

AUSTIN YACHT CLUB

# TELLTALE

December 2017



## Oh What Fun it is to Sail!



Photo Bill Records

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Dec 31	New Year's Eve Party	Jan 23	Watercraft Inspection & Decontamination Training
Jan 01	Red Eye Regatta		
Jan 06	Learn to Race Clinic	Feb 03, 10	Frostbite Series
Jan 13, 20, 27	Frostbite Series	Feb 10-11	US Sailing Level 1
Jan 14	Race Committee Training	Feb 17-18	US Sailing Level 1
	Q1 Regatta	Feb 24	Racing Rules Clinic
Jan 20		Feb 25	Opening Day, Spring Series #1

# 2017 PERPETUAL AWARD WINNERS



## **Max White Memorial Trophy**

**FRED FORD**

This award honors the Club senior sailor for outstanding service to the Club in the past year. This trophy is awarded to the individual who has given freely and unselfishly their time and talents over and above what might otherwise have been necessary or expected of them.



## **Jimmy B. Card Memorial Trophy**

**ANDRE DE LA REZA**

To the Club senior sailor new to the sport. This trophy recognizes the beginning sailor who enthusiastically, bravely, and with a real zest and enjoyment for life becomes a reasonably competitive sailor in their first or second year of sailing.



## **Corinthian Woman**

**CANDACE MILLER**

To a woman sailor exhibiting traditional Corinthian traits. This trophy is given annually to a woman who is an individual or family member who has exhibited good sportsmanship, enthusiasm, and participation, thereby making an overall contribution to the enhancement of the sport of competitive sailing.



## **Bill Records Roadrunner Fleet Trophy**

**JIM CASTO**

This trophy honors the Club member who has gone beyond expectations to serve and volunteer on behalf of the Roadrunner Fleet. This trophy is given to the Club member who, consistently and over a long period of time, acts as a pivotal leader and contributor, further advancing the program's development.



## From The Commodore by Wade Bingaman



2017 was as successful year for our Club. Much of the credit must go to the outstanding Board of Directors I was privileged to lead. My sincere thanks goes out to all of them.

I relied heavily on **Molly Lewis** for her experience and intelligence.

I thank **Bill Records** for making all the regattas successful.

**Joe Roddy** supervised the instillation of our new dock 6 and new dock stairways.

**Chris Thompson** worked tirelessly on the bathroom/office remodel and the neverending list of needed Club repairs.

**David Morley** accomplished the overdue simplification of our Club's confusing business structure.

**Carolyn Wilsford** made sure all our seminars were quality events.

**Ed Taylor** supervised our racing events, ensuring great racing.

**Annie Lancaster** cheerfully organized our office volunteers and managed both the Telltale production and the AYC Directory.

This group, to a person, always wanted what was in the best interest of our Club as a whole.

The staff at AYC is also excellent. We are extremely fortunate to have **Jackie Wheelless** as our general manager. She is incredibly conscientious and truly a great asset to our Club.

**Coleman Terrell** has continued to build the best sailing program in the state. A great sailor, he will be racing in the Sunfish Worlds next year!

**Tom Cunningham** is an invaluable member of our team. He has the multiple skills needed to keep our Club running and the extensive knowledge of the Club's operations to solve problems or avoid them before they occur.

We owe a lot of thanks to these three.

My year as Commodore began with a beautiful sail in the Red Eye Regatta on January 1, 2017. Our Club went on to host many successful regattas, seminars, and parties culminating in the outstanding Annual Banquet.

Most of the thanks for success of the banquet goes to the people who planned and ran it: **Molly Lewis, Candace Miller, Jan Thompson, and Stephanie Froelich**. Their task was mostly unseen by those of us enjoying the event, but their work started this past summer. They made sure we ended the year on just as high a note as the it began!

Finally I thank all of you members for helping me through the year with your volunteer work and participation in events. Our Club's success is truly a team effort in which all of us take part.

Thank you again for all you do. It was an honor to serve as you Commodore in 2017.

## 2018 AYC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## Sail Training Report

by Carolyn Wilsford



### Merry Christmas Sailors!

December has been a busy planning month. A big thank you to all who have filled out the survey on the website. It really does give us an idea of what people want from sail training and how to make it all work.

As far as "Women's Clinics" this year, we are looking at two. One in May (will need a chairman) and maybe another in October. The plan during any sail training clinic this year, is to have a couple of female skippers offer to participate in the clinic with two open spots for interested females.

I will be the contact person to help make those arrangements. Please email me thru the "Contact Us" tab on the website and then scroll down to "Sailing Director (sail training)".

Now for what is already on the calendar:

January 06 – Learn To Race (register on the website)

January 14 – Race Committee Training Seminar

January 23 – Watercraft Inspection & Decontamination Training

February 10, 11 & 17, 18 – US Level 1 Sailing Instructors (link to register on the AYC website)

February 24 – Racing Rules Clinic – Free (register on the website)

March 10 – Spinnaker Clinic

March 17 – "Start Clinic"

**See you on the water!**

## Welcome New Member



### MORGAN WARD, YOUNG ADULT

Morgan grew up sailing on the Cape at Chatham, MA. In college, she sailed with the College of Charleston's sailing team and taught sailing at Pleasant Bay Community Boating to both children and adults. Morgan has raced on Beetlecats, Sunfish, 420s and FJs, and has race

committee experience. She is excited to have found a yacht club in Austin that has similar vision and volunteer focus as she grew up with in Chatham. Welcome to AYC, Megan!

## Race Commander Report

by Jim Casto



### Happy Holidays from your 2018 Race Commander!

I am excited to serve on the Board this year.

Depending on when you read this, you are either still in the warm glow of holiday rest, or else it is wearing off, since you are back to "real life." If you're like me, "real life" includes finding time to think about, plan for, and then participate in the 2018 racing season and other fun events at AYC. Please check

the AYC Calendar for the most up-to-date information, but as incoming Race Commander, I wanted to let you know about a couple of excellent training opportunities early in the year.

### January 14 – RC Training Seminar

Fleet captains are expected to attend or send a fleet representative. One of AYC's core tenets is volunteerism, and one of the most visible such acts is when I see our fleets performing RC duty for Series Races. This training seminar is a refresher for experienced folks, and introduction to the basics for members with less experience serving on RC. It will not all be in clubhouse, there will also be lesson content provided down at the RC boat dock, and a chance to drive the chase boats. Please be sure your fleet is well represented at this training session, and all new members are highly encouraged to attend. Lunch will be provided.

### February 17 – US Sailing Club Level Race Officer Training

This is an all-day class, which provides the material needed to become certified as a "Club Level Race Officer". Any AYC member who wants to increase their understanding of what it takes to really run a race per US Sailing guidelines is welcome, and I am encouraging all the PRC members to attend. Registration is through the US Sailing website (link on AYC page). We have an US Sailing instructor coming for this event, and lunch will be provided.

### February 24 – Racing Rules Clinic

AYC's very own rules expert **Brad Davis** will present a refresher on the rules, prior to "Opening Day". It's free, and from 10am-1pm. Come on out, and get "in the zone".

The AYC Calendar also shows the dates and RC assignments for the first two series – Frostbite Series and Spring Series. We were able to schedule these two series to each have 5 consecutive weekends in a row. Please be sure to check the NOR, SIs, the Order of Starts, and the Course Cards/map for these first two Series. As of this writing those details are not finalized for Frostbite Series, however I am committed to posting the NOR and Course Card/map at least 7 days prior to the Series start date to which it applies. But, please do not expect the Course Card/map will be "the same as last year", or the Start Order will be "the same as last time".

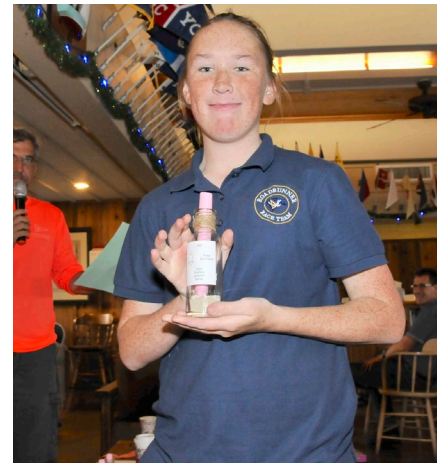
Although the remaining 2018 schedule has not been finalized as of this writing, it will be voted on at the January 25th board meeting.



# Roadrunner Holiday Party



Photos by Bill Records



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# Roadrunner Holiday Party





# 2017 Annual Meeting Awards

Photos by Deborah Mathison



COMMODORE Wade Bingaman



IMMEDIATE PAST COMMODORE Molly Lewis



VICE COMMODORE Bill Records



SECRETARY Annie Lancaster



TREASURER David Morley



RACE COMMANDER Ed Taylor



HARBOR COMMANDER Joe Roddy



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMANDER Chris Thompson



SAIL TRAINING COMMANDER Carolyn Wilsford

OTHER AWARDS (not pictured)

AYC STAFF Jackie Wheelless, General Manager; Tom Cunningham, Caretaker; Coleman Terrell, Sailing Director

SPECIAL SAILING CLINIC INSTRUCTORS John Bartlett, Spinnaker Clinic; Scott Young, Start Clinic; Ravi Subramanian, Tactics Clinic

AWARDS COMMITTEE Candace Miller (Chair), Molly Lewis, Jan Thompson, Stephanie Froelich

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# 2017 Annual Meeting Awards



**BIG JOBS AWARD** Danny Lien (not shown: Tom Groll)



**OFFICE VOLUNTEERS** Fred Ford, Carolyn Wilsford, Steve Ward, John Grzinich, Annie Lancaster, Carolyn Howard (not shown: Doug Laws, Candace Miller, Linda McDavitt, Kelly Hawk)



**REGATTA CHAIRS** Danny Lien, Chaparral de Mar; James Parsons, Independence Cup & MoonBurn; John Thurston, Red Eye & Single-handed; Jeff Brock & Mary Carew, Roadrunner; Kevin Reynolds, Centerboard; Bonnie Lackey, Wild Turkey; Claudia Bartlett, Fleet Challenge; Fred Schroth, Easter Laser; Fred Ford, Chaparral de Mar (not shown: Diane Covert, Turnback Canyon; Constanze Heitkoetter, Roadrunner; Karen Bogisch, Governor's Cup; Keith Lackey, Wild Turkey; John Bartlett, Fleet Challenge)



**AYC FUND BOARD** Terry Schertz (not shown: David Grogono, Lauren Couch, John Parker, Harry Polly, Kelly Hawk, Ravi Subramanian, Johannes Brinkmann)



**SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIR** Susy Ortega



**RACE COMMITTEE** Bob Mathison, Bill Records, Keith Denebeim, Ed Taylor (Chair), Vic Manning, James Parsons (not shown: Karen Bogisch (Scoring), Jim Casto, Larry Ratliff, John Parker, Kurt Carson, Dane Ohe)

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## 2017 Annual Meeting Awards



**BUILDING & GROUNDS** Chris Thompson (Chair) (not shown: Diane Covert, Mark Zion, Harry Polly)  
**HARBOR COMMITTEE** Joe Roddy (Chair), Keith Denebeim (not shown: John Saunders, Leon Lance)



**PB&J COACHES** Fiona Froelich, Bill Records (Chair) (not shown: Mark Zion, Sharva Paralkar, Marcus Tita, Alexander Tita)



**LONG RANGE PLANNING** Bruce McDonald, Vic Manning (Chair) (not shown: Ravi Subramanian)



**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás, Fred Ford, James Parsons, Molly Lewis (Chair), Vic Manning, Jeff Brock (not shown: Karen Bogisch, Larry Ratliff, Russ Shermer)



**SAIL TRAINING COMMITTEE** Andre de la Reza, Bill Records, Carolyn Wilsford (Chair), John Grzinich, Steve Ward (not shown: Carol Frick)



**FINANCE COMMITTEE** John Howard, Bonnie Lackey, David Morley (Chair) (not shown: Keith Lackey, Anne Morley)



## 2017 Annual Meeting Awards



**HISTORIC COMMITTEE** John Howard (Chair), Carolyn Wilsford (for James) (not shown: Jan Thompson, James Wilsford)



**ROADRUNNER BOARD** Jeff Brock, Mary Carew (Fleet Captain), Stefan Froelich (not shown: Constanze Heitkoetter, Elisha Krempetz, Robert Cabrera)



**FLEET CAPTAINS** Bob Goldsmith, Keel Fleet; Mary Carew, Roadrunner; James Parsons, C Fleet; Chris Thompson, PHRF; John Thurston, B Fleet; Steve Pervier, Catalina 22; Stu Juengst, J24; Ray Shull, A Fleet (not shown: Gordon Miller, J22; Anne Morley, Ensign; Russ Shermer & Bo Kersey, Multihull; Paul Jensen, Sunfish; Tom Meyer, SC21)



**ENDLESS SUMMER** Andre de la Reza; Bill Records, Jeff Brock, Steve Ward (not shown: Robert Cabrera, Paul Carew, Dallas Grant, Charlie Pitkins)



**WEDNESDAY SUNFISH/LASERS** Joe Horn, Annie Lancaster, Pat Manning (not shown: David Grogono, Paul Jensen, John Bartlett, Kevin Reynolds)



**WEBSITE/IT SUPPORT** Chris Thompson, John Grzinich, Annie Lancaster (not shown: Karen Bogisch)



# 2017 Perpetual Awards



## Jimmy B. Card Memorial Trophy

### ANDRE DE LA REZA

"I've never seen someone so quickly and totally embrace sailing and racing." Those are the words used to describe the sailor we're honoring with this award, and they are strong words indeed coming from an AYC sailor who has been sailing, racing, winning, and teaching for many years. The recipient of this award dove headfirst into sailing, racing, and volunteering at AYC. From the time he joined AYC he rapidly gained sailing and racing skill and knowledge. He bought and totally restored the boat he skippers, found a great crew ("they do what I tell them to") and had the audacity to win the Dog Day Series in his first year of sailing! He serves on Race Committee and has helped with sail training. He helps with the junior sailors and, in fact, has twin girls who are now sailing Optis. He's a fireman and is putting together a CPR class for AYC members. He is a great example for old and new AYC members alike. He's fun, enthusiastic, loves a challenge, and exhibits excellent sportsmanship both on and off the water.

If you missed last year's Opening Day, here's another fun fact: **Andre** also plays the bagpipes.



## Max White Memorial Trophy

### FRED FORD

It was a great day for AYC, for the Ensign Fleet, and for all of us when this sailor joined the Club. He is a true sportsman, a sailor to the core; he sails and races regardless of setbacks or circumstances that others would see as too difficult to overcome, because he so thoroughly enjoys the sport. He's extremely enthusiastic, loves to help those who may not be as experienced, from PB&J sailors to the oldsters. He is kind, sincere, teaches sailing to those who want to learn, and is a good sounding board for ideas and discussion about – well, just about anything. His knowledge and expertise is not just in sailing; his profession and interests include, among other things, aviation, engineering, cooking and, most of all, his family.

**Fred** is a member of the Membership Committee and provides a good perspective for new members. He has been the Ensign Fleet secretary for several years and Fleet captain more than once. According to some ensign sailors, he is the Granddaddy of the fleet in that he provides a stable leadership platform for the fleet. Others say that, no matter who the fleet captain is, **Fred** is the Fleet Captain.

**Fred's** favorite races are the Friday night Beer Cans, where he makes sure that everyone on the boat gets to drive. **Fred** helps organize Roadrunner activities and the Chaparral Regatta, using his skills to make things fun. He supports a number of events for disadvantaged children, making sure they're introduced to the sport. Words that have been used to describe **Fred** include: positive, welcoming, helpful, encouraging, selfless, and professional. On top of that, he is the quintessential gentleman; a role model, and a sailor to be admired and emulated.



## Liz Bauman Memorial Trophy

### TAYLOR SNYDER

This young woman is one of AYC's most dedicated youth sailors. This year alone, she has raced at AYC in Lasers, FJs, and in C Fleet on a Pearson 26 which she often skippers. She represented C Fleet in the Fleet Challenge as well. She raced around the country this year in Flying Scots, C420s, and Lasers. She is currently planning to sail her laser in the Orange Bowl Regatta in Miami in December. Her drive and determination is evident in not only her results from this past year, but the respect she has earned among her peers, both youth and adults. In addition to her racing, **Taylor** also found time to work as a CIT during AYC's summer camps. She was great while working with the kids in camp, and helped inspire their love of sailing. She exemplifies the traits that this award stands for: cooperation, discipline, willingness to learn, and good sportsmanship.



## Ron W. Harden Memorial Trophy

### ANDREW BUTLER

This junior sailor has taken his sailing to another level this year. While managing his senior year of high school, completing his Eagle Scout project, and applying to colleges, he somehow found the time to attend 10 TSA regattas, earning him a 5th place overall in the Laser Radial year-end standings. In addition to this, he attended high-performance clinics in both Charleston and Chicago, as well as multiple local clinics in Dallas and Houston. He also became a US Sailing Level 1 certified instructor. This summer, he worked at AYC's summer camps as a counselor, after being a Counselor-In-Training (CIT) the last few years. He fit naturally into that role, and demonstrated great leadership qualities, both to the CIT's and the campers. He has an excellent work ethic and is willing to challenge himself, pushing himself in situations outside his comfort zone and against still competition. He is a true sportsman.

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# 2017 Perpetual Awards

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## Corinthian Woman Sailor Trophy **CANDACE MILLER**

If there is any social event, any series race, or any regatta going on at AYC, this sailor is there, helping, crewing, or skippering. Everyone knows they can count on her when it comes to working on the social committee, decorating for special Club events, sail training (1st mate), race committee fleet duty, and helping cover the office when she can. Although she began as crew on the race course, her learning curve has been rapid and steep — especially these past two years — she has become an excellent foredeck, arguably the most important position on the boat! She has learned much in her few short years sailing and she is always wanting to know more about all aspects of our sport.

She doesn't sail just at AYC; her first blue water Caribbean adventure was a week of 45-foot catamaran sailing between islands of St. Martin, St. Kitts, St. Nevis, and St. Barts. She skippered through a rain squall and delegated the anchor drop as she was the only one with a rain jacket. She is such a talented foredeck member that did you know she teaches yoga at the front of catamarans? And she had the daily appetizers planned out before she even left the USA! She earned her RYA Competent Crew in Scottish waters sailing on a 40 plus-foot monohull and has sailed there the past two summers, even making it all the way over to Ireland in open water off the coast of Scotland.

And then there is the end of year Award Committee work! She has been on the committee for the past five years and has been chair for the past four years. The work of the Awards Committee has expanded over the past few years to include all the thank you gifts, the Big Job gifts, and the Commodore awards that are now part of the Annual Meeting. It has become more complex, more detailed, and more work as the Club has grown and as new groups have sprouted, such as the juniors program. This woman brought the work of the Awards Committee into the 21st century, utilizing her professional skills to organize and delegate. We are thrilled to honor her with the Corinthian Woman Sailor Award. Congratulations to **Candace Miller!**



## Jessie McIlroy Smith Bowl **LUCY BROCK AND JULIUS HEITKOETTER**

This year, the Jessie McIlroy Smith Bowl honors two sailors instead of just one because the two individuals have represented AYC with distinction, as a team. They are excellent sailors individually, and as a team they have brought honor and recognition to the Club, as evidenced by their record.

Equally important as winning in racing competition — perhaps even more important — is attitude: attitude toward one's competitors, toward the judges, toward the race officials, both on and off the race course. In sailing of course we know this as Corinthian Spirit. It means sailing with grace, kindness, respect, fairness, and honesty. These two sailors have gained recognition in national and international racing competitively beyond the Club level. They are respected by their local and national peers, and with good reason. They not only sail hard and well, they bring extra gear for others, they share their gear and their secrets for sailing well with their competitors, they offer suggestions and strategy, they help out their fellow sailors whenever and wherever they can. They truly exemplify the Corinthian Spirit, here at AYC and at other local and national events.

These two are the TSA C420 champions; they won by a WIDE margin. They teamed up with another young sailor and placed 4th in the Sears Nationals in which they were the youngest team, had the youngest crew, and had the only female skipper.

These two have been sailing together for the past several years. They exhibit the dedication, focus, and fortitude it takes to be a serious competitor in the racing world, giving up other sports and extracurricular activities to practice. One of them, just five years ago, didn't know that what he called "those sticks in the water" were sailboat masts yet has become an accomplished sailor and competitive racer. His partner has been sailing for just seven years.

Both of these sailors can be credited with the huge growth of AYC's High School Sailing program, as the majority of sailors in it are friends that they have recruited to sailing; they make everyone feel welcome.

We are indeed proud of these young sailors, **Lucy Brock and Julius Heitkoetter.**



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## 2017 Perpetual Awards

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### Bill Records Roadrunner Fleet Trophy

#### JIM CASTO

The recipient of this award is an unsung hero to the Roadrunner Fleet and the juniors program. He repaired and refurbished a catamaran and donated it to the Roadrunners to use in learning to sail and race. He can often be seen out on the water teaching a junior sailor how to sail if he's inexperienced or, if she's a seasoned sailor, teaching her the finer points of sailing. He teaches them how to repair and maintain the catamaran and the other boats they sail.

Jim has no children involved in the Roadrunner fleet and yet he is passionate about the kids. The catamaran he repaired and donated to the juniors, his willingness to take time to help the kids learn to be not just good sailors but to be good citizens is a real gift to the Fleet and to AYC. Jim, we are honored to have you as a valued member of the Roadrunner Fleet and to recognize your volunteerism and your spirit with this award.



### OI' Salt of the Austin Yacht Club

#### KEITH RENARD

This sailor was born in 1927, the same year Lindbergh became the first person to fly alone across the Atlantic. He recently celebrated his 90th birthday and he is still an active racer and pleasure cruiser with the Catalina Cruising Association. **Keith** has sailed in more than 20 Turnback regattas. **Bill Records** says this sailor is going to be 70 this year (incorrect) but looks 10 years younger. That means he just turned 90 but looks and acts like he's 60!

**Keith** began his sailing career when he was 10. His family got a sailing rig for their canoe, and he had his first sailboat, with most likely Cotton sails. He fell in love with the sport then, and hasn't looked back. Some 80 years later **Keith** is still sailing! He has owned a variety of boats, but the latest is a long-loved 1976 Catalina 27, which he races and cruises, often single-handed, plus he does all the repair and upkeep. Members of the Catalina cruising fleet are very familiar with **Keith's** courageous way of sailing his four-ton Catalina up to a raft-up and departing without using the engine and without any injuries to sailors or other boats! His reason? "We are a SAILING club after all!"

**Keith** has raced many Turnback regattas, probably sailing the course more than 20 times. He isn't yet the oldest competitor ever to sail in the Chaparral De Mar Regatta, but he has done it a few times so far, and is still looking to win. He also competed at age 87 in the single-handed race. He is probably amused that other skippers find single-handed racing a different challenge, as he is very used to it.

**Keith** is ASA certified, has sailed in too many bodies of water to count, and was a sailing instructor for a Roads Scholar class in Mobile, AL.

So when you think you're too old to take your boat out to cruise or to race, just think of **Keith**. You're NOT!

### A SPECIAL THANK YOU ...

**Preston Bezant** donated his talented design skills and time for the third year in a row, and designed the poster of our annual Perpetual Award winners. If you need graphic design work, please consider Preston Bezant who can be contacted at [bezanster@gmail.com](mailto:bezanster@gmail.com).



This year's perpetual award recipients received a wooden Teleidoscope created and shipped all the way from Italy. They are unique creations made of the finest wood by **Armando Perri, artist and owner of Wooden Objects**. Each Teleidoscope was handmade in the traditional way using hand tools. <https://www.instagram.com/tripletperry/?hl=de>



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# 2017 Annual Banquet

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## What a party!

It was a fitting end to a fantastic year for AYC. About 150 members gathered at the Oasis for our annual bash. The setting has a spectacular view of Lake Travis. The Awards Committee outdid themselves with great food and plenty to drink. Thank you **Candace Miller, Molly Lewis, Stephanie Froelich, and Jan Thompson.**

The event also is the forum to present our Club's annual awards. This year's winners were:

- **Bernstein-Brinkmann Fleet Challenge Award – A Fleet** who raised over \$6,750 for the AYC Fund and also won 1st and 2nd in the fleet racing.
- **UT Sailing Team Scott Young Award – Aaron Comen** whose outstanding service to the team was recognized.
- **Jimmy B. Card Memorial Trophy, for senior sailor new to the sport – Andre de la Reza** is a new Club member with a great attitude. He is truly a valuable asset to AYC.
- **Max White Memorial Trophy, member with outstanding service to the Club – Fred Ford** is deserving of an award every year. He supports the Ensign Fleet, is kind and helpful to both adult and youth members, and is a true gentleman. The Club is honored to have as Fred as a member.
- **Jessie McIlroy Smith Bowl, for outstanding achievement beyond the Club level – Lucy Brock and Julius Heitkoetter**, junior sailors, won this award together. They were TSA C420 champs and sailed all over the country, while exhibiting the Corinthian spirit of always being helpful to other sailors.
- **Corinthian Woman Sailor – Candace Miller** is the perfect combination of a great sailor and a tireless volunteer at the Club.
- **Ol' Salt Award – Keith Renard** bounded onto the stage like a teenager to receive his award, and at 90, with years of sailing experience, he left us all jealous.
- **Liz Baumann Memorial Trophy to the most improved female junior sailor – Taylor Snyder** races on Lasers, FJs, Pearsons, Flying Scots, and C420s. She could not be kinder or more dedicated to our sport.
- **Ron B. Harden Memorial Trophy to the most improved male junior sailor – Andrew Butler**, a high school senior and Eagle Scout, is a great leader and skillful sailor.
- **Bill Records Roadrunner Fleet Trophy for a Club member's service to the Roadrunners – Jim Casto** is constantly helping the juniors with boat repair and sailing technique.

A final special award went to **Claudia and John Bartlett** as "Heroes of the Austin Yacht Club." We wanted to make sure that all this couple's efforts of sailing, teaching, labor, volunteering, and fundraising was not overlooked. A big THANK YOU to **Claudia and John.**

**The infamous Blue Duck went to Mack Warner** for T-boning the Committee Boat at the start of a race. He had stiff competition but was able to beat out a member who sank his trailers at the launch ramp and another who was struck by lightning while chugging a bottle of rum.

After two hours of dancing to the Fabulous Chevelles the Banquet reluctantly came to an end. The crowded dance floor was begging for an encore and got it.

That's the way to end a year!



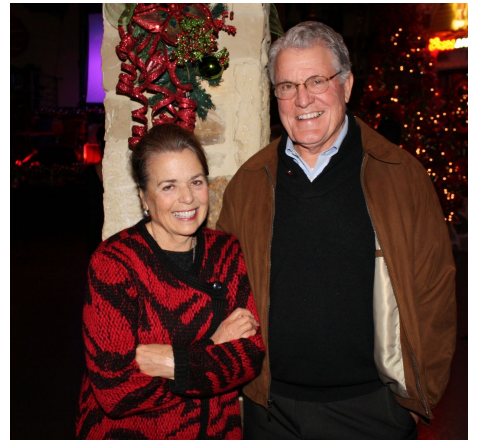
# 2017 Annual Banquet

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# Awards Presentation

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Andre de la Reza, Jimmy B.Card Memorial Trophy



Fred Ford, Max White Memorial Trophy



Lucy Brock and Julius Heitkoetter, Jesse McIlroy Smith Bowl



Candace Miller, Corinthian Woman Sailor Trophy



Jim Casto, Bill Records Roadrunner Fleet Trophy



Taylor Snyder, Liz Bauman Memorial Trophy



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## Awards Presentation

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Andrew Butler, Ron H. Harden Memorial Trophy



Keith Renard, Ol' Salt of the Austin Yacht Club



UTST Rep Sam Robbins presents UT Sailing Team Scott Young Award to Aaron Comen



Claudia and John Bartlett, 2017 Heroes of Austin Yacht Club

### Also Recognized:

A FLEET for their contribution to the Bernstein-Brinkmann Fleet Challenge

LINDA MCDAVITT AND GRETCHEN DOUGLAS for their participation in the Fast Net Race

## THANK YOU 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS





## Awards Presentation



The winner of the  
Blue Duck Award

**MACK WARNER!**

Mack T-boned the committee boat!





## Catalina 22 Holiday Update

by Steve Pervier



For this special holiday edition of the Telltale, I want to thank all of the Catalina 22 skippers and crew who participated in 2017, in racing, race committee, and in many AYC functions and events. Some of you have had circumstances that kept you from sailing as much as you would have liked, and we hope these conditions will improve so you can be sailing with us.

We are looking forward to a full racing calendar in 2018, but for now see the AYC Calendar, which lists our next two racing series: Frostbite Series, on Saturdays 1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10 ... followed by Spring Series, on Sundays 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25. Each of these should have a 1:30pm First Warning signal. The first date of Spring Series is AYC Opening Day.

A few words about our history ... We began in the middle 1970s, when local Catalina 22 sailors got together for sailing and "cruises" to various lake destinations. We were chartered as the 69th sequential fleet by the C22

National Association, as Catalina 22 Fleet 69. We met at the Sailboat Shop by Highland Mall for business and programs, then had monthly events on Lake Travis. After many of us joined AYC, we became a recognized one-design fleet here in the early 80s.

After several years we admitted other size Catalina owners as associate members, then full members. We asked the All-Catalina National Association for the same fleet number and received it. This is the present All-Catalina Fleet 69, an outside-AYC cruising fleet on Lake Travis. Eventually racing interests wanted their own organization, so we split off the C22 Fleet which is within AYC. To this day we have many members in common. The cruising fleet is a source of racing crew and new AYC members, and provides connections to cruising from local waters to the deep blue. Our holiday party pictures really tell the tale! About half of those pictured are AYC members.

We're looking for you in 2018! We plan to help new C22 skippers learn to race and do well, as well as all who want to improve their skills and performance. Our experience levels range from brand new to many decades of sailing, and we share a passion for this sport, and the joy of being together on the water. Come join us!





## MORE PARTY PHOTOS



The J24/J22/Multihull party was also a celebration of David Broadway's 70th birthday. Laura Miller gave him this beautiful glass art by Sun Hi Casey.



"Here are a few pics from the J24/J22/Multihull combined holiday party. The highlight of the evening was a White Elephant gift that was a set of photos that you hang from your nose that give you funny faces. It was hilarious!" from Stu Juengst



"Token C-fleet submission" from Andre de la Reza





## Multihull Fleet Holiday Update

by Russ Shermer



### Greetings from the Multihull fleet.

We are excited by the growth we had this year with a record 11 Corsair Trimarans at the Club including the new Pulse 600. In the last race series, we had nine Trimarans (though 10 of the 11 skippers) and two Catamarans at the starting line. While all the other multihull sailors bailed

on the windy Wild Turkey Regatta, **Charles Valentine and Owen Crouse** raced a Weta and managed to pitch-pole on a downwind leg. When I spoke with them days later, they still had big grins!

The lack of racing in December gave us the opportunity to tackle a much desired project and have some parties. Saturday morning Dec 2, 10 guys and their tools showed up at the South launch on a mission to cover and pad the exposed metal bracing in the first section of dock. Special thanks to **John Howard** for confirming the design and purchasing the materials. Thanks to our new member **Will Gaston** for applying his trade knowledge and running the project. Thank you Multihull team for making it happen!

**Ethan** and his parents **Stefan and Stephanie Froelich** were kind enough to host the AYC Multihull / Austin Cats holiday party at their home near the Club on Dec 1. **Ethan** smoked a wonderful brisket, **Stefan** let us tap his keg and **Stephanie** let us raid her beautiful house. The evening ended in the yard with a nice bonfire. Thanks to **Ethan** the event was well-organized and publicized. Great turnout, great fun!

The J24/J22/Multihull party was Dec 15. BBQ masters, **Steve & Carol Frick** smoked brisket. The white elephant gift exchange was hilarious and the big gift hit was the "mouth" beverage coasters. Awesome party!





# 2018 KEEL FLEET RED EYE REGATTA



**JANUARY 1, 2018**

10:00 AM - ONSITE REGISTRATION &  
BREAKFAST

11:30 AM - ONSITE REGISTRATION  
CLOSES

12:00 PM - COMPETITOR'S BRIEFING  
1:30 PM - RACE START

AFTER RACES - AWARDS SOCIAL

- ▶ Start the new year off right with the Red Eye Regatta
- ▶ Open to all keelboats and multihulls
- ▶ Enjoy Bloody Marys and Breakfast before the race
- ▶ \$30 Entry Fee (\$5 KHF discount & \$5 Advanced Registration discount)
- ▶ Advanced Registration online at [www.austinyachtclub.net](http://www.austinyachtclub.net)
- ▶ Late registration onsite



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Wednesday - Sunday 9:00A - 5:00P  
CLOSED MONDAY AND TUESDAY

### Closed Club Holidays:

New Year's Day	January 1
Easter Sunday	April 5
Independence Day	July 4
Thanksgiving Day	November 26
Shopping Day	November 27
Christmas Day	December 25

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## AYC 2018 RACE CALENDAR

Jan 01	Red Eye Regatta
Jan 13	Frostbite Series Race #1 1:30 start RC: Multihull
Jan 20	Q1 Regatta College Racing
Jan 20, 27	Frostbite Series Races 2 & 3
Feb 03, 10	Frostbite Series Races 4 & 5
Feb 25	Spring Series #1

## AYC 2017-2018 NON-RACING EVENTS

Dec 31	New Year's Eve Party
Jan 06	Learn to Race Seminar 9:00a - 5:00p
Jan 14	RC Training Seminar 9:00a - 1:00p
Jan 23	Watercraft Inspection and Decontamination Training 8:00a - 5:00p
Feb 10-11, 17-18	US Sailing Level 1 8:00a - 5:00p
Feb 17	US Sailing Club Level Race Committee Training 8:00a - 5:00p
Feb 24	Racing Rules Clinic 10:00a - 1:00p
Feb 25	Opening Day

## In Memoriam Paul Leach



It is with great sadness that we inform you that Jackie Wheelless' husband, Paul Leach, passed away December 5 following his brave battle with Leukemia, a battle Jackie fought right alongside her beloved husband every minute with amazing strength and grace. Please keep Jackie and her family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time as they grieve their loss.

Jackie and her family have asked us to pass along their gratitude to the entire AYC family for all of the love and support you have shown over the past year and half. A memorial service will be held in early January. AYC members are welcome to attend; details will be provided as they are finalized.

Donations in Paul's memory can be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or to Austin Pets Alive (from whom Paul and Jackie have five rescue kitties).



# 2017 PERPETUAL AWARD WINNERS

## Ron W. Harden Memorial Trophy ANDREW BUTLER

To the most improved male junior sailor. This trophy is given annually to a young man who, though not necessarily the most accomplished, demonstrates those traits of cooperation, discipline, willingness to learn, and good sportsmanship that are the goals of the junior sailing program.



## Liz Bauman Memorial Trophy TAYLOR SNYDER

To the most improved female junior sailor. This trophy is to be given annually to a young woman who, though not necessarily the most accomplished, demonstrates the traits of cooperation, discipline, willingness to learn, and good sportsmanship that are the goals of the junior sailing program.



## Jesse McIlroy Smith Bowl LUCY BROCK & JULIUS HEITKOETTER

To the Club junior or senior sailor who has made an outstanding contribution or achievement in yachting beyond the Club level or normal Club activities. This award is intended to recognize a Club member for outstanding service to yachting or yacht racing beyond the Club level or to recognize an individual's accomplishments that are not within the normal scheduled activities of the Austin Yacht Club such as significant application of sailing skills in a rescue, ocean crossing, yacht construction, etc.



## Oi' Salt of the Austin Yacht Club KEITH RENARD

To the Club senior who has exhibited enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and a competitive zeal over a period of time, and has a quality of life that can be admired by all.



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