some months, followed by **Jeff Avant** 25 seconds later, and Aphaia 16 seconds later (again with line honors). Then five boats finished in a flurry within 30 seconds real time (45 seconds corrected time): Los Monos, Entheos, Slip Kid, Carribean Star, and Caveat.

Race 3 – The leadup – under very different circumstances (less wind, but still not a light wind day), and a different course (a standard 4-3 if I recall correctly), a few extraordinary things happened. 1. The leader showed up an hour late thanks to not inspecting the SIs. 2. **Dane's Dames** had another good race. 3. The Pirate Unicorn, Los Monos, and Entheos (2nd, 4th, and 6th at the start of the race, respectively) battled near the back. There was a Room To Tack hail that wasn't responded too which resulted in a luffing of the starboard boat, a spin and a discussion on racing rules after the race. The agreement after discussion: Room To Tack (Rule 20) is a valid hail, and there are only two responses (Rule 21): Hailed boat tacks ASAP or Hailed boat gives room to tack by stating "You tack". Any discussion on perceived dangers or lack thereof, can be heard in the protest room, but safety is paramount (Rule 14) on the water. 4. Nearly everyone did better in Race 3 than Race 2. 5. This is the first you are hearing about it. There was a rather large marine mammal duking it out with Pequod...I mean the Pirate Unicorn, while going downwind after Los Monos passed her (again). She usually doesn't usually sail downwind fast, and when Ahab....I mean **James**, said "thus I give up the whisker pole", the crew (all new compared to Saturday) suspected the fight with Moby Dick and Los Monos was over, due to there not being enough wind.

Race 3 and Regatta results – Well, the finish was not filled with nearly as much drama as was seen earlier in the race. **Dane's Dame's** on Aphaia had line honors as well as regatta honors. 2nd was Race #3's winner **Dave Wahlberg** on his Kiwi 24 (Caveat). 3rd was **Jeff Avant** (he did so well the first two races, that he still got 3rd after being an hour late and 11th in race 3). 4th was the Pirate Unicorn (10th in race 3) on 15 points, tied with 5th Slip Kid (3rd in race 3 after letting Taylor drive). 6th was Los Monos (9th in race 3), 7th Caribbean Star (4th in race 3), 8th was **Jim Pearce** (7th in race 3), **Patrick Caughey's** Prime Plus was 8th (6th in race 3), **Chris Thompson's** Three Hour Crewz (5th in race 3), Banshee in 11th (8th in race 3), **Cindy Naylor** in 12th (DNC, though they sailed a different boat in race 3), and 13th was **Mark Zion** on Soulstice (12th in race 3).

Honorable mention to the team of **Mack Warner and Cindy Naylor** for sailing 2 different Rangers (28 on Saturday, 23 on Sunday) through the weekend.



Ensign Fleet Update

by Randolph Bertin



Spring Series

Spring Series began with a traditional Opening Day celebration. Although a number of the Ensign fleet skippers and crew did not avail themselves of the opportunity to join in the festive brunch and heartfelt opening ceremony, quite a few managed to get out to the lake to take part in that portion of the days events given over to skillfully guiding their wind-powered craft around the water in earnest competition. In other words, sailboat racing.

In all, there were nine boats on the line that day, or actually a few more than that if you include the Catalina-22s that shared the start. Conditions early in the day showed uncertain promise, but an afternoon breeze of sorts brought race-able conditions to Lake Travis. **Bill and Kelly Hawk** had the best of the day on Prickly Pear, with a 2nd and a 1st. The **Dahmens** also sailed at or near the front of the fleet where they seem to have taken up almost permanent residence, this time scoring a 1st and a 3rd. Of course it was shifty, and though **Jonathan Baker and the Fausts** on J Seagull at one point established a lead, they found themselves on the wrong side of the final shift into the finish and unable to claim victory. Nevertheless, consistently good sailing brought a 3rd and a 2nd.



Photos Anne Morley

Elliot Bray and Doug Laws start to leeward of the Dahmens



Jonathan Baker leads the fleet

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The next go round, the **Hawks** were not able to hold onto their early series lead as they did not sail. Likewise for **Jonathan Baker**, who did not return to the fleet for the remainder of the series (though he was spotted at least one other time aboard a J-70). It was the **Dahmens** who turned yet another strong day on the water into a commanding series lead of 10 points over their now nearest competitor, **Lewis Price**. **James and Karen Bland** had also been sailing well in the series, but decided to retire from the second race after a minor incident and injury on their boat. **Danny Lien and Dave Gamble** had a nice day on the water aboard *One with the Wind*, taking a first place in the second race of the Day. Meanwhile, **Tom Groll** returned to the water after missing the series opener and picked up a second and third to start his push into series contention, which would continue for the remainder of the series.

Round 3 – wind, and plenty of it, kept all the skippers on their toes and their crews exhausted, another 9 boats worth. Fairly sustained south/southeast breeze in the high teens meant that most everyone decided on the #2 jib and keeping their spinnakers in the boat. **Tom Groll**, sailing with **David and Anne Morley** aboard did put up their spinnaker on the first downwind leg of the day, but it came down in short order after (a) they had built an almost insurmountable lead and (b) they were practically taking a nose dive into the chop. **James and Karen Bland**, after a boat repair with the gracious help of **Tom Groll**, rode *Spirit* near the front of the fleet most of the day, and finished with a 4th and a 2nd. **Dave Gamble** mirrored those results with a 2nd and a 4th. Unfortunately, **Doug Laws** slid off the bench aboard the **Dahmens'** *Styf Kop* during a big gust and scraped up his shin on the opposite bench (we've all been there before!). Discretion being the better part of valor, they returned **Doug** to shore for some first aid treatment. Oh, and they came back to win the second race of the afternoon!

For the final day of the Spring Series, a substantial storm had blown through the area that morning. Winds had been strong enough to rip a billboard down on 620 not too far from Hudson Bend, with scattered tree branches strewn about the area. By the time we met to rig for racing, though, there wasn't much doing, and forecasts for the afternoon were all over the place (Moderate breeze from the west at 10 knots? A North wind around 5? Eventual southeast wind? No wind?) Not too many skippers came out, either warned off by the strong storms early in the day or not expecting much based on the fluky post storm conditions. Or there were more important things to do like spend time with grandchildren. The **Dahmens** didn't need to race as a series victory was already clinched. **Frans** was indisposed but **George** came out anyway because it is still sailing after all. Well, the forecasts that were all over the place were partly correct: as RC tried to get things going, winds really were all over the place: north, south, west (I don't recall much from the east), sometimes nothing and sometimes from two different directions at the same time. RC eventually set up course for a breeze that seemed to be coming more or less from the west. By



Photo Russ Shermer

Spirit sailing downwind in style

the time the Ensign fleet started, that had transformed into a building breeze from the north/northwest, with a very skewed start line favoring the committee boat and almost a one leg beat to the mark. *Styf Kop* was over early and



Photo Russ Shermer

Annie Lancaster and crew sailing upwind

had to restart. **James and Karen Bland** set up toward the pin end anticipating a shift back to the left. Unfortunately, that shift never materialized. The wind stayed right and just continued to build. **Tom Groll** started with a lead on the right side which he continued to build. **Annie Lancaster** brought *Eagle* out to race and fared quite well.

With one race in the books, RC judiciously re-oriented the start-line and marks for Race #2, but the results were the same: exhilarating conditions in which **Tom Groll** paced the small fleet to an easy victory, and secured second place overall in the series. **James Bland** just edged out **Dave Gamble** for 3rd overall as the Spring Series concluded.

Governor's Cup

Tom Groll picked up where he left off the Spring Series, scoring a couple of bullets in the first two races, followed by a second place to edge *Los Bros* (aka *Styf Kop*, #588, the **Dahmens**, etc) overall. **Bill and Kelly Hawk** and **Carl Wiseman** rounded out the fleet. This month's fleet news author still has his boat on the hard. Maybe it will be back in the water in time for the next series!



Photo James Bland

Bill and Kelly Hawk enjoying conditions on the water during the Governor's Cup

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Apr 21,28	Beer Can Race 6:30p start
Apr 22-23	SEISA Coed Championship Regatta
Apr 30	Summer Series Race #1 1:30p start RC: J/24
May 3,10,17,24,31	Sunfish/Laser Racing 6:00p start
May 5	MoonBurn Night Race #1 6:00p start
May 6	High School Intro Regatta 8:00a - 5:00p
May 7	Summer Series Race #2 1:30p start RC: A Fleet
May 12, 19, 26	Beer Can Race 6:30p start
May 13-14	J22 Southwest Circuit Regatta
May 21	Summer Series Race #3 1:30p start RC: Ensign
Jun 4	Summer Series Race #4 1:30p start RC: B Fleet
Jun 11	Summer Series End of Series 1:30p start RC: C Fleet

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Apr 21-23	Sea Scout Sometimes Island Sail Days
Apr 22	Scott Young Start Clinic 9:00a - 5:00p
Apr 23	Vic Manning Powerboat Safety Course 10:00a - 5:00p
Apr 23, 30	Smallboat Intro to Sailing Series
Apr 23, 30	Free Sail Sunday 1:00 - 4:00p
Apr 27	AYC Board Meeting 7:30 - 9:00p
Apr 29	Keelboat Learn to Sail Clinic 1:00 - 5:00p
May 6-7	Women's Sailing Clinic
May 7, 14, 21	Smallboat Intro to Sailing Series
May 7, 14, 21	Free Sail Sunday 1:00 - 4:00p
May 13-14	ASA 101 Course 8:00a - 5:00p
May 20	Learn to Sail Small Boats 8:00a - 5:00p
May 20	Powerboat Safety Course Vic Manning 10:00a
May 21	Girl Scout Learn to Sail Optis 1:00 - 5:00p
May 25	AYC Board Meeting 7:30 - 9:00p

SAVE THE DATE Turnback Canyon Regatta

Once again with Lake Travis being full, this year's annual Turnback Canyon Regatta will again be a route sailing to Lago Vista Park on Saturday, May 27 and returning to AYC on Sunday, May 28. Last year was such a blast with 60+ boats from all over the state participating. There is something adventurous about spending the night on your boat/campsite with a built-in party that makes this regatta different from all the rest.

The City of Lago Vista (lagofest.com) will be sponsoring the Saturday evening event, with food and beverage vendors available in their giant park on the lake. The food vendors are Ray's World Tacos, Red Finn Seafood, Kababicious Greek wraps, Evil Weiner, Burro Cheese Kitchen and OMG Cheesecake. The bands on Saturday will be the "The Eggmen" band (<http://www.eggmen.com/>) who, if you haven't seen them, dress up and sound like "The Beatles"! It will be a dance party Saturday night in the park with the Fab Four along with Drew Wolmack and Hector Ward and the Big Time earlier that day. Parking at Lago Vista will be off site with shuttle buses transporting people to and from the event.

You can register for the Turnback Canyon Regatta online on the AYC website. There will also be on-site registration at AYC the Friday evening and Saturday morning before the race. Your registration includes pre-race breakfast at AYC on Saturday morning, and also breakfast at Lago Vista on Sunday morning in advance of the return leg of the regatta. If you have camping gear, it can be loaded into an AYC-provided U-Haul on Saturday morning to be transported to and from Lago Vista Park where there is a camping area near the anchorage. Your gear will be hauled back to the Club Sunday morning.

At the conclusion of the regatta on Sunday, awards will be presented, the Roadrunners will be cooking burgers as a youth-sailing fundraiser, tall tales will be told, and a good time will be had by all! Please save the date and plan to race for 2017!

Diane Covert, Turnback Regatta Chair



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