

AUSTIN YACHT CLUB TELLTALE

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Endless Summer Time!



Nic Carew's Port Tack Start
Endless Summer Series

Photo Bill Records

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Independence Cup Regatta
Photos by Andrea Rampone

From The Commodore

by Molly Lewis



Some site on the internet describes the Dog Days of Summer as “the sultry part of the summer . . . a period marked by lethargy, inactivity, or indolence.” Well, as we conclude the 2016 AYC Dog Days Series, it strikes me that most of our sailors didn’t seem to get the memo that they were supposed to be lethargic and inactive this month (we might have had a pocket or two of insolence, but that’s a whole

different word and we won’t get into that here). After an amazingly wet and unusually-cool-for-Central-Texas spring and early summer, we kicked off the Dog Days Series as well as our summer sailing camps right as the full heat and dryness of July in Austin settled in. But we had pretty great winds throughout the month and strong participation not only in the series races but also in the Beer Can and Wednesday night races, as well as the second race in our popular new MoonBurn series. AYC sailors have been taking advantage of the full lake and good winds and barely even noticed the heat. Okay, maybe that last part’s an exaggeration, but it’s been great to have strong participation in racing even during our historically slowest time of year.

We’ll take a break from series racing throughout August and will kick back up again with the Late Summer Series on September 11. After the race on the 11th, the social committee will serve another one of their fabulous meals, and we will celebrate our newest AYC members at the 2016 New Member Social. Make plans to be there! And in the meantime, keep coming out for Beer Can and Wednesday night racing. Also, be on the lookout for details related to our Welcome Home Party for **Linda McDavitt**, who recently completed her amazing race around the world in a Clipper 70. We’ll serve food and drinks and have a chance to hear all about her adventures.

Finally, please join me in extending a warm welcome to **Gracie Bulgerin**, the newest member of our AYC staff. Gracie is an accomplished 420 sailor. She has experience coaching at both Houston Yacht Club and AYC summer camps and is now serving as our year-round assistant coach. We are very excited to have her aboard. Welcome Gracie!

Vice Commodore Report

by Wade Bingaman



Turnback is over, and what a success it was. There were about 65 boats with lots of crew racing to Lago Vista and back over Memorial Day weekend. Our regatta chair, **Diane Covert**, did a fantastic job. Since the original format hadn’t been done in several years, there was a learning curve involved in bring together all the different pieces of this historic regatta. Diane put together a great group of volunteers who were

all necessary for such a large event. **Vic Manning and his RC crew** worked both days to make the racing happen. **Chris Thompson** helped with early registration and did the regatta scoring. **Cheryl and Steve Pervier** ran the on-site registration. Also don’t forget about our AYC staff who went all out in their efforts – **Jackie** answering the million questions leading up to the event, and **Tom and Coleman** handling the gear truck, mooring stakes, etc. It was nice to see the excitement at the Club leading up the event and to see the successful revival of one of our most storied and popular regattas.

But the fun doesn’t stop. Next up is the Centerboard Regatta – September 17 and 18. This has been one of our most popular racing events for our members, both youth and adult. **Dane Ohe and Vic Manning** ran this regatta successfully last year. They are back again, and with the lake full, they expect an even bigger regatta this year. So clean the blades on your dinghy and start working on your abs. Heck with a full lake, its even a fun regatta to watch from the point. Hope to see you there.

Finally on the not too distant horizon is the Luau/Fleet Challenge – October 1. As someone I see on the news says, this will be “HUGE”. The AYC fund will hold its Fleet Challenge fundraiser that afternoon. If you are interested in representing your fleet in this event, its time to talk to your fleet captain. The Fleet Challenge is followed that evening by the Luau. If you are new to the Club, the Luau is a gigantic island party, complete with a 24 hour pig roasting and fiki torches. There’s even going to be a band for evening dancing. This promises to be a big event. So mark October 1 on your calendar and plan to attend.

2017 AYC OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Each year the Nominating Committee is responsible for collecting nominations and proposing the slate of candidates for the following year’s AYC Officers. The slate will be presented to the membership for a vote at AYC’s annual membership meeting in November.

Please consider whether you or someone you know would be a good candidate to serve as an AYC Officer. Nominations should be sent by September 1, 2016 to Johannes Brinkmann (jbrinkmann@amts.com), John Morran (jfmorran@yahoo.com) or Barry Bowden (b.bowdendds@gmail.com). Please contact any of the three of us if you have questions about the nomination process.

Building and Grounds Report

by Chris Thompson



I am pleased to announce a new feature at AYC – RV space rental with electric and water hookups. We have installed an RV specific 30 amp outlet on the corner of Cabin 2 (next to the pull through driveway). A second outlet will be mounted on the corner of Cabin 1 in the near future. Both spaces will have access to water hookups in addition to the electric connection. We can only provide a 30 amp

connection due to the capacity limitations of the electrical circuits for these cabins.

At the current time we only have one sewer cleanout port so we will not allow individual connections during your stay but you can dump your holding tanks before you go.

The Cabin 2 spot will accommodate a 45-foot vehicle in the pull through driveway. The Cabin 1 spot will accommodate a similar size vehicle. It is relatively level and has some shade. The trees have been trimmed so clearance should not be a problem. I tried it out myself a few weeks ago for the MoonBurn Race with my 26-foot Mallard.

Reservations will be required on a first-come first-served basis. Please be patient as we work out any kinks in this new service. The Board has approved the following fees and rules:

- 25-30 amp, 120V electrical connection and water hookup
- Use of cleanout station for dumping only
- 2 night minimum, 1 week maximum stay
- Weekday (Monday - Friday, noon-noon):
 - o \$10/night (AYC member)
 - o \$15 /night (non-member)
- Weekend (Friday noon - Monday noon):
 - o \$15/night (AYC member)
 - o \$20/night (non-member)
- A non-refundable \$20 registration fee to be credited to your rental.
- For 15-20 amp, 120 V electrical hookup (via standard extension cord) the charges will be half of the above with the same water and cleanout privileges and a non-refundable \$10 reservation fee.

The bathroom remodel is proceeding, materials will be ordered this month and installations should start taking shape over the next few weeks/months. More on that in next month's article.

WELCOME AUGUST NEW MEMBERS



Carmine Iacono, *Senior Member*



Colin Alexander, *Junior Member*, with Mom and Dad, Cameron and Nicki



Larry Parks, *Reinstated Senior Member*



Max Ross, *Junior Member*, with Dad, Rens Ross



Thomas Pullen, *Reinstated Senior Member*

Race Commander Report

by Ed Taylor



Permanent Race Committee

The Permanent Race Committee members' representatives have done a great job this series to provide assistance for the selected fleets' responsibility and commitment in running a Race Committee. All Race Committees have been full and usually get all RC boats for setting up races for the day.

The scorers are trying to publish results after the end of race and for sure will be on the web by the next day. The later Saturday evening races have prevented getting preliminary results published upstairs next to the beer tap. If the daily Race Committee's Fleet scorer could be on hand it would be helpful for any questions in boat identification or timing issues.

Race Calendar

The MoonBurn Series had its second start last full moon and the Series will be complete August 19. Trophy presentation to each class winners and overall trophies for both Keelboat and Multihull.

Race Logistics

By the time you read this report, "D" mark should be back on location due to recent flooding. A ¼ mile to the South should be okay.

Every couple of weeks a handheld radio or boat keys goes missing and thanks to **Tom**, a notice is put out and they have always been returned. Please report any loss of equipment so arrangements can be made for replacement and remember to leave the RC boats in good condition after each use.

Rules: Finish from the Course Side

The definition of "Finish", found on page 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2014 states: A boat finishes when any part of her hull, or crew or equipment in normal position, crosses the finishing line from the course side. The intent of this change is to make finishes orderly by requiring boats to finish by sailing straight across the line and not be "hooking around" one end of the line, according to Dick Rose, USSA rules expert.

In appeal 109 (Sept 2013), it is stated that a race committee boat may be used as a starting line or finishing line mark at either end of the line ... in the definition Finish, "from the course side" means from the side of the line where the boats sail from the mark that begins the last leg of the course to the finishing line.

In the decision of the Appeals Committee, it is stated that the racing rules allow positioning a race committee boat used as a starting or a finishing mark at either end of the line, without regard to how boats are required to leave the rounding marks. When the course is shortened at a rounding mark, that mark becomes a finishing mark, and is no longer a rounding mark. In order to finish, boats are required to cross the finishing line from the course side.

Safety Note

A recent incident involving a sailor from a club in LaSalle, MI involved a man who had a heart attack. Being almost two miles offshore and another sailor with a fireman came alongside to help out while a boater at the Club heard the call for help and brought out the defibrillator as cpr continued all the way back to shore. Remember the defibrillator is located upstairs in the clubhouse.

Sail Training Report

by Bill Records



Our long search for an assistant coach has ended with the hiring of **Gracie Bulgerin**. Gracie grew up in Central Texas and has an impressive sailing resume. She is an excellent sailor, competing in many regattas, and was the Club 420 Girls State Champion in 2014. She has coached at the Houston Yacht Club and is presently a Camp Counselor at the AYC. She volunteered to help

teach this year's PB&J camp and has shown the sensitivity and patience that makes a good sailing coach. Please welcome Gracie and support her efforts.



Gracie Bulgerin

Our sailing camps are doing well and with some campers choosing to take addition sessions. We are seeing some new sailors and many of them are becoming proficient in a short period of time. I can't say enough about this years staff and Sailing Director, **Coleman Terrell**. Each session has a wide spectrum of skill levels and Coleman is very good at dealing with this. PB&J is getting better, also. We are seeing kids single hand the Opti earlier than before. One of Gracie's tasks will be to encourage these young sailors to move into Opti 1 at AYC, and thus a pipeline to Green Fleet.

The Roadrunners Endless Summer Series, which coincides with Wednesday night Sunfish/Laser races, is very competitive this year. First Place is up for grabs. And the starts are amazing, with **Nicholas Carew** pulling off a rare port tack start in one race (featured on the cover of this issue!)

Our Roadrunners have been competing in Texas Youth Race Week in Houston. **Andrew Butler** took 6th place in Laser Radial, **Eli Ortiz** took 6th in Laser 4.7, **Lucy Brock** took 5th in Club 420, and in Opti RWB, **Lucas Tenniero** took 19th, **Ethan Froelich** took 35th, **James Brock** 37th, **Fiona Froelich** took 52nd, **Aidan Krempez** took 65th, **Kate Froelich** took 68th, **Nicholas Carew** took 72nd, and **Anna Jayawanti**, sailing very well, took 6th in Green Fleet!

Our next adult event will be the Cruise Clinic on August 13. This will be a class, a cruise, and a party, all in one!

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Endless Summertime Fun

Photos Bill Records



PB&J



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Endless Summer



Sailing Director Report

by Coleman Terrell



This summer has really flown by! We are currently in the last week of Junior Sailing Camp, and for the second year in a row, it has been great! I would like to say a huge thank you to our summer camp counselors and counselors in training. Y'all have done such a great job these past six weeks and I hope y'all have had as much fun as I have.

Counselors:

Nikki Goodwin
Ben Froelich
Gracie Bulgerin
Etienne Denis

Counselors in Training:

Spencer Legrande
Maggie McElmurry
Taylor Snyder
Nicole Prado
Andrew Butler
Noah Zahm
Jacob Bohreer

With the summer practices ending in a few weeks, it's time to start thinking about our fall sailing season. The cruise clinic is on August 13, and our fall junior program starts August 27. Registration for the fall program will be online August 3.

I had the opportunity last weekend of traveling to TCYC for Texas Youth Race Week, to see some of our laser sailors compete. Thanks to the Roadrunners for lending me one of their coachboats for the weekend. I'd like to single out two sailors who have improved a ton over the past year, **Andrew Butler** and **Eli Ortiz**. Watching these guys work hard all year and now having seen them sail in a few regattas this year, you can really see their work paying off. Both of these guys finished sixth overall in their fleets over six days of racing, Andrew in laser radial and Eli in laser 4.7. Great job to the both of you! Opti sailors, I wished I could've watched y'all too but I took a look at the results and y'all did great! In total, AYC had 13 sailors competing in all five fleets! For more results, please see the Roadrunner article or the Texas Youth Race Week website.



Finally, I'd like to officially welcome our new assistant coach **Gracie Bulgerin** to AYC! She started in June as a counselor for the summer camp and has been hired as our year round coach. Below is a little bit about her.

"I started sailing when I was 11 at Houston Yacht Club. I started off racing in an Opti and quickly moved into 420s where I raced in the Texas Youth Circuit for 5 years. I worked HYC's summer camps for 3 years and have spent the summer working here. I couldn't

be happier with the way things worked out and am very excited to start this chapter of my life here at AYC!" - Gracie Bulgerin

Growing Roadrunner Fleet Impresses at 2016 USODA Mid American Championship and Texas Youth Week

by Constanze Heitkoetter



The Roadrunners continued their travels in the TSA Youth Circuit and headed to Rush Creek Yacht Club (RCYC) for the 2016 USODA Mid American Championship and Chocopalooza Regatta, June 25-26. Congratulations to **Eric Jayawant** who placed in the top 25 percent and qualified for the USODA Team Trials next year!

During Texas Youth Race Week, July 16-22, the Roadrunners represented AYC with 13 sailors as the second largest team at this renowned triple regatta event hosted by Lakewood, Texas Corinthian, and Houston Yacht Club. Two AYC teams were on the start during the Opti team racing event at LYC: Team AYC Orange was represented by **Nicholas Carew, Fiona Froelich, Eric Jayawant, Aidan Krempez, and RCYC's Hannah Progelhoff**. Team AYC Blue with **James and Lucy Brock, Eihan Froelich and Julius Heitkoetter** was awarded for 4th place overall. In Green Fleet, **Anna Jayawant** showed awesome racing skills and happy smiles while sailing top fleet.

AYC Sailing Director **Coleman Terrell** came out for the weekend to coach Laser sailors **Andrew Butler** (Radial) and **Eli Ortiz** (4.7), who sailed at a consistent high level all week and finished in 6th place overall in their fleets.



In Opti fleet racing, **Lucas Tenreiro** secured his spot for the next USODA Team Trials with impressive boat speed and handling skills, and **Katie Froelich** her spot in the happiest sailor category. **James Brock** finished the week with an amazing 4th place overall in White Fleet. In the Club 420

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Our Summer Vocation in Annapolis, Maryland

by Wendi Froelich

We arrived in Annapolis on a Thursday afternoon, after nine hours of driving from North Carolina. We were very excited and tired at the same time to be arriving in Annapolis at Michael's house where we stayed for two weeks.



fleet, newcomers **Lucy Brock** and **Julius Heitkoetter** surprised their competitors and came in with a 3rd place at the TCYC venue, and a fantastic 2nd place at the HYC event. They also joined "Team First" – a TYRW tradition to award sailors who finish 1st in any of their races. Skipper **Lucy Brock** was recognized as Top 2nd Girl in the c420s.

Congratulations to all Roadrunner sailors, coaches, and parents.



The next evening we saw **Coach Kate** teaching adult FJ classes at Eastport Yacht Club. At first it felt weird seeing her in Annapolis. At the same time we were very happy to see her. It was extra funny because she didn't expect us to be there that day. We couldn't wait to begin sailing at

Eastport with Kate. Because Monday was the Fourth of July we had to wait for Tuesday morning as our first day of back to back sailing camps. Kate's class at EYC went from 9am to noon and the 420 class at Severn Sailing went from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. We got to the Eastport class on time and she introduced us to our coaches Isaac and Conner. On Tuesday and Wednesday morning we sailed sunfish and on Thursday we sailed a J22 with Coach Chase. There were four people on the J22. Friday was our last day at Eastport, we got to paddle board and give little kids FJ rides. We had a fun time at Eastport that whole week.

During the afternoon we were at Severn Sailing doing 420 intermediate class. At Severn Sailing our coach was Stephen. He taught us different subjects about sailing like points of sail, right away, racing, lifts and headers and reading the telltales. Most of it was a review for us. That was pretty much what we did and learned at Severn.

At Severn sailing every Friday is ice cream day, after sailing practice we get to go downtown on the motor boat and get some ice cream at Stormbros. That was our first week at Annapolis. During the weekend we got to spend extra time with Kate on Saturday and Sunday we went to Washington D.C. We had so much fun with Kate on Saturday we decided to walk around in downtown Annapolis, have some dinner and get some ice cream after. We had an amazing time together.



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Social Committee Update

by Susy Ortega



Sunday we went to Washington D.C. It was our first time to get to explore a little bit of Washington D.C. and learn some of the historical facts. Our second week was all at Severn Sailing camp. Starting in the morning we would do adventure sailing with coach J.D. In the afternoons we were doing the 420 intermediate class as before. Adventure sailing was all about exploring and sailing for fun. In the afternoons with Stephen we were still practicing the same subject as the past week. That was our two weeks sailing in Annapolis. We had so many opportunities during those two weeks, we got LOTS of chances to sail together and learn to sail on a 420. We are thankful for Paul Wood giving us that experience. We had an amazing time.



Hello Everybody!

I would like to start by thanking our many volunteers who have been faithfully adventurous in the AYC kitchen. We've had the pleasure of serving meals for the Dog Day Series lately and have received many compliments for our volunteers. From BBQ to Fish Tacos they've been knocking it out of the ball park!

We also have a fun season of events coming up:

- **Linda McDavitt** is back! We will be hosting a welcome back party for her in August, full of delicious food and amazing stories. Join us in receiving her with open arms.
- New Member Ice Cream Social will be held after the first race of the Late Summer Series on September 11. Come and enjoy the evening with us and get to know our new members!
- It's time to bring out the Hawaiian shirts and grass skirts for our Luau on October 1! We've been busy planning and scheming to make this Luau the best one yet!

We are always on the look out for fine volunteers, if you'd like to be involved in any of these events please let us know. You can contact me at sweetsusy007@aol.com or 432-349-3553.

As always we look forward to sharing a nice warm meal together!

Mark Your Calendars!



September 11

Following the Late Summer Series Race #1

NEW MEMBER ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Bring the whole family!

October 1

Following the AYC 2016 Fleet Challenge

AYC Luau

Bring on the piggy!



Launching a Circumnavigation Voyage

by Steve Vaughan, on behalf of the AYC FUND



Many sailors have thought about, considered or planned a long ocean voyage on a modest sailing vessel. The imagery that many of us see in these thoughts are dominated by "O, God, thy sea is so great and my boat is so small" rather than that of joyfully sailing into the dawn of each new day. It takes sailors with exceptional skills, stamina, motivation and determination to successfully execute sailing voyages

of thousands of miles of open ocean.

Jeanne Socrates is one such sailor that has sailed many thousands of open ocean miles and set a World Record Circumnavigation in 2013. She has received many recognitions and awards for these accomplishments including the recognition of the Queen of England and the prestigious Cruising Club of America's 2013 Blue Water Medal. But even more astonishing is her plan to embark on a more challenging circumnavigation this year. The **AYC Fund** is proud to be supporting her in this attempt to set a new world record circumnavigation.

For many, any attempt to circumnavigate the planet would be overwhelming, BUT consider this. Jeanne's plan is to make this 26,000 mile voyage **non-stop**. This means all provisions, medical supplies, maintenance parts, everything needed for months at sea must be aboard at departure. In addition, Jeanne again plans to make this voyage **solo**. This means having the physical and knowledge skills to go up the mast alone to retrieve/string halyards or make repairs, maintaining and repairing all on board equipment including the sails, steering gear, water maker, head, the instruments and... In addition, Jeanne will make this voyage **under sail alone**, her diesel engine will be sealed for the voyage. In addition, Jeanne plans **no outside assistance** during the voyage; fortunately she will maintain radio communication with the rest of the world assisted again by local ham operator **Tom Whiteside**, who provided similar assistance in the 2013 circumnavigation. In addition, when Jeanne completes this voyage, at 74 she will be the **oldest person** to ever do so!



Jeanne will be making this voyage on her sailing yacht Nereida, a 38-foot Najad 380 built in Sweden. The same boat that Jeanne sailed around the world in 2013. Jeanne is currently at port in Victoria, British Columbia preparing for her planned October departure. Periodic emails to the AYC membership updating all of Jeanne's progress will begin with her October departure. To get more background information on Jeanne and the upcoming voyage visit her web site at <http://svnereida.com>.

Jeanne came to the Austin Yacht Club in February 2014 to give our standing room only membership an amazing presentation of her sailing adventures and highlighted description of her 2013 World Record circumnavigation. She has agreed to come to AYC again in 2017 to amaze us once again with the details of the upcoming voyage.

The AYC FUND has contributed \$2,000 to Jeanne to assist in her preparation of her

voyage aboard Nereida. The AYC FUND is a charitable (501(c)3) fund created at the Austin Yacht Club to assist Central Texas Sailors but has expanded their scope to include Jeanne's 2016 attempt to set yet another circumnavigation World Record. The AYC fund solicits your tax deductible contributions to replenish the Fund and hopefully increase our contribution to Jeanne's voyage into history. To make your contributions, visit the Austin Community Foundation at:

<https://www.austincf.org/DonorsFundholders/GiveNow/DonationForm.aspx?fn=Austin+Yacht+Club+Fund#donate>

This link will take you directly to donations to the AYC FUND where you specify an amount and credit card number.



Tom Whiteside and Jeanne Socrates at AYC in 2014

FALL YOUTH AND ADULT PROGRAM REGISTRATION IS OPEN

The Fall sailing season is almost here and registration for youth and adult programs is now open.

This Fall we will continue with our youth programs of Opti I, II & III as well as our Laser and FJ classes. We will also hold our Adult FJ Training Series in September and October on Friday evenings.

Please visit our website to register for classes and contact Coleman Terrell at 512-266-1336 or coleman@austinyachtclub.net if you have any questions!

Independence Cup Regatta

by James Parsons



Running my first regatta seemed like a daunting experience, at first glance.

However, it went amazingly smooth. There are quite a few people to thank. I had just flown back from New Zealand two weeks before the 2016 iteration of AYC's Indie Cup, and all the volunteers really helped make a smooth regatta.

Then, there was the weather. It always helps when the weather plays along. A part of the thanks has to go to data, and seeing that even during what I would call windless summers, there was enough wind in the morning for a race (I may work for a data visualization company, which helped :-))

So the call was made, let's race at 11:30. The two dissenters were flown off the dam. . . . I mean, at 2pm they let me know they were happy to not be in the heat racing, with lots of motorboats around on the first July 4th with a full lake, and lots of heat. Perhaps an airplane crash was avoided too.

Chris Thompson and I talked about having a different kind of course, maybe towards the dam or The Oasis. The one Chris came up with was awesome, and I've run into people that saw us racing, while at The Oasis.

The race itself was a smooth affair. There was more than enough wind at the start. We had perhaps the windiest Indie Cup in some time. Everyone was doing the same course, so an overall Keel Fleet winner could be announced for the grand prize, the Independence Cup.

First up, was Mile Marker 4. That was the easy one, everyone knew where that one is.

Then, the hunt for Green October was on. Mile Marker 3, rumored to be near Hippy Hollow, had lots of us stumped as to its location. Including yours truly, and I had just sailed by it the evening before! A few valiant sailors had their spinnakers up for the run towards where Amelia Earhart may have last been seen.

From there, a close reach to Mile Marker 5, past Windy Point. Which happens to be the site of a plane crash maybe three hours later. Rumor has it, the pilot heard about the Competitors' Briefing at AYC where we discussed the ramps designed for sailboats, so tried to go under the 9-knot limit for them.

Then, a nice long spinnaker run towards Starnes Island, which helped to separate the pack, before the rumored ramps that were to help where the course crossed over itself. There was no need, however. There were no close calls, and no ramps needed.

The usual high flyers of A Fleet were the front runners, with three of them coming within 2 minutes and 20 seconds of each other. **Ray Shull** on **Flyer** took home the Independence Cup (well. . . .tried to take home. The trophy is still at AYC).

The next set of boats, from B Fleet, all finished within 40 seconds of each other, led by **Flying-J**, then **Bubbles** and **Vang Go**.

With that, I think I may be flying punned out. Flyer, Flying-J, airplane crash, ramps, kites. . . .

C Fleet was won by **Magic Bus**. Wait, a flying bus? **Keith**, this is too much, Magic Bus? . . . Oh, wait, that was "The Magic School Bus" that flew. Keith is a big The Who fan, and names his boat after different songs for each regatta.

D Fleet was won by another boat with a different name than usual: **Chingas Domingas**, which means Flying Mule. Are you guys trying to make me confront my nonexistent fear of flying? Actually, I couldn't find a translation of the boat name. Perhaps "hurry"? **George Dahmen** was the winning skipper, on the unusually named **Styf Kop** (which Google tells me is "mule").

Back to all of the volunteers. Thank you all so much for helping my first regatta run so smoothly. Thank you for your input, hard work, and smiles. **Chris WhatDidn'tHeDo Thompson**, **Karen Bogisch**, **Owen Crouse**, **Jeff Avanti**, **Mike Sing**, **Mark Bradford**, **Brian Armstrong**, and last but certainly not least: my girlfriend **Andrea Rampone**, who took all of the photos.

Thanks also to all the competitors, especially to the front runners who showed everyone else where 3 was.

Another last, but not least: a big thank you to our sponsor, **Margarita's Tortilla Factory**. **David and Sonia Grizzle** are the owners, and are a part of C Fleet. Their organic tortillas were part of the delicious tacos we had before and after the race, and are available at Whole Foods Market.



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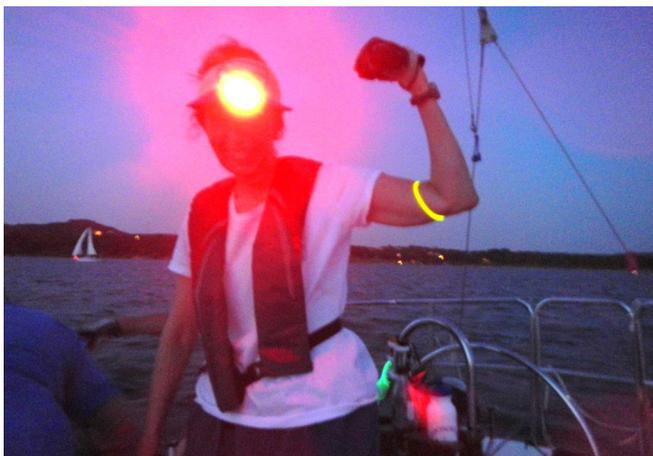


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Independence Cup Regatta



MoonBurn Series



BLASTS FROM THE PAST

The AYC Preservation Committee is digitizing old photos to preserve the memories. If you have photos you'd like to donate, please contact John Howard at treasurer@austinyachtclub.net.



Who are these folks?



Here's the Dance Circle in 1968



Fine looking gentlemen in 1986. Can you identify them?



They haven't changed a bit!

J/24 Fleet Update

by David Broadway



With the J/24 TX Circuit Regatta on hiatus for the summer months, the fleet focus has been on the Dog Days Series and beer can racing.

While the turnout has been light due to vacations, etc., the competition has been extremely close.

Stu Juengst and his ever changing **Vang Go** crew led the way on race day 1 with 2/1 finishes to take the lead. In **Jorge's** absence, his **Stray Dog** crew

of **Steve Ehlers, Adolpho Bernal, Brandon Furey, and Kristin Pajares** (representing 3 different J/24 crews), made the statement on race day 2 with come from behind, impressive 1/1 finishes to move into 1st place overall. Not to be outdone, on race day 3, the **Superman** team struck back with 1/1 finishes for the series lead.

On Dog Days day #4, **Ryan Harden's New Rules** boys came out to play with 1/1 finishes. Additionally, the fleet had the influx of **Bob/Janet Hickok** and his J/24 **Spontaneous Combustion** team visiting from Indianapolis! They participated in both the Friday beer can and Dog Days on several local J/24s. Hopefully, we can entice them to return in 2017 for the J/24 North American Championships to be held at the Houston YC on May 16-18. A fun bunch of J/24 sailors who know how to party!



Courtesy Russ Shermer

With no series racing in August, there will be some practice for two AYC J/24 teams, **Natalie/Bob Harden's Giggles** team and **John/Meiling Parker's ChupaCabra** team in preparation for the 2016 J/24 North American Championships on September 8-11, at Port Credit YC, Ontario, Canada. Meanwhile the AYC-based J/24 TX Circuit Regatta Road Warrior teams will be resetting for the Fall run of 3 out-of-town regattas to finish the 2016 season in November. Stay tuned...

Catalina 22 Update

by Steve Pervier



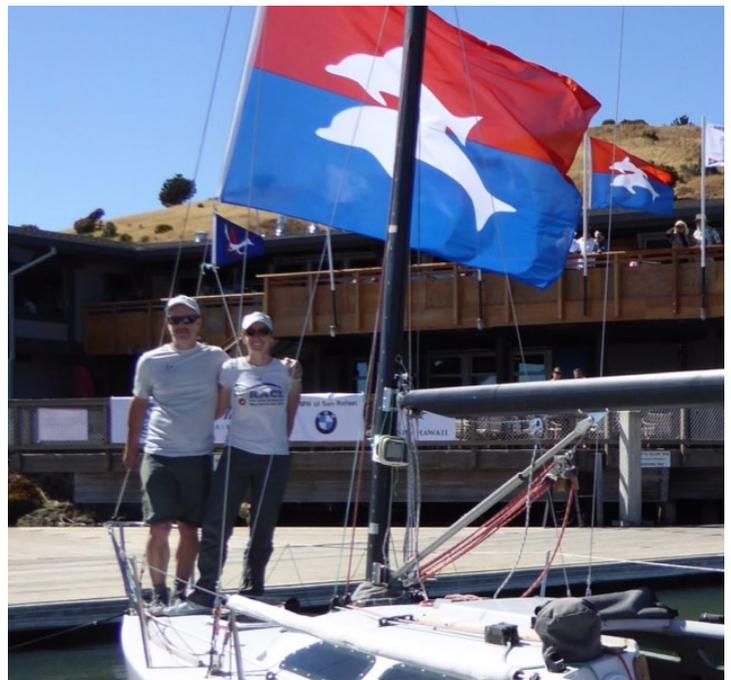
Congratulations to **Cindy and Brett Wilson**, who scored a second in Independence Cup! After a couple hours of apparently light-air sailing they were about 8 minutes corrected time behind one of AYC's best Ensigns, while beating another. They've done well in recent PHRF events, likely making use of speed and skills developed in C22 one-design racing – like Dog Days Series.

After a successful race committee shared by SC21 and C22 Fleets it seems most of us are taking these hot July afternoons off! But **Joe Roddy** took three non-racers out on the course for Dog Days #2 to sail one race, and now he stands atop our Fleet for Dog Days! Will anyone challenge him for 1st place? We'll see!

Could it be **John Grzinich**, with some updates to his older boat, formerly **Wade's "Dry Heave"**? C22 #752 is Griz's Silver Fleet Champion boat, and now his only C22, as he just sold his newer sport model. After the dry sail evacuation, coordinating with a surveyor, and arranging with the buyer, "**Be-Bop-A-Lula**" is probably by now in-transit or perhaps already delivered to her new owner in Chile!

Brian and Margarito had the series off, taking advantage of the great trailer cruising potential of the Catalina 22. But near a launch ramp at Lake Buchanan, the trailer-borne "**Arrggh!**" tangled with a tree. Their broken mast was soon replaced, and then they were off to Medina Lake. Then, on the road, their trailer lost a hub, interrupting their travel and plans for another MoonBurn race. We hope to see them return soon – perhaps for MoonBurn #3 on 8/19?

Cheryl and Steve have also been traveling, sans C22. In California we enjoyed a visit to Richmond Yacht Club, where we met up with AYC's own



Chris and Justin Wolfe at the Pacific Cup

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Chris and Justin Wolfe. They were actively preparing "Spadefoot" for doublehanded racing in the Pacific Cup – an event many scales longer and more challenging than a few words might convey. We hope they've enjoyed great sailing, a warm Aloha welcome in Hawaii, and plenty of time to rest and enjoy the islands! You can read about it at <http://svshearwater.com> and on the <http://pacificcup.org> web site.

With only a few days between our travels, and our C22 mast still down after dry sail moves, we raced our C30 in MoonBurn #2 with **Meri and Steve.** We finished late, and perhaps were not identified until after our finish, but we did enjoy a breezy, beautiful moonlit sail! We also cruised the C30 with CatFleet69 to the new Nik's restaurant location in Sandy Creek. With **Lizette,** we should be back to C22 series racing on 9/11, or maybe for Beer Can before that series ends on 9/16. Will you join us for MoonBurn, Beer Can, or Late Summer Series?

Multihull Fleet Update

by Jim Casto



Beach Cats @ the Texas Coast

Several AYC members, including Team "Old Skull Racing" recently competed in the "Texas Dash", a 40-mile catamaran race in the Gulf of Mexico from Surfside Beach to Galveston Beach. The "Dash" is the 4th and final leg of a longer 4-day catamaran race from South Padre to Galveston, called the "Great Texas 300".



Photo Duane Darling



Photo Jim Casto

Team Old Skull Racing is : **Jim Casto on a NACRA 5.7, crew Evan Walters and Jason Casto, our "pusher"**. For the surf starts, we are allowed to push the boats out through the surf, for safety. The conditions on race day were mild, so the surf launching was not an issue, but the light wind made for a long day on the 40-mile course. We giped about 7-8 times the first hour, then it was a deep downwind run on starboard for about 4 hours. I should have sailed closer to the shore, to catch whatever small thermals were near shore.

Ethan Froelich also sailed the race, and crewed for **Steven Cooley, a Hobie 18 skipper** who owns the very last Hobie 18 ever built, i.e. the newest one. Steven is a very good skipper, and this time with Ethan's expert help, he got 2nd place!! I think Ethan wants to skipper a boat himself next year. Let's start planning!! At the dinner afterwards, a storm front blew through, but left a rainbow shining over the GT300 winner's boat.



Photo Jim Casto

For the full GT300, AYC member **Steve Piche** came in 2nd place – only 7 minutes out of first place, after 22 hours of race time! By the way, that's an average VMG of 13.6 mph!

Beach Cats @ Turnback

Our multihull fleet had a great turnout for Turnback Regatta, basically 1/3 of entire registrants had more than one hull. We had 12 beachcats, and 9 trimarans, and 2 Wetas. In the beach cat fleet, local sailor **Mike Rohrer** duked it out with AYC members **Scott Young & John Morran.** The photo finish on Saturday resulted in something seldom seen: a tie, with each boat being given 1.5 pts. Unfortunately Scott & John couldn't sail Sunday, so after sailing the full 24 miles to Bar-K, they turned around sailed all the way back to AYC! Mike Rohrer again crushed it Sunday and took first place. In 3rd place, it was great to see **Ethan** sailing the Jr. program Prindle so well – next time we will have to check the kids to see if they make minimum sailing weight. An old friend from Brownwood, **Vaughn Costa,** showed up on a classic Hobie20 and proved he had not lost his touch. **Robert Meyers & John Howard** sailed the Supercat well, and **Tim Purcell** enjoyed a weekend on his NACRA5.7. Two sailors from Burnet came in, and we had 2 cats with college kids from the coast, who kept everyone amused with their antics both on and off the water. It was wonderful to see the social activities & camaraderie on land, as it has been almost 15 years since I last sailed Turnback. I look forward to next year, and to more wind! Elapsed times for the beach cats ranged from 2:24 to 4:09 each day.

Keel Fleet Update

by Karen Bogisch



Independence Cup Regatta

The Keel Fleet's Independence Cup Regatta took place on Saturday, July 2, and C Fleet came up with a unique course that used every mark between the dam and Starnes Island except for E mark, and went like this from the start – 4, 3, 5, D, B, 6, 7, Finish.

25 boats enjoyed this fabulous course with **Ray Shull's J-80** winning the Independence Cup trophy. Regatta Chair **James Parsons** did a fabulous job of putting this regatta together.

MoonBurn #2

The 2nd MoonBurn race took place on Friday, July 15, beginning with Beer Can burgers and a skippers' meeting before the race. 15 boats turned out for the race, which got off to a late start due to race committee boat issues. The turning mark was again at Mark 11, as the winds were light at the start. For this race, **Bo Kersey's Abandoned Assets**, Corsair 31, took line honors finishing the race in just over an hour, as the winds picked up during the race. All boats finished by 10:45 p.m., so there was lots of socializing at the docks after the race. After two races, **Ed Taylor on Air Supply** leads A Fleet, **Patrick Hitchins' J-24** leads B Fleet, **James Parsons' Unicorn** leads C Fleet, **Tom Meyer on Gone Coastal** leads D Fleet, and **Steve Frick's F-27 Tritium** leads the multihull fleet. It was another beautiful night for sailing, enjoyed by all!! Please come out on August 19 for the third and final race and after-party!

THANK YOU! The Keel Handicap Fleet Board gives a big thank you to all of the B Fleeters helping out as Beer Can chefs in July and early August!

Dog Days Series



Photos Bruce McDonald



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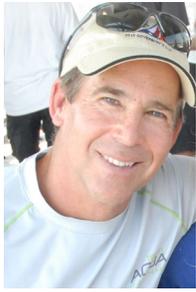
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2016 Resolute Cup

by Scott Young



New York Yacht Club, Newport RI

Beginning September 12, **John Morran, Doug Kern** and I will represent AYC in the 2016 Resolute Cup in Newport Rhode Island. The Resolute Cup is the American qualifier for the 2017 Rolex New York Yacht Club Invitational event that will bring Yacht Clubs from around the world to compete in Swan 42s in September of 2017.

30 yacht clubs from around the United States have been selected to participate in this year's Resolute Cup. AYC was the only Texas Yacht Club selected and we are very honored to have the chance to represent AYC on this national stage. We hope to perform well and show the rest of the country the level of sailing we have here in Texas.

While we are excited about the possibilities of forming a much larger AYC Team to sail the Swan 42s if we were to qualify, our most immediate business at hand is to try to win this regatta.

The format is very interesting. The 30 teams will sail an initial qualifying series in both the Melges 20s and Sonars using a round-robin format. Eventually, the fleet will be split into Gold and Silver fleets with the Gold fleet competing in Melges 20s for the championship.

We have raced Sonars before at the Mallory cup finals in Marblehead MA several years ago but have never stepped foot on a Melges 20. To prepare for the event, we have been racing J 80s at AYC (thank you **Johannes and Lackeys**) which has been good practice in that the J 80 is a bit of a blend of the two boats; it being a little heavier like a Sonar but also having an asymmetrical spinnaker like the Melges 20. Fortunately, we will have two days of practice in Newport prior to the start of the event to try and figure out the boats.

For me, much of 2014 and 2015 was spent on the sidelines from sailboat racing due to numerous surgeries to fix a few worn-out parts. I am back to feeling good again and I'm excited for the challenge. I am sure there will be some nerves but I am comforted by the fact that **John and Doug** and I have so many years of racing together under our belt.

We are very appreciative to AYC for its support in allowing us to compete and to represent the Club in this prestigious event. Here is a link to the regatta website: <https://www.nyc.org/yachting/racing/2016-resolute-cup>

List of Competing Yacht Clubs

- American Yacht Club, Rye NY
- Austin Yacht Club, Austin TX
- Balboa Yacht Club, Corona del Mar CA
- Bayview Yacht Club, Detroit MI
- Beaufort Yacht and Sailing Club, Beaufort SC
- Beverly Yacht Club, Marion MA
- Carolina Yacht Club, Charleston SC
- Chicago Yacht Club, Chicago IL

- The Cleveland Yachting Club, Rocky River OH
- Coral Reef Yacht Club, Miami FL
- Corinthian Yacht Club, Marblehead MA
- The Corinthian Yacht Club of Philadelphia, Essington PA
- Eastern Yacht Club, Marblehead MA
- Lake Geneva Yacht Club, Fontana WI
- Larchmont Yacht Club, Larchmont NY
- Long Beach Yacht Club, Long Beach CA
- Nantucket Yacht Club, Nantucket MA
- New Bedford Yacht Club, South Dartmouth MA
- New York Yacht Club, New York NY
- Newport Harbor Yacht Club, Newport Beach CA
- Riverside Yacht Club, Riverside CT
- San Diego Yacht Club, San Diego CA
- Sandusky Sailing Club, Sandusky OH
- Sea Cliff Yacht Club, Sea Cliff NY
- Shelter Island Yacht Club, Shelter Island Heights NY
- Southern Yacht Club, New Orleans LA
- St. Francis Yacht Club, San Francisco CA
- Storm Triesail Club Larchmont, NY
- Wadawanuck Club, Stonington CT
- Winnepesaukee Yacht Club, Gilford NH

"Sail With Steve"

Blog by Steve Ward



SAILING TO MEXICO part 2

A crew of five races 456 nautical miles from Tampa to Mexico on a 38-foot sailboat

One night I'm in my bunk shortly after 3 a.m. trying to relax. I need sleep but with the rocking and rolling, I can't settle down. I doesn't help that I'm thinking about sailing stories. Just last week I was telling my wife, "What you really worry about is hitting a big heavy object like a sea container." Fiberglass sailboats don't do well against sea containers. Oh great ... just what I need to calm my mind for sleep.



The Blue Heron steaming toward the starting line. (photo credit: Kent Irving)

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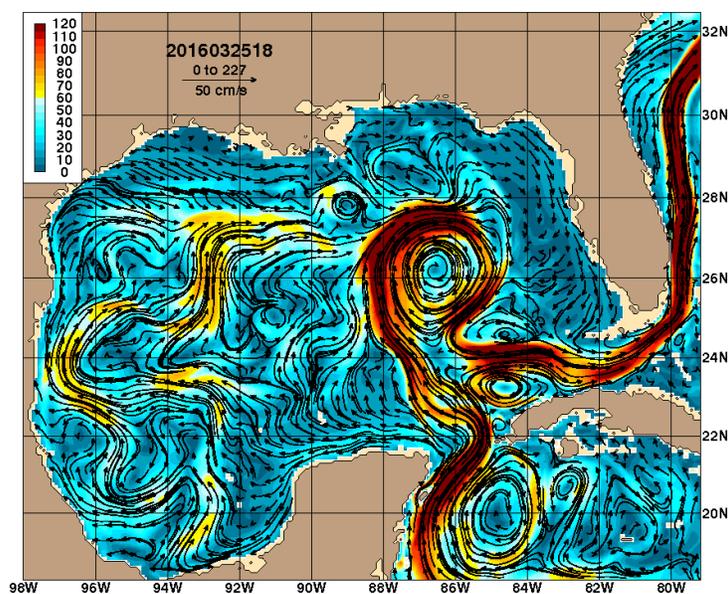
On another evening the B shift guys see the lights of several ships. To be on the safe side, they hail a couple of them on the VHF radio. It's too easy to miss our small sailboat in the inky darkness. They hear Russian or Eastern European accents answer the radio.

Log of S/V Blue Heron (day 4, Mon. Apr 25 0600): Entered shipping lane for Cuba. Had to make contact with two cargo shops to avoid "Dolce Via" and "Battersea." Had 5-6 motor vessels on both sides at one point. Dropped pole.

The Conveyor Belt

One afternoon we see 10 knots on the boat's speedometer. A fantastic speed! Except that we're not making nearly that progress. With adverse current we're like salmon swimming upstream. We're practically sprinting through the water but the GPS shows what really matters: only 5 over the ground.

This is the worst of the loop current we were trying to avoid.



April 23 forecast for the Gulf of Mexico loop current. Dark areas signify faster current. (Image credit: US Navy)

Gradually over the next few days, as we slip alongside and then past Cuba, we eventually get out of the bad currents. Once we sail into the Yucatan Channel, the open water between Cuba and Mexico, we get heavier winds and waves but thankfully more favorable currents.

By the fourth night (our last before making landfall) we are really cookin'. We begin to see speeds in the 8s and 9s. It's a wild exciting ride now, with six to eight foot waves and winds into the high 20s. We're rollicking over the waves on our way to Isla, feeling like a freight train.

The Finish

Around 4:30 on our fifth morning I'm still in my bunk (my shift is not until six). But I can hear more than the usual commotion up top. Turns out we are near the finish.

It's pitch black so we approach the Mexican coastline with care. Dark sailing is fairly simple if you're hundreds of miles out to sea. It's the coastline that gets your real attention.

Finally we see lights ashore – something I haven't seen in five days. We begin to look for the finish boats. Ahead we see lights from the Mexican Navy vessel that is part of our finish line. The ship puts a spotlight on our finish pin.



Mexican Navy ship that greeted us at the finish line. (Photo credit: Steve Ward)

At 5:20 – BANG! – fireworks shoot into the air, signaling our finish. What a great way to finish a race. We made over 500 miles and it took us under five days (about 115 hours).

Thanks, Russ, Bob, Wells and Rick, for making this a trip to remember!



The crew ready to sail (l. to r., Steve Ward, Wells Hoadley, Rick Jastremski, Bob Hoadley, Compton, Russ Hoadley) Photo credit: Steve Ward

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AYC 2016 RACE CALENDAR

Aug 10, 17, 24	Endless Summer Junior Series
Aug 10, 17, 24, 31	Sunfish/Laser Races 6:00p
Aug 12, 19, 26	Beer Can Races 7:00p
Aug 19	Moonburn Series #3 7:00p
Sep 2, 9, 16, 23	September FJ Training Series 6:00p
Sep 2, 9, 16	Beer Can Races 7:00p
Sep 7, 14, 21, 28	Sunfish/Laser Races 6:00p
Sep 10	UTST Alumni Regatta
Sep 11	Late Summer Series #1 1:30p start
Sep 17-18	Centerboard Regatta
Sep 19	MoonBurn Series #3 7:00p
Sep 25	Late Summer Series #2 1:30p start
Oct 1	AYC 2016 Fleet Challenge

AYC 2016 NON-RACING EVENTS

Aug 11	Ratings Committee Open Meeting 7:30p
Aug 13	Cruise Clinic 1:00 - 5:00p
Aug 20-21	ASA 101 Basic Keelboat Certification 8:30a - 5:30p
Aug 25	AYC Board Meeting 7:30p
Sep 10	Learn to Sail Clinic
Sep 11	New Member Ice Cream Social following Late Summer Series #1
Sep 22	AYC Board Meeting 7:30p
Sep 24-25	ASA 101 Basic Keelboat Certification 8:30a - 5:30p
Oct 1	AYC Luau following AYC Fleet Challenge

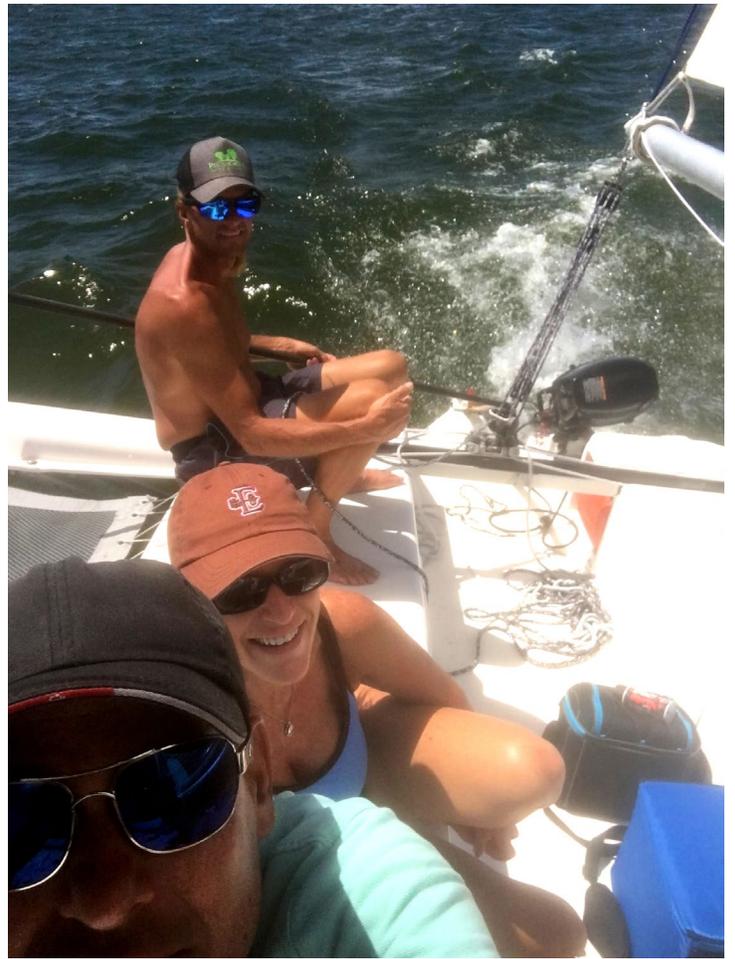
SHE'S BACK!

Welcome home, Linda.





Bill Records and crew. Photo by Charlie Pitkin



Dave Kleinman, Tina McClain, John Luzius. Photo by Dave Kleinman



Beer Can Selfie. Photo by Candace Miller



Crew Sailfie. Photo by Lynna Holland

Send in your crew selfies!

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