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GOVERNOR'S CUP 2017

LAKE TRAVIS, TEXAS ★ AUSTIN YACHT CLUB

Race to Lakeway Round the Buoys
Speaker Jim Merritt Music Breakfast Tacos Texas BBQ
"Battle of Bands" Roadrunner Fleet's burgers



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APRIL
8th-9th

Registration

Early registration closes at midnight on Thursday, April 6. Late registration will be available on Friday evening, April 7, 6-8 p.m. and Saturday morning, April 8, from 7-9 a.m. before the competitors' briefing.

From The Commodore

by Wade Bingaman



Opening Day was a great event again this year. The fact that many of you attended in spite of the gloomy weather, tells me that you agree. The large number of past Commodores who were present lets us know that they think it's a special day too. You look at those women and men, and then you look around at our Club – the spectacular location, the facilities, and the friendly members – and you can't help but be incredibly thankful to them for their vision and

hard work in creating and maintaining such an amazing place. Thanks again to all of our past Commodores.

And thanks to the volunteers who helped to make the Opening Day a success. **Susy Ortega and her Social Committee** worked long and hard in the weeks leading up to and the day of the event to provide us with good food and decorations. I especially liked the "Welcome Sailors" sign out front. **John Bartlett** as always kept the Bloody Marys flowing. **Andre De La Reza's** bagpipes added the perfect atmosphere to start the ceremony. Then the Sea Scouts formally raised the flag. Many thanks to **Doug Laws** for his invocation and to **Barry Bowden** for helping us to remember our roots. **Harry Polly** made sure the ceremony ran smoothly, and the **Roadrunners** serenaded us to close the ceremony. Thanks to all of you who helped.

George Jones, a famous country singer, had a tune – "Who's Gonna Fill Their Shoes?". In it he wondered whether there would be new singers in the future who would measure up to the past great country singers. I sometimes wonder the same thing about our Club. Who will step up and continue the tradition our past great Commodores have left us? But when I looked around at our members on Opening Day, I realized we have the talent and spirit in us. We will be in good hands.

Vice Commodore Report

by Bill Records



Governor's Cup

Regatta Chair, **Karen Bogisch**, is moving along quickly in the planning of this year's Governor's Cup. As you probably know, we scheduled it for April 8th and 9th due to cooler temperatures, favorable winds, and less power boats. **Karen** and her team are doing everything to make the experience memorable. We have music scheduled for Friday evening registration as well as a talk by accomplished boat builder and boat surveyor,

Jim Merritt. If you haven't met **Jim**, you are in for a treat. He has lived an amazing life, including being on the team that built the Pershing missiles. On Saturday, some of the fleets will race to Lakeway, while others sail RTB. Three fleets have chosen Governor's Cup for their circuit stops, J70, Sunfish, and Catalina 22. Saturday evening we will have an old fashioned Texas barbecue and at least three bands performing. After Sunday's racing, the Roadrunners will serve their fantastic burgers.

Turnback Canyon

Diane Covert is chairing Turnback Canyon Regatta again this year, so we are in good hands. We are planning on sailing to Lago Vista again this year. We are working out the details and hope to have the same success as last year. To make a regatta successful, we need good volunteers. So, if you are not racing, volunteer to help by contacting the regatta chairs.

National Sailing Programs Symposium

Wade, Carolyn, Coleman, and I attended the U.S. Sailing Symposium, held in Austin this year, and it was very worthwhile. I was pleasantly surprised that they had heard of the dramatic rise in our junior program. On Friday, the entire group was invited to our Club for boat demos as well as a great talk by **Dave Perry** about the 2017 rules changes. The weather was perfect and everyone loved our Club.



Photo Bruce McDonald

Building and Grounds Report

by Chris Thompson



Projects Completed – January/February 2017

The bathrooms have come together nicely and we are working to get the final trim out completed. Some of the other tasks we completed prior to the US Sailing Symposium Demo day on February 17th:

1. Shower tile completed and sealed; curtains and accessories installed.
2. New counters and sinks installed and plumbed; added master shut off valves for sinks and urinals.
3. Painted parts of the stair railings at clubhouse and replaced rotted section; spare sections made for future repairs.
4. Parking area re-striping on upper lot and mast hoists.
5. Trim trees on point – **Danny Lien** is taking the lead to identify trees for removal.
6. Windsock blown out by high winds was replaced with the spare; damaged one to be sent for repairs.
7. North side of the point sign is nearly finished, some paint touch up is needed; South side will be done in the next few weeks.

I am disappointed with the turnout at our work sessions. The same 10-20 people (5% out of 400!!) are the ones who consistently show up to help with supporting our fantastic VOLUNTEER organization. A big percentage of these people are Board members and other AYC committee members – people who are already devoting their spare time to supporting and improving our Club. A few hours of your time is all that we ask for every few months. Is not AYC worth this small investment? Not only does this save us all money by reducing operating costs, it helps foster a sense of community and camaraderie beyond just sailing. Not to mention we have fun while doing it!

An enormous THANKS from me and AYC for the enthusiasm and commitment of all who helped in the work sessions to get the Club ready for spring. Our Club and staff received rave reviews from the symposium attendees.

Julius Heitkoetter - 2/5

Molly Lewis

Wade Bingaman

John Maddalazzo

Ed Taylor

Diane Covert

Mark Zion

Harry Polly

Ravi Subramanian

Keith Denebeim

Philippe Bettler

Chrissy Amato

Jim Pearce

Linda McDavitt

Robert Anderson

John Grzinich

(And anyone who forgot to sign in)

Short Term Projects

Projects underway and/or nearing completion – we will have some focused work sessions to help finish out the punch lists for the projects underway.

Area	Trade	When	Item	Description
Bath House	AYC	Mar	Replace lighting	Install new LED fixtures & wood trim
Bath House	AYC	Mar	Showers	Finish shower ceilings with ceiling tile and waterproof trim
Bath House	AYC	Mar	Floor stain	Apply concrete stain; requires 2 days w/o traffic to dry
Grounds	AYC	Apr	Front sign	Construction for multi-layer lighted metal sign
Parking	Electrical	May	Lighting S parking area; N parking light	Use existing pole by pool panel; replace existing lamps with new LED fixtures
Office	Carpentry	Q1	Office remodel	Obtaining bids and reviewing event schedule to coordinate downtime

Treasurer's Report

by David Morley



David Morley has joined the AYC Board of Directors as our new Treasurer

I'm pleased to join the AYC Board and look forward to working with all AYC members. Here's a little background on me and my family:

My wife **Anne** and I joined AYC in February 2013.

We are members of Ensign Fleet 30 and we sail Ensign #739 (Abaco). We've been racing Ensigns since 1990. We have two daughters, **Jennifer and Kristin**. Our family moved to the north shore of Lake Travis from Houston in September.

After a 30-year career, I retired from the environmental engineering and consulting industry where I practiced hydrogeology and remediation management. From there, I joined TxDOT's Environmental Affairs Division, where I now manage environmental engineering and consulting contracts related to roadway planning and construction programs.

Anne, Jennifer, Kristin and I have enjoyed getting to know the AYC members and we love sailing in the clear, fresh water of Lake Travis. AYC is a great Club, with friendly members and many options for getting involved. I look forward to serving the Club as Treasurer.



The Morley family

Harbor Report

by Joe Roddy



We have been blessed to have a full lake and great weather which makes for a great start for the 2017 sailing season.

We are looking forward to the replacement of Dock 6 hopefully sometime in April. I encourage slip holders on all docks to look over the harbor rules as we are having compliance issues. We will be looking for proper venting and approved dock boxes on the new dock as well as existing docks. Please help us by looking at your equipment.

We are hoping to replace the open foam flotation on the committee boat/chase boat docks with encapsulated flotation. This increases the life of the dock and helps us become better stewards of water quality on Lake Travis.

There are still some improvements to be made in the trailer storage area. We may look at segregation by types and lengths for better access overall. I welcome any suggestions on the topic.

Wet slip waits have improved. Leeward hoist compatibility still requiring longer wait times. There are spaces available in dry storage.

We will keep you informed best we can. Feel free to contact **Jackie** or myself for questions or concerns regarding storage requests.

Race Commander Report

by Ed Taylor



Boat Registration

All members should make every attempt to update and register their boats for Series and Regatta races. This includes a valid PHRF certificate. Boats not registered or sailing without a valid - updated PHRF certificate may assume the risk of not being scored while racing. Documentation may be found on the AYC website under the Racing tab and Race Documents for New Series Racer Registration and

Blank Rating Certificate form.

Rule Changes for 2017

Rule 18.3: Tacking in the Zone

The new rule applies only at a mark to be left to port, and it applies only between a boat that has been on starboard since entering the zone and another boat that tacks from port tack to starboard in the zone and is fetching the mark. The original intent of Rule 18.3 was to make it risky to tack from port tack onto starboard within the zone and to offer an advantage to boats that approach the zone on or above the starboard-tack layline.

If a boat in the zone of a mark to be left to port passes head to wind from port to starboard tack and is then fetching the mark, she shall not cause a boat that has been on starboard tack since entering the zone to sail above close-hauled to avoid contact, and she shall give mark-room if that boat becomes overlapped inside her. When this rule applies between boats, Rule 18.2 does not apply between them.

Rule 20.1: Hailing for Room to Tack

Under the new Rule 20.1, Rule 20 is switched on by a hail for room to tack, even if the hailing boat is not approaching an obstruction.

A boat may hail for room to tack and avoid a boat on the same tack. However, she shall not hail unless (a) she is approaching an obstruction and will soon need to make a substantial course change to avoid it safely, and (b) she is sailing close-hauled or above.

Appendix T - Arbitration

Before any protest is scheduled for a hearing, Appendix T Arbitration and a Post Race Penalties meeting will be held for all protests citing alleged breaches of rules of Part 2 or Part 31 of the Racing Rules of Sailing that involves two boats and may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident. The offending boat(s) have an option of accepting a 30 percent scoring penalty.

(Excerpts from Dick Rose and the RRS)

2017 Frostbite Series Results

<u>PHRF A</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	Air Supply Rush Spadefoot	Ed Taylor Chris Hargett Christina Wolfe
<u>PHRF B</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	Aphaia Ornery Shocker	Dane Ohe John Maddalazzo Jim Johnstone
<u>PHRF C</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	Café au lait Entheos Blue Note	Bill Records Jim Pearce John Durfor
<u>J/24</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	Stray Dog Superman Vang Go	Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás David Broadway Stuart Juengst
<u>J/22</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	Bubbles 1025 Project Mayhem	Renee Ruais Pierre Bossart John Halter
<u>Ensign</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	588 1358 972	George Dahmen Danny Lien Fred Ford
<u>Multihull 1</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	Swallow Abandoned Assets Tribology	John Kuc Bo Kersey Doug Casey
<u>Multihull 2</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	Niko NACRA 461 Boolean Knot	Owen Crouse Jim Casto Ryan Verret
<u>Catalina 22</u>	1st	2363	Brian Grothues

Sailing Like a Corinthian

You can respect your competitors and fellow sailors, push the limits, and race hard while not losing sight of the big picture. Do your penalty turns if you foul, and remember it is still just a sailboat race. Racing against each other hard is a give and take on the water. (by Terry Hutchinson)

Sail Training Report

by Carolyn Wilsford



Hi Sailors,

I attended some great sessions at the symposium and learned an overwhelming amount of information, but these three things caught my attention:

1. Have students get physically involved in the rules. Example, raise your hand when you enter the zone, cross the line, have the right of way.

2. Practice starts 60% - 70% of the time during a lesson/practice, make the line short, do short beats, start downwind.

3. Always observe the "Correct" way to do things on videos, pictures, etc.

Then on Friday February 17th in the afternoon, everybody got on buses at the Sheraton and came to our Club. I heard people saying, "This is a great facility", "Is it always this sunny?", and "Thank you - Coleman". Everybody had a great time, loves our Club. Please check out the video on AYC's Facebook page to see all the fun. <https://www.facebook.com/austinyachtclub>



What's coming up:

April 1st is John Bartlett's "Spinnaker Clinic" in the clubhouse. He'll have models, fans, and opportunities to give you his feedback while flying a spinnaker from the dock. Don't miss this unique opportunity to get coaching from a really good sailor. Registration forms are put on the website, so please check it regularly.

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

April 29th is Bill Record's "Learn to Sail" clinic for beginners and intermediate sailors.

May 20th, Vic Manning is doing a "Power Boat Safety Training Clinic" in the clubhouse. Come and learn the proper way to start the engine, fill up and/or hook up the tanks with our chase boats and RC boat. Know the no-wake zones, what to do if there is a problem and much much more.

SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY!!!!!!

Please bring sunscreen, a reusable water bottle, hat & sunglasses to each clinic. Close-toed water shoes/sandals or boat shoes and a sun protection shirt (rash guard or similar) are strongly recommended. Register online at www.austinyachtclub.net | non-members bring payment to clinic. Contact AYC Sailing Director **Coleman Terrell** at (512)266-1336 or AYC Sail Training Commander **Carolyn Wilsford** at (512) 266-1220.

It's going to be another great spring. Oh, I almost forgot Governor's Cup April 8 & 9, Easter Laser Regatta April 15 & 16 and Beer Can Races start April 21.

Last!!! I need volunteers for Women's Clinic coming up May 6. Specifically, men who wouldn't mind setting up a line, figure eight course maybe, triangle course, some skill course that we have decided to practice on. I promise an agenda and yes, you will get lunch and please join us for cocktails too. Thank you so much!!! Send me an email at cjwilsford@gmail.com.

Notes from Your GM

by Jackie Wheelless



THEY'RE BA-ACK.....

Our Spring flock of birds are congregating outside the clubhouse hoping that unsuspecting members will leave the doors to the clubhouse open so that they can SWOOP IN and nest in the ceiling beams.

DON'T DO IT!!!! Please be sure to close all doors to the clubhouse behind you (or if you see that someone else has left them open) so that we don't have to post those

nasty signs on all of the doors reminding you that the birds are nesting and getting trapped inside the clubhouse.

They're he-e-ere to stay for a few months so let's help them stay in the trees, outside - where they SHOULD be!

THANK YOU!

Sailing Director Report

by Coleman Terrell



The spring season has kicked off to a great start! What started out as a bleak and dreary morning on Opening Day turned into an excellent afternoon of fun racing with the kids. We held the annual Junior Program Unregatta, with 20 sailors in attendance. The winners were **James Brock, Nicholas Carew and Luke Schooler**, and the team that had the most fun was **Katie Froelich and Abbey Amato**, sailing with **Katie's** older sister **Amanda**.

The week before Opening Day, we started our spring season practice for the junior program, led off by our first official day of high school sailing! We had 8 FJs out with 17 total students in attendance. Since then, that number has climbed to 20! Our other classes have solid attendance numbers as well, with 44 sailors filling out 52 total slots of practice time, including our high school practice! **Coach Gracie** is doing a great job of teaching her Opti 1 and 2 classes and the continuity she gives the sailors really helps their progress.

On Fridays, I have also started coaching the UT Sailing Team and they join in with our high schoolers during Friday practices. Because of the numbers in both groups, provided sailors are in town and not travelling to regattas, we could see the entire fleet of 18 FJs out at practice on Fridays!

Our Learn-to-Race clinic is coming up this Saturday, March 11, and I think it will have a great turnout, with everyone learning lots of important tips and tricks from some of the best sailors our Club has to offer!

On April 1, **John Bartlett** will host his annual Spinnaker Clinic, so please come and participate in that one too! Registration will be up for this event on 3/10!

Learn to Sail Clinic

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

The Clinic includes:

Land Based instruction:
Basic sailing terms
How sails work

On the water Instruction.
Rigging
Steering
Crewing

Refreshments and follow up talk

When: April 29th 1-5PM 2017

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

Cost:

\$50 per person (AYC members)

\$65.00 per person
(non members)



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

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

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

Contact AYC Sailing Director **Coleman Terrell** at (512) 266-1336 or
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Social Committee Report by Susy Ortega



Spring, brings with it warmer weather, pleasant rains and Opening Day. Traditionally, Opening Day marks the beginning of our official sailing season and serves as a remembrance of AYC's fiery origins. Austin Yacht Club is a vision fulfilled by the Founding Fathers and tended carefully by our AYC board and fellow members. This year our Commodore **Wade Bingaman** ushered in a new season for the Club. He invited us to reflect on the magic of Lake Travis and the camaraderie

between friends. Congregated all together, unity reigned through and through, a strong reminder that we are more alike than different. We choose to bridge a gap, embrace, and then open doors for any who want to join our crew. That is the very thing that AYC is known for. Our community here has blossomed and grown into a spectacular being. Its warmth is felt as we huddle inside the clubhouse after a chilly Frostbite race or in the thunderous laughter that explodes from tables when we share a meal together. All of this came to be born out of a seed, a joy and a love for sailing. I can think of no better vision that can be born from the hearts of men. Our Founding Fathers have created a setting where we can find ourselves renewed, knowing that a strong tradition of serving one another exists.

Standing with this tradition, Opening Day comes together every year thanks to our faithful AYC volunteers. This year we had a spectacular crew!! **Jackie Wheeless, Tom Cunningham, and Wade Bingaman** thank you for vision and help coordinating both big and small details. **Pat Manning, Chris Bataille, John Bartlett** thank you for serving libations! **Cheryl Pervier and Bruce McDonald** thank you for sharing your photographic talents. **Sally and Paul Bradley** thank you for being MVPs while serving brunch! **Carolyn Wilsford, Leigh DeLaReza, Annie and Charlie Lancaster** thank you for decorating, the clubhouse looked great! **Andre DeLaReza** thank you for pleasantly surprising us all with your bagpiper's skills. **Vic Manning** thank you for getting cake. Another BIG thank you for others that also helped! Thank you AYC for being the embodiment of a community that serves each other well. May we boldly continue to be good stewards of this gift.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! **Governor's Cup April 8-9**

Volunteer opportunities for Saturday, April 8:
Breakfast from 6:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Dinner service from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

New Members! This is a great way to earn those probationary points and meet other members!!!!

**Please email Regatta Chair Karen Bogisch to sign up
karenann78749@yahoo.com**

2017 Opening Day Brunch



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Photos Anne Morley



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Roadrunner Fleet Update

by Mary Carew



February has been busy for the Roadrunners!

AYC was represented at the Valentine's Day Regatta in St. Petersburg, Florida on February 4-5 by **Ethan, Fiona and Katie Froelich**, as well as **Lucas Tenreiro**. At the C420 Midwinter Championship in Jensen Beach, Florida, **Lucy Brock and Julius Heitkoetter** represented AYC at their largest regatta to date with 107 boats. They were one of the youngest C420 teams but that didn't stop them getting their first bullet at an out-of-state

event. On an International level, **Lucas Tenreiro** represented USA in Spain at the 2017 XXXVIII Trofeo Vila de Palamos and **Tony Slowik** sailed in Mar del Plata In Argentina. We are so proud of all their accomplishments.

The first TSA event of the year was in Corpus Christi on February 25-26. Getting ready for the season took a lot of coordination and a huge amount of time and



Break between races in Corpus Christi

energy to get boats and trailers ready to travel. A special thanks to **Stefan Froelich and Jeff Brock** for all the prep work. At the event, **Lucy Brock and Julius Heitkoetter** took 3rd place in their C420. **Ethan Froelich** took first place in the Laser 4.7 while **Ben Froelich and Andrew Butler** took 3rd and 4th place respectively in the Laser Radial. Also on the Laser Radial line was **Eli Ortiz** and competing at her first TSA event was **Taylor Snyder**, who won a sportsmanship award. **James Brock, Nicholas Carew, Fiona Froelich, Lucas Tenreiro, Katie Froelich and Kynes Cabrera** all competed in the Opti Red, White and Blue class. **Lucas** won 3rd place in the Blue Fleet while **Kynes Cabrera** also received a sportsmanship award for his amazing tenacity. **Keen Cabrera** represented AYC on the green fleet. Well done to all our junior sailors!



Kynes in Corpus Christi

At home, the Roadrunners were honored to sing at the Opening Day ceremony. A special thanks to **Kari Cabrera** for coordinating.



Catalina 22 Update

by Steve Pervier



Welcome to Spring 2017! This year's vernal equinox is March 20, but a very warm winter already yielded to meteorological spring nearly three weeks earlier, making our March 5 Opening Day and the first Spring Series races quite timely. The first race day started overcast, even a bit drizzly, but the sun came through and it was actually warm during the races, in which dozens of delighted AYC sailors returned to enjoy Lake Travis. This day two C22s that hadn't been seen for a while came back to race with the fleet. **Peter** brought "Trivial Pursuit" out with crew members **Jim and Thomas**, while **Louise and Walter**, with **Brett** as crew, returned "Strings Attached" to racing at AYC!



Photo Cheryl Pervier

The first windward legs were short, putting an additional premium on getting a good start. The other boats were fast upwind, but after quick spinnaker sets "Affinity" came back to challenge for the lead by the leeward mark. In race one it was a tricky leeward rounding with three boats vying for the inside. Trivial Pursuit gave extra room for a non-fleet boat which might not have had

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Photo Cheryl Pervier

an overlap, so they were delayed heading upwind. But their boat speed and pointing angles were good and by W they regained a strong lead. We closed in again during a final tacking duel, but **Peter** threaded the gauntlet of starting A-fleet boats to win handily. The biggest cheer had to be for **Louise and Walter** as they finished the first race on their new boat!

The second race was crowded near the top mark as those same quicker boats caught us. We couldn't match their hotter angles and downwind boat speed, but still they provided a good guide to the fastest way, as a stronger wind on the west shore made the water sparkle. Trivial Pursuit gave chase, but we rounded the leeward mark first and were able to hold a loose cover while working shifts to the finish. This time **Walter** drove Strings Attached, and in just their second race they were a lot closer. This boat and crew has some good potential for the racing season to come.

In the remaining races of Spring Series we hope to see the return of **Griz, Brian**, and other Catalina sailors as we practice for the C22 Region 8 Spinnaker Championship to be held at Governor's Cup. If that event goes as planned we will welcome some of the most successful racers in the Catalina 22 class to AYC. How best to prepare? Work on your boat, get some races in, and take advantage of the upcoming AYC Sail Training events, as expert instructors will present on starting, spinnakers, and more. See you at AYC!



Photo Steve Pervier

US Sailing NSPS Demo Day at AYC

Four busloads of NSPS conference attendees visited AYC for Demo Day, on Friday, February 17. They attended sessions on powerboat maintenance and driving skills, learned about blind match racing with audible buoys, and enjoyed a **Dave Perry** rules presentation. Some took a tour of our Roadrunner facilities, having heard how well our program works for even the very young.

Many took turns trying some of the latest dinghies designed for sailing education, in conditions

nearly perfect for "test driving" a wide variety of these boats. As **Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás** observed, "Central Texas put on a real show!", meaning brilliant sunshine, warm temperatures, and a just enough wind to be a bit challenging.

On the rigging dock a couple of sailors stood by to assist as another prepared for a tricky takeoff in a spirited dinghy. The wind gusted irregularly, but in quick succession the sail was backed, the rudder worked in reverse then forward, and the boat departed perfectly – leading one of the bystanders to say, "Oh yeah - we're all instructors!"

I'd encourage more AYC members to attend an event like this if it happens again. It was a pleasure to welcome many to Austin Yacht Club, to hear about their home clubs and sailing programs, and share our love of sailing. Our visitors enjoyed the beautiful lake, the warm weather, a full range of demo day programs, and our great Club.



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J/24 Fleet Update

by Stu Juengst



Three of our J/24 skippers **John Parker, Dave Broadway, and Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás** along with **Tommy Gairloff** traveled to the J/24 Midwinters in Indian Harbor Beach, FL aboard **John's Chupa Cabra**. Midwinters attracted a super-competitive fleet, including current and former World, North American, and National Champions. Chupa Cabra finished 28th of 31, but a great time was had by all. Rumor has it that they called

out those "sailors from Texas" at the skipper's meeting with a warning that Eau Gallie YC doesn't allow tailgating in the parking lot!

While **Jorge** was down in FL, his crew sailed Stray Dog to a 1st place finish in the 2017 Frostbite Series. Congratulations Team Stray Dog!

Dave Broadway's Superman took 2nd place in a tie-breaker with yours truly on Vang Go.

The J/24 Texas Circuit begins this month with the GBCA Performance Cup in Galveston Bay on March 18-19. This stop will give everyone a good bay-sailing practice session prior to the J/24 North Americans to be held at Houston YC in May.



Chupa Cabra at Midwinters

A Fleet Update

by Ray Shull



The Frostbite Series started with A Fleet as Race Committee for the first race day. It was fairly uneventful except for the 40 degree wind shift to the east that arrived just after the last start sequence. This made for some great reaching practice for the fleets as they completed their courses. We also used the on-the-boat scoring program on the Club's iPad for the first series race of the year. We ran two separate scoring systems just to see if they would both agree

on the results. They did, and we actually emailed the scoring results to the AYC office before we hoisted the anchor. **Jackie** printed them out and had them posted before the RC boat docked. It's a pretty slick system and we look forward to much reduced scoring delays for our racing this year.

The following race day was our first series racing event for the year. Some of the boats must still have been a little rusty from the layoff since the last series the previous fall. As the fleet approached the first mark (LCRA "5"), about half the fleet turned right and headed to LCRA mark "4". The other half of the fleet turned left and headed to AYC mark "D". Apparently the boats that headed to LCRA mark "5" were using an out-of-date course sheet. This error was augmented by one of the skippers of the boats that headed the wrong

way being in charge of issuing these same course sheets (we won't mention any names), so there may have been a little bit of follow the leader going on here, and "how could he be going the wrong way, he's in charge of these courses". However, the pack of A-Fleeters that went the wrong way ultimately rounded the remaining correct marks and were scored, they were just a couple of miles behind the boats that went the correct course.

Our second race was well attended with 10 boats total and six J80s racing. The breeze was ideal, especially if you like moderate winds with gusts in the high teens or low 20s and warm temperatures in the 70s. Spadefoot reveled in these conditions and was amazingly fast in the downwind legs. They were followed by four J80s and Rush. Everyone I talked to after the racing had big smiles on their faces from the great sailing in these great conditions.

Our third race was in much less wind, since it was following a couple of days after a frontal passage and the winds hadn't yet switched back to their normal (?) direction. Air Supply mastered these light winds and left everyone behind. The SB 20 showed that it also liked these light conditions and accelerated on every little puff and finished in second. As usual, a couple of J80s followed right behind.

These variable conditions resulted in each race being won by a different boat and very close total scores heading into the final race of the series. Five boats were within three points of each other for the series lead and another boat was only two points behind this group, and each of them had a mathematical chance of winning the series. The last race day brought us again warm, moderate conditions. We had another great turnout with seven J80s and four other A Fleeters enjoying the conditions. The eleven boats made having a clean start critical and staying in the puffs on the way to the windward mark. Amazing Grace rounded the first mark in the lead and never looked back. Rush was the closest boat to them and finished in second. Third place was where it got interesting as Air Supply corrected over Spadefoot by "one" second for third. That one second margin for winning third place give Air Supply the overall win for the series, with Rush one point behind. Spadefoot, Flyer, Wild Hare, and the SB 20 followed with each boat just one point behind the previous boat. Each race had a different winner, the series was probably decided by just a few feet on the last leg of the last race, and first through fifth were only five points apart. This was one of the most competitive series that I've raced in at AYC in a long time.

If you raced in the series, you were there and know how much fun A-Fleet is to race in these days. If you have an A-Fleet boat and didn't race this series, you missed a great set of races and should make sure you get your boat ready for the next series and even more fun. If you don't have an A-Fleet boat, get one, and come out and enjoy racing with the most competitive fleet at AYC.

C Fleet Update

by James Parsons



Los C Fleet March Update

Andre De La Reza has been welcomed into the fleet, and got an impressive 2nd place in the first race for the beautiful Los Monos! It was great attending the naming

ceremony, though the contents of the champagne bottle were in question (kitchen water and pool water were thrown around as possibilities). Hopefully it was the worst champagne ever. The rum that was also available helped to kill any bacteria (though, how much bacteria is in water that is chlorinated?)



Andre De La Reza

Frostbite Series

In looking at the results, I noticed that there was a tie in one of the races! That was a first for me. Congrats to Entheos and Warley for making things interesting!

Cafe au Lait power cruised to an easy series win, with 4 bullets from the first 4 races. Second was newcomer Entheos, who vastly improved on their first race finish of 7th, for 2nds and 3rds the rest of the series. Blue Note was just half a point behind, and would have had 2nd if Entheos had finished one second behind Warley. The rest of the standings were Banshee, Three Hour Crewz, Warley, **Jeff Avant's** Columbia 26, Slip Kid, Caveat, and Caribbean Star. Note: Pirate Unicorn was not able to compete, due to an injury to her skipper. Also note, Pirate Unicorn has not had its naming ceremony yet. Related? Neptune, please take mercy.

C Fleet RC duty

Thanks to all for coming out! Especially those on the Committee Boat, you really helped to make things smooth for Opening Day. It was one of my smoothest days as PRO, and I felt honored to have so many new sailors join us.

February Raft Up of C Fleet and Friends

Remember that Saturday in mid February that was 85 degrees? We went out for a sail, raft up, and swim.

We had an informal race to Mile Marker 4, then set off to find a mooring ball. The ball was much closer to shore than we wanted, so Pirate Unicorn led the charge to a favorite anchoring spot known as "Zipline Cove". After anchoring, New Caledonia joined, then Caribbean Star, One Big Holiday, and Joint Venture.

During the process, we got to see a motorboat nearby pull up a huge tree trunk with their windlass. C Fleet after running RC on Opening Day would pull up a big branch of their own with the Committee Boat.

Many new friends were made, and good times were had. There were even four or five adventuring souls who went for a swim. One of them took a selfie to remember the day by.



The participating boats were:



- **Pirate Unicorn** – the instigators, main anchor, and common deniers of being the party boat. This day may not have helped to dissuade that reputation. Nor, the Pirate Unicorn Cocktail being passed around (Vanilla Vodka, and Cucumber/Lime Gatorade).
- **New Caledonia** – the first to say yes, and fun to converse over VHF with (it seemed the first one they heard was the fake Scottish accent from PU). They were also the first to leave our merry band, and took some folks who needed to get back to shore, which worked out really well.
- **Caribbean Star** – This is the real party boat. There is an official position onboard for cocktail making, race or no race. It is also rumored that one of the crew from PU were stolen after the raft up.
- **One Big Holiday** – It was great getting to know **Robert and Tiffany Bennet**. Their boat isn't that competitive right now, with its small and high off the ground roller furling jib. In the meantime til they upgrade to a new sail, they had an absolute blast giving PU and CS a run for the partying boat honors.
- **Joint Venture** – We saw a boat sailing nearby, and waved them down to come join us. All of a sudden our little party became five boats, and about 24 people. **Steven Tyson** is the skipper, and he almost joined us for RC duty in Spring Series #1. You'll likely see him and **Kendra** around soon. Perhaps not on his ~32 footer, but as crew with the PU, til **Victor** steals **Steven and Kendra** (whose hat says...and I'll censor it for virgin eyes "Boat B!+ch")

Thanks to all who joined us, and we're looking forward to more as the weather gets warmer!!!





Attention All Sailors! MoonBurn 2017

We've got four races this year, and the first is Friday, May 5! There will be a throwout race, and incentive for RC/Cooks (yet to be determined). June 9, July 7, and Aug 4 are the others. All are 8pm starts, and are on Fridays.

We are going to try another type of race this year, thanks to **John Bartlett**, where the RC calls the end of the race when they want the party to end, so that we can adapt to the wind after sunset (when the wind usually picks up). We'll keep on going as long as there is wind, and everyone's happy to stay out. Bring your VHF radio, so you get a heads up when a finish is looking likely. (VHFs are mandatory anyway, cough, hint, nudge)

Start checking on your running lights, and order some lights you can tape to your boat if your electrical components are shot. (About \$20 on ebay/amazon/walmart)

After discussing with the Keel Fleet Board, we decided to not have Beer Can races the evenings of MoonBurn races. Instead, the traditional Beer Can dinner will be before the race.

If you'd like to help out (RC or Cooks), contact:

moonburnayc@gmail.com

Ensign Fleet Update

by Anne and David Morley



The Ensign fleet has been seen racing, pleasure sailing, working on the AYC workdays, and doing maintenance on their boats. There have been sunny days, rainy days, calm days, high wind days. It was an eclectic mix of activities and weather conditions during February!

The Ensign Fleet provided Race Committee for Frostbite Series Three; and, in keeping with the namesake of the series, members of RC

were "frostbit!" **Bill Hawk**, the PRO, was assisted by his brave RC committee (aka "frostbite victims"): **Fred Ford**, **Doug Laws**, **Danny Lien**, **Lewis Price**, **James and Karen Bland**, and **Randolph Bertin**. Frostbite Series Three racers saw biting winds that were 5-8 knots higher than expected from the NW, conditions which took many by surprise. RC treated the five racing fleets (38 boats; nice turnout) with LD courses, which came off well, albeit with a bit of skew in the course and starting line. The most salient observation on the day was "look, you don't HAVE to start on starboard!" Thank you to RC volunteers, especially **James and Randolph** for wrestling marks in the (very) cold wind and water – compliments on their work were received from numerous racers and **Ed Taylor**, the PRC.

Frostbite Series Four results were **Fred Ford**, fourth; **James Bland**, third; **Danny Lien**, second; and **George Dahmen**, first. Frostbite Series Five had **James Bland** in fourth, **Lewis Price** in third, **Fred Ford** in second, and **George Dahmen** in first. So, the overall results of Frostbite Series were **Lewis Price**, fourth; **Fred Ford**, third; **Danny Lien**, second; and **George Dahmen**, first. Congrats to **George** on another series victory!



The Hawks took advantage of beautiful weather to pleasure sail while celebrating **Kelly's** birthday. What a great way to celebrate your birthday!

Thank you to those of you who have helped on the AYC workdays. The AYC board elected **David Morley** as the new treasurer of AYC. It takes an army to run the village. Your time is much appreciated.

Quite a few members of the Ensign Fleet have been seen doing maintenance and upgrades to their boats. **Anne Morley** has been up the mast on Abaco a couple of times even though it is one of scariest things she does! **James Bland** has been updating electronics and hardware on Spirit with some great technical advice from various fleet members. It is great so see how this fleet helps each other out on and off the water!

J/22 Fleet Update

by Gordon Miller



The Frostbite Series had a bit of a surprise ending for the J/22 fleet. As we had RC duty on the last race of the Frostbite Series, Race 4 was our final race. The wind was very patchy varying from no wind at all, to very light, which meant that many boats were trading placing as the race progressed. **Linda McDavitt**, however, had been leading the race until the last few hundred yards, when the entire fleet came together in a nail-biting photo-finish to cross the line, all within

a few seconds of each other. **Renee Ruais** was the eventual winner of Race 4, and went on to take the series title. Second place was **Pierre Bossart** with **John Halter** taking third place.



We had a good turnout for the AYC 2017 Opening Day (Spring 1) with a total of eight boats taking part in our fleet. After a rather dreich (dull, overcast, drizzly, cold, misty and miserable) start to the day, the weather eventually turned a bit brighter and although the wind remained light, it was just enough to get two W2 races in.

It's official! Get ready for an exciting weekend of International J/22 racing as the 2017 J/22 Southwest District circuit comes to Austin on May 13 and 14. This will be the third stop in the seven regatta circuit. The complete circuit has been now posted on the district website, www.j22southwest.org, and is as follows:

April 1-2 J/22 Circuit Regatta #1 – Fleet 10 and Shreveport Yacht Club

April 22-23 J/22 Circuit Regatta #2 – Fort Worth Boat Club (Annual Regatta)

May 13-14 J/22 Circuit Regatta #3 – Fleet 11 and Austin Yacht Club

Aug 26-27 J/22 Circuit Regatta #4 – Corpus Christi Yacht Club

Sept 23-24 J/22 Circuit Regatta #5 – Houston Open One Design Regatta (Houston Yacht Club)

Oct. 14-15 J/22 Circuit Regatta #6 – Heritage Cup – Fleet 6 and Houston Yacht Club

Nov. 18-19 J/22 Circuit Regatta #7– Fleet 17 and Lake Canyon Yacht Club

We have two months to start preparing for the circuit stop and I am looking for volunteers to help out at the event. This is a good opportunity for any new members to get to know the J/22 fleet as well as earn those much coveted probation points. If you are interested in volunteering then please send me an email at J22Fleet11Captain@gmail.com for more details.

Cheers!

Keel Handicap Fleet Update

by Karen Bogisch



The Keel Handicap Fleet started 2017 off with a bang, with almost 50 boats racing in the Red-Eye Regatta on January 1. The board has met twice since the beginning of the year and has scheduled the following Keel Handicap Fleet activities for 2017:

- Friday evening **Beer Can** races begin on April 21, and will run through September 29. Starts will begin at 6:30 p.m. in April and September, and 7 p.m. during May through August.
- We are bringing back the **MoonBurn** series after its successful debut in 2016. There will be four races this year on May 5, June 9, July 7, and August 4 starting at 8:00 p.m. There will be no Beer Can races on these four Friday evenings. Look for more to come from **James Parsons** about the new format for the MoonBurn races.
- The **Independence Cup Regatta** will take place on Saturday, July 1.
- The **Wild Turkey Regatta** will take place on Saturday, November 18.
- The **Single-handed Regatta** will return on Saturday, August 26.
- The Keel Handicap Fleet is also introducing another fun event this year – an **overnight social sail and raft up at Arkansas Bend**, which will also take place on Saturday, August 26.

Please come join us for all of these fun events. And if you pay your Keel Handicap Fleet dues, you will get a discount on registration!!

The racing for the Keel Fleet Championship started with the Spring Series. Boats that race at least 50% of the races (excluding RC duty) in the Spring Series, Summer Series, Fall Series, Independence Cup Regatta and Wild Turkey Regatta will qualify, and the winner will be based upon the results in the qualifying races. So get out there racing!!



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AYC 2017 RACE CALENDAR

Mar 25-26	UTST McCarthy Cup
Mar 25	UTSC Alumni Regatta 10:00a - 9:00p
Mar 26	Spring Series Race #3 1:30p start RC: B Fleet
Apr 2	Spring Series Race #4 EOS 1:30 start RC: Multihull
Apr 8-9	Governor's Cup Regatta
Apr 15-16	Easter Laser Regatta
Apr 21	Beer Can Race 6:30p start
Apr 22-23	SEISA Coed Championship Regatta
Apr 28	Beer Can Race 6:30p start
Apr 30	Summer Series Race #1 1:30p start RC: J/24
May 3	Sunfish/Laser Racing 6:00p start
May 5	MoonBurn Night Race #1 6:00p start
May 6	High School Intro Regatta 8:00a - 5:00p

AYC 2017 NON-RACING EVENTS

Mar 17-23	ASA Instructor Qualification Clinic 8:00a - 5:00p
Mar 19, 26	Free Sail Sunday 1:00p - 4:00p
Mar 23	AYC Board Meeting 7:30 - 9:00p
Mar 25-26	ASA 101 Course 8:00a - 5:00p
Mar 25	US Sailing Level 2 Course 8:00a - 5:00p
Apr 1	John Bartlett Spinnaker Seminar 9:00a
Apr 2, 23, 30	Free Sail Sunday 1:00 - 4:00p
Apr 21-22	ASA 101 Course 8:00a - 5:00p
Apr 21-23	Sea Scout Sometimes Island Sail Days
Apr 22	Scott Young Start Clinic 9:00a - 5:00p
Apr 23	Vic Manning Powerboat Safety Course 10:00a - 5:00p
Apr 23, 30	Smallboat Intro to Sailing Series
Apr 27	AYC Board Meeting 7:30 - 9:00p
Apr 29	Keelboat Learn to Sail Clinic 1:00 - 5:00p
May 6	Women's Sailing Clinic



Photo Sarah Lancaster



Opening Day, Spring Series Race 1



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