



From the Desk of the AYC Sailing Director  
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#### ADULT TRAINING

Our second adult clinic of the season, the Scott Young Start Clinic, was another hit! Many thanks to Scott for coming out and sharing his talents. Big thanks to Claude Welles who chaired this clinic and Sail Training Commander Bill Records for his coordination efforts as well! Some of our junior Laser and FJ sailors sat in the on the chalk talk before heading to practice with Coach Coleman and I later in the afternoon. Because our Opti sailors were busy out on the water during the chalk talk, Scott was kind enough to agree to come back and give them a separate talk on April 2 before their practice. We're looking forward to it!

Next up in April: Learn to Sail (keelboat) Clinic on April 16 1:00-5:00 and the first FJ Training Series of the season kicks off Friday, April 1. Classes will be held Friday evenings 6:00-8:00 pm in April. Registration for both events is available on the website.

Looking ahead to May, the Spring Women's Clinic will be held on May 7. Registration is now open and planning is underway. If you are interested in volunteering for the event, we need female skippers and crew, and male wait staff to serve up dinner in the evening. Contact me or Clinic Chair Carolyn Wilsford if you'd like to help out!

#### EQUIPMENT

\$5,500 was approved to purchase two used C420s located in Fort Meyers, FL. We are brainstorming ways to get the boats here. If you're headed to Florida sometime in the next couple months, let me know!

There was a lot of interest in the club Optis that we put up for sale last month. All boats have sold. We hope to sell some club Sunfish in a similar way in the next month or so.

#### JUNIOR SAILING PROGRAM

The Spring Season of the Junior Sailing Program is off to a fantastic start! The new practice schedule has maximized participation and enrollment is up from the 2015 Late Fall Season.

The 2nd Annual Junior Opening Day Un-Regatta was a big success! We had 25 participants in 9 FJs and 1 Laser come on out for a fun afternoon of unconventional races. We had four scored races:

1. Backwards Finish: Sail to the windward mark, round, and sail backwards through the line to finish
2. Mystery Start: The mystery was whether or not the start was upwind to the windward mark or downwind to leeward. The direction was given at GO and you were either clear or over early depending on what side of the line you chose. This one was so much fun we did it twice!
3. Backwards Start AND Finish: Boats started above the line and had to sail backwards down to the leeward mark, round, sail upwind, round the windward mark and sail backwards through the line to finish

We were cut a little short due to increasing winds so we have lots more fun ideas in store! We are hoping to offer this one again in the summer so we can incorporate capsizing and getting wet! After four races, prizes (\$5.00 Amy's Ice Cream gift certificates) were awarded to the 2nd place finishers Eli Ortiz and his aunt Tessa Bliss and first place finishers Jamie Brock, Eric Jayawant and Nicholas Carew! The goal of the Un-Regatta is to have FUN so we also award the sailor who has the most fun! This year's winner and recipient of a \$10.00 Amy's Ice Cream gift certificate was Fiona Froelich! Congrats to everyone and thanks for coming out!

We do have extra t-shirts from the Un-Regatta for sale for \$15.00 each in the AYC office. Many thanks to Preston Bezant for the design!



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#### SUMMER PROGRAMS

Six sessions of Junior Sailing Camp will be offered in 2016. We are currently searching for qualified instructors to staff our summer programs. Candidates must be over the age of 18. Interested candidates should contact me at [kate@austinyachtclub.net](mailto:kate@austinyachtclub.net) or (512) 266-1336.

Registration for both Junior Sailing Camp and PB&J is now available online! Please note that AYC members need a coupon code (AYC2016) to obtain member pricing. Enrollment is ahead of numbers from last year at this time:

Junior Sailing Camp: 31 (18 in 2015)

PB&J: 11 (6 in 2015)

We have attracted new campers through some of our new advertising methods such as a half-page add in the local Faces & Places magazine and the Nurture my Child camp fair attended by myself and Coleman.

#### YOUTH RACING NEWS

16 AYC sailors competed at the first Texas Sailing Association Youth Circuit regatta of the year, the Change in Latitude Regatta at Corpus Christi YC February 27-28! Special congratulations to Spencer LeGrande who took first in Laser Radials, and Tony Slowik who took 5th overall in Opti RWB. Also big shout out to Aidan Kremetz who finished second in Green Fleet in his first ever travel event—and only because he lost the tie-breaker! Congrats to all of our AYC sailors!

The second TSA regatta of the year was the Spring Fling Regatta at Lake Canyon Yacht Club March 12-13. Again, 16 AYC sailors made the trip. Special shout out to Aidan Kremetz who won Green Fleet and Tony Slowik who took third in RWB Fleet! Our Laser sailors had some added support on Sunday when Coach Coleman made a daytrip down to his home club to coach. Congrats to Spencer LeGrande who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Radials! GO AYC!

Next up is our home regatta, the Roadrunner Regatta, on April 9-10.