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New Year's Day	January 1
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AYC 2012 RACE CALENDAR

July 18, 25	Wednesday Night Laser/Sunfish	First signal 6:00p
July 20, 27	Beer Can Races	7:00p
July 21	Dog Days #2 (SC21)	5:00p
July 28	Dog Days #3 (C-22)	5:00p
August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Wednesday Night Laser/Sunfish	First signal 6:00p
August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Beer Can Races	7:00p
August 4	Dog Days #4 (PHRF A)	5:00p
August 11	Dog Days #5 (PHRF B)	5:00p
September 1-2	Centerboard Regatta	
September 5, 12, 19, 26	Wednesday Night Laser/Sunfish	First signal 6:00p
September 7, 14, 21, 28	Beer Can Races	6:30p
September 8	FJ Practice - Fleet Challenge	
September 9	Late Summer #1 (Multi-Hull)	4:00p
September 16	Late Summer #2 (J/24)	4:00p
September 22	AYC Fleet Challenge - AYC Fund	
September 23	Late Summer #3 (J/24)	4:00p

YOU MAY SIGN UP ONLINE FOR SERIES RACES THROUGH "REGATTA NETWORK."

AYC 2012 NON-RACING EVENTS

July 21	Racing Rules Seminar, Brad Davis	1:00-4:00p
July 26	AYC Board of Directors Meeting	7:30p
July 28	PB&J Session 2A	9:30-11:30a
	PB&J Session 2B	11:00a-12:30p
August 4, 11, 18, 25	PB&J Session 3A	9:30-11:30a
	PB&J Session 3B	11:00a-12:30p
August 9	PHRF Open Meeting, AYC Office	6:30p
August 11	Dog Days End-of-Series Banquet	8:00p
August 23	AYC Board of Directors Meeting	7:30p
September 15	Keelboat Class	
September 23	Late Summer End-of-Series Banquet	8:00p
September 28	AYC Board of Directors Meeting	7:30p

From The Commodore

by Johannes Brinkmann



Summer at AYC

Summer is off to a very busy start at AYC! Camps are over and the PBJ learn to sail is in full swing. We've completed the first Summer Series, Turnback Regatta and the ICSA College Nationals. Our Social Committee organized an excellent Ice Cream Social & Potluck to mark the end of the first Summer Series, and they gave us a fabulous

summer party, wisely planned indoors as June temperatures topped 108 degrees! Fortunately we were blessed with a break in the heat for our Independence Day Regatta and July has brought much needed rain to our area.

I'd like to give a special thanks to Sail Training Commander **Jenny Loehlin**, **Coach Kate Noble**, the **Club Staff**, and all of our excellent **Camp Counselors and Counselors in Training**. This team of dedicated individuals has made our Summer Camps a wonderful and fun learning experience for everyone participating. By the time the last camp session ended in mid July, over 70 kids (ages 8-16) experienced the thrill and satisfaction of learning to sail or improving their skills.

This year's PBJ learn-to-sail sessions are still underway and will run through August. **Coach John Morran** and **Coach Doug Kern** are doing a huge service to the club and our sport as they introduce hundreds of young kids to sailing. It goes without saying that the PBJ program and the summer camps are critical to AYC's mission of promoting the sport of sailing.

Gardening our club's mission, I encourage you to read both **Past Commodore Jim Tillinghast** and **Vice Commodore Christopher Dwight's** articles in this issue. Jim's article addresses an important issue currently under discussion relating to the UT Sailing Club's request to be considered for AYC membership. Many comments were received at our June board meeting on this subject, and the proposal in Jim's article reflects much of this input. This subject will likely be on the board's agenda again at our July meeting.

Christopher's article deals with issues I believe need to be considered as we make decisions about how to sustain our club and build membership in a way that ensures we can continue to provide our members the best possible sailing and racing environment well into the future. I encourage you to come to our board meetings, held on the third Thursday of each Month. This summer the board is actively engaged in many issues including finalizing long and mid-term financing, reviewing capital improvement projects and considering membership policy.

Personally, I'm also looking forward to some down time this summer, windsurfing and sailing in new waters. I wish you a refreshing summer breeze and hope to see you on the water.

Vice Commodore Report

by Christopher Dwight



Adjusting our recruiting focus:

We have been excellent gatherers – perhaps we should become better farmers

"We are a racing club." Since joining AYC more than 10 years ago, I still hear this all the time. More than anything else, we consider ourselves a racing-centric organization. This can be a good thing. We are not a country club (lacking country

club facilities), and the vast majority of members want to avoid a country club environment where a tiny fraction of members actually get on the water. That said, there can be consequences to blind allegiance to a racing focus, particularly when it comes to how this affects recruiting new members.

Many of the candidate members that I have introduced to the club over the years have declined to seek membership because they perceived that AYC is a venue structured mainly to support those already qualified in racing, and not a good fit for someone new to racing. Their perception was that if they were not already skilled racers, they need not apply. This same trend is reflected in our monthly membership motions – of the few new members who apply each month, a significant majority are already qualified racers.

For many years we have been content to "harvest" pre-existing racing sailors who happen to move to Austin. We have not done such a good job of developing new local racers. Statistically this is unsustainable. According to Nicholas Hayes, author of *Saving Sailing*, "Americans have abruptly stopped sailing. Participation is down more than 40% since 1997 and 70% since 1979. Less than 1% of Americans remain self-described sailors, they are doing less of it and are enlisting fewer newcomers." In light of this fact, if we want to have a sustainable club that supports a healthy racing program for years to come, we cannot rely on simply collecting already competent racers who happen to move to Austin – we need to take those interested in sailing and make them into new racers.

Although we have an excellent and growing youth program, and despite hosting multiple learn-to-sail events annually, we struggle to leverage these programs to grow our membership. One reason for this is that our racing requirements for full membership can be perceived as a quantum leap for new sailors who might have only an initial interest in our club. Many current and prospective members are pressed with business requirements and family obligations. Their children are involved in soccer, baseball, volleyball or lacrosse. These young families look at our participation requirements and racing-centric activities and immediately dismiss AYC as part of their family life. If you are a seasoned racer with experience and willing to spend time away from your family, AYC is a great venue. If you are a novice racer, or new to sailing, or have family members with only a mild interest in sailing, our club requirements and racing-centric activities are not very attractive. We are losing potential members, potential participation, and potential revenue. Worse still, we are failing our fundamental purpose of "promoting sailing."

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I'd like to convey a story. A young family with a Great Lakes offshore racing heritage of more than 10 years moved to Austin in 1992. Immediately upon relocating, this family looked into AYC as a means to continue active sailboat racing. The requirements for "probationary membership" were clearly laid out, and knowing the demands of a growing career, business travel and young children, this family decided that AYC was not a viable venue and declined membership. I know this story well because it is my story. It wasn't until 10 years later (2002) that I felt I was in a position with both my family and my career to meet AYC's strict standards. (At that time, our participation rules were very strict, requiring 40% participation in AYC organized events ... meaning AYC series races and AYC regattas. Participation in Wednesday night races, Friday night beer cans, Keel Fleet regattas, and one-design circuit stops did not count! These requirements were nearly a show-stopper since most of my weekends were already committed to my children's engagements in baseball and soccer.)

From AYC's perspective, this 10-year lapse in membership was not only a loss in participation and active racing, but was also a substantial loss in revenue. At today's current billing rates, the specific loss was more than \$34,000 in club revenue. The message here is that a strict adherence to "racing participation" may promote a key goal, but it comes with a cost. How many \$34,000 revenue streams have we "turned away?" Our club's expenses are largely fixed and are often growing at a rate higher than the consumer price index. We cannot effectively cut our fixed costs for insurance, taxes, payroll, fees and maintenance without jeopardizing the very existence of the club. For our club, the combined effect of losing members and increasing costs means only one of two outcomes: A disproportionate increase in dues and fees on those aging and active members remaining (imagine 10 percent annual increases every year perpetually), or a slow degeneration of club finances to the point of extinction. Neither of these promote the long-term sustainability of our club.

For many years we have provided a venue for already active and engaged sailors to participate economically. Going forward, we need to figure out how to become dramatically more effective at bringing new families, new members, new sailors, and new money to our club and our sport, and then developing these prospects into active racers and social participants. The good news is that we have already made several changes to promote the growth of our club and of our sport. The changes in membership levels spearheaded by **David Lewis** a few years back are an excellent step in creating a progression through our membership levels. The "Racing School" program created by **Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás** is successfully introducing racing to an entire community of new sailors. We need to embrace these advances and continue to seek additional ways to attract and retain members. This does not mean we need to completely abandon racing and participation requirements altogether. It does mean that we need to continue to find ways of making these requirements less of an obstacle to prospective members and their families. It also means that we need to continue to actively seek opportunities to introduce our club and our sport to new sailors.

Perhaps it is a bit counter-intuitive, but I believe in order to protect our club and our mission of being a sustainable, active racing community, we need to ensure that our focus on racing is not a barrier to new sailors and prospective members, but instead a purposeful goal for new members that is achieved through a managed recruiting and

racer-development program. I believe we also need to increase our emphasis on family-centric activities. Lastly, I believe we need to promote a shift in community mindset from "we are a club by and for racers" to "we are a club that develops new racers."

I look forward to hearing your suggestions on how we can grow our sport, grow our club membership, and develop more home-grown racers. Please send your thoughts and comments to vice_commodore@austinyachtclub.net.

To The Austin Yacht Club Community from Hap Arnold

I am aware of the recent discussion regarding the Austin Yacht Club's (AYC) focus, mission statement, and future. I hope that my perspective can add to this discussion in a positive manner and correct some misconceptions regarding AYC history.

The AYC is the offspring of the now defunct Austin Sailing Club (ASC). The ASC agenda was a full service sailing club but lacked the necessary assets for such.

In 1967, an adhoc committee of members envisioned a major shift in focus to a club with only racing-related activities, and one that owned waterfront property, docks, necessary racing equipment and a club house.

Racing needs differ from cruising needs. Racing is more centralized, boats tend to be smaller, more austere and designed for speed, whereas cruising boats tend to be larger with more connivances such as commodores, galleys, berths and navigational and communication devices providing for comfort. Cruisers socialize on the water along the way. Racers socialize on shore after racing, settling protests, and learning from reviewing the race with competitors.

The adhoc committee developed a plan to alter ASC into a newly envisioned Austin Yacht Club with a racing-only agenda. Issues pertaining to membership, finance, property and activities were discussed. As a first step the ASC membership would have to approve these changes. At the annual membership meeting a motion to change the name and purpose of ASC to the Austin Yacht Club with a focus on racing-related activities was presented and approved by the membership.

A trust was formed under the Texas Trust Law to restructure the club in accordance with the new mission. Issues considered were finance, property acquisition, membership requirements, by-laws and rules, and were dealt with in accordance with applicable state law.

From these efforts I feel we have built a very unique and strong sailing community. Our sailors have participated in both national and international events and have fared very well. I can only conclude that we are doing some things right. The concern today is, do we have a problem?

Over the years there have been numerous attempts to juggle membership policies and sailing activity requirements, in order to promote interest and participation. These discussions are very important as they prove us to be a club that is willing to evolve with contemporary times. However, I feel that we are at another time where a discursive review that brings both historical views and new ideas into conversation will be beneficial to moving our club forward. With the present low water levels in our lakes, the recent decline in sailing, and general national economic slump, I agree that now is a good time for discussion where needed, and a careful introduction of positive changes that are consistent with the club's past values and perceived present and future goals and needs. This process has yielded high success in the past.

Sincerely, and with best regards,

Hap Arnold

From The Past Commodore

by Jim Tillinghast



AYC Membership Committee Activities Update July, 2012

Introducing the 2012 Membership Committee

Your 2012 AYC Membership Committee is chaired by **Jim Tillinghast**, Immediate Past Commodore. Also serving on the Committee are **David Lewis**, **John Grzinich**, **Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás**,

George Trevino and **Vic Manning**. The Committee's responsibilities include reviewing new member applications, reviewing member probationary progress, reviewing AYC membership policies and submitting recommendations in each of these areas to the Board for review and approval.

Membership Activities and Goals for 2012

The Membership Committee has been focusing on our current membership programs and policies in order to build and expand our member recruitment and retention process. This year, we have established or approved the following:

- New Member Mentoring Program
- Fall Open House
- J Boat Open House

Our goal is to continue to identify and review new ways to attract and retain members, and to encourage the sport of sailing and sailboat racing on Lake Travis. Our biggest challenge is that sailing and sailboat racing is a declining sport, and yacht clubs throughout the United States are seeking creative ways to build and sustain a solid membership base.

AYC has invested significantly in youth and adult sail training programs over the past four years, and this investment has resulted in a huge boost to AYC's membership. Yet we are still experiencing a net year-over-year membership decline.

New Proposals

Several proposals have been presented to the Membership Committee and to the Board to help encourage growth. Bringing a full time sailing coach onboard, building a club-owned or member-loaned racing fleet for sail training and racing, and looking at other sources of membership are all examples.

One proposal that has created much discussion over the last few weeks is the UT Sailing Club's request to be considered for AYC membership. The UT Sailing Club officers have approached AYC on this matter, and the Membership Committee has the request under review. At the June Board meeting, the Committee presented a status report and asked for input and feedback on the proposed UTSC membership structure. We have received many comments and suggestions on both sides of the issue. At the June Board meeting, the Membership Committee committed to provide a more detailed document to the membership prior to the July Board meeting.

The UT Sailing Club (UTSC) Request for Membership

Membership Committee applied two overall questions in the review of the UTSC request:

- 1) Is UTSC membership consistent with AYC's overall purpose, as stated in the AYC Bylaws?
- 2) Is UTSC membership consistent with our 2007 Strategic Plan?

The Membership Committee has concluded that UTSC membership is consistent with both the AYC Bylaws and the AYC 2007 Strategic Plan, provided that very specific rules and procedures are applied to UTSC's AYC membership status. The following paragraphs describe the Membership Committee's review of relevant sections of the Bylaws and the 2007 Strategic Plan in reaching this conclusion.

AYC Bylaws

The charter of AYC is set forth in the first sentence of our Bylaws:

"The Club is a non-profit corporation organized for the purpose of promoting recreational, social, sailing and water sports activities on the Lakes of Texas."

UTSC places emphasis on recreational sailing. This is consistent with AYC's stated purpose. The Membership Committee also believes that recreational sailing is a vital step toward competitive sailing and is important to building a base of experience, awareness and enthusiasm for new adult and junior sailors.

2007 AYC Strategic Plan

The 2007 Strategic Plan defined a vision for AYC and a set of goals leading to that vision. Summarized below are key excerpts from the 2007 Strategic Plan that the Membership Committee believes are consistent with UTSC's own charter and membership objectives.

"Vision of AYC in 2012

Since there is general agreement that this is a sailing club and that racing is our focus, the top priority for the next five years should be to improve the facilities necessary for conducting and participating in sailing activities, sailboat racing and sail training. We also want to work on increasing the number of active members at the Club which means placing some of our focus on making improvements aimed at getting people to the Club.

The vision of AYC in the year 2012 is to have a Club that is an active sailboat racing Club with facilities, training and programs that support sailing as well as social activities:

- *The Club will have a regular racing schedule along with non-racing activities which will appeal to non-racing family members."*

The AYC vision, as stated above, clearly establishes racing as an AYC priority, yet also addresses the importance of supporting general sailing activities and developing ways to attract more people to AYC. The Membership Committee believes that UTSC membership represents one such means to meet this goal.

"2007 Strategic Plan July 20, 2007

AYC Mission Statement

To be a premier sailing club, with an emphasis on sailboat racing and related activities, with a membership characterized by broad social, economic and sailing experience levels and sustained by individual participation, volunteerism and Club generated revenues.

AYC Core Values

- *A Club that supports active sailboat racing*
- *A Club that is attractive to all sailing enthusiasts*
- *A Club with activities supported by volunteerism*
- *Management that ensures the continued existence of the Club (through fiscal, physical and operational sustainability and risk management)"*

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The 2007 Strategic Plan sets forth three key "Core Values" that are important in building membership. "Supporting active sailboat racing" is the first. Second is building a club that is "attractive to all sailing enthusiasts." Third is "volunteerism", without which the Club would struggle to survive. As we see the population of active, experienced "racing" sailors decline, it becomes important that clubs like AYC extend their reach to attract potential racing enthusiasts through introductory activities and sail training programs. The Club must ensure that these members actively participate in sailing and racing events, and also support the Club through their contribution of time and effort in the Club's volunteer activities.

The Membership Committee believes that UTSC will be a conduit for attracting potential sailing and racing enthusiasts through their active learn-to-sail activities and their participation as crew in AYC racing series and events.

"Core Value: A Club that supports active sailboat racing."

Assumption: Members who are active are more likely to remain members than those who are not. Including some non-racing, sailing activities may actually foster greater interest in racing.

>Objective 1: Expand opportunities for adult sailing activities that will appeal to more members.

>Objective 2: Support Junior sailing and racing activities.

- **Strategy 5:** Focus on teaching juniors to enjoy sailing for the pure fun of it.
- **Strategy 6:** Provide open sailing (non-race) events for juniors.

>Objective 4: Expand opportunities for member participation in non-racing activities that will appeal to many members."

The Membership Committee sees this Core Value as consistent with UTSC's own charter and with AYC's suggested UTSC membership category. The focus of this Core Value is supporting active sailboat racing. The avenue to this Core Value can be through expanding adult and junior sailing activities, including "non-racing" activities.

"Core Value: A Club that is attractive to all sailing enthusiasts."

Assumption: Attractive facilities, desirable programs/events and affordable costs will appeal to a large segment of the Austin community and will make it possible for those who love sailing to become and remain members.

Goal: Increase **awareness and** attractiveness of AYC to a broad segment of the Austin Community.

>Objective 1: Increase the public's awareness of the Club's existence and activities in order to expand the interest in sailing within the Austin community.

- **Strategy 4:** Develop more links to other sailing and non-sailing organizations in the Austin Area. (Vice Commodore)

>Objective 2: Find opportunities to include non-sailors (i.e. potential future members) in sailing activities.

- **Strategy 2:** Invite groups to come out and have their individual members placed on various boats as crew for Friday night Beer Can races or other open events. (Vice Commodore)"

This Core Value is perhaps AYC's most important one in terms of growing our membership and community presence. Reaching out to "other sailing and non-sailing organizations in the Austin area" and

finding "opportunities to include non-sailors ... in sailing activities" are both essential to AYC's future growth. The Membership Committee looks at organizations like UTSC as opportunities to increase the awareness and attractiveness of AYC to potential members.

"Core Value: A Club with activities supported by volunteerism"

Assumption: Volunteering in various activities makes it possible for more members to become acquainted, which results in more participation in AYC activities and in longer-term membership.

Goal: To involve as many different members as possible in volunteer activities at the Club (i.e. involvement should be encouraged and rewarded but not be coerced or compulsory except for probationary member requirements)."

UTSC has responded positively to suggestions that they carry a responsibility to support AYC volunteer activities as part of their membership. We have included a participation policy in the proposed UTSC membership structure below.

A Proposed UTSC Membership Structure

Based on the above discussion, the Membership Committee put together a "straw man" membership structure that would accommodate UTSC's objectives and address AYC's needs and concerns, based on considerable feedback from AYC members. We have consolidated your feedback and are publishing our suggested structure in this issue of the Telltale to update you on our recommendations and to solicit your input. Please email any feedback directly to me at membership@austinyachtclub.net.

The following section is the Membership Committee's proposed structure for UTSC membership at AYC.

Proposed UT Sailing Club Membership Structure

UT Sailing Club Background

The University of Texas Sailing Club (UTSC) was founded in 1970. The Club operates under the auspices of the University of Texas Division of Recreational Sports (RecSports). The purpose of UTSC, as stated in their Constitution, is to provide an organized sailing program, to improve the sailing ability of any member, and to promote recreational sailing.

UTSC's roster has included notable AYC members and Board officers, including our **2012 Commodore Johannes Brinkmann, 2010 Commodore Steve Eller, 2009 Race Commander Renee Ruais and 2005 Commodore Danny Lien.**

UTSC currently owns several boats that are used by the club in support of their activities. These include a J/24, a Hobie 16 catamaran, an MC scow, a Coronado 15, as well as some Sunfish and Lasers. UTSC is currently renting boat storage space at Sail & Ski Marina on Lake Travis.

More information about UTSC is available on their website at www.utsailing.com.

AYC and UTSC Relationship

In 2009, several UTSC members "discovered" AYC and what it has to offer. Since then many UTSC members have volunteered at numerous AYC events and work parties, and have been crewing on AYC boats during AYC races and during out-of-town regattas. Over the past several years, UTSC has raced their J/24 in several AYC regattas, including the 2012 Turnback Canyon regatta.

UTSC Membership Proposal

UTSC officers have expressed an interest in UTSC joining AYC and being able to store their boats and base their activities out of AYC. AYC and UTSC recognize that there are mutual benefits to both organizations in establishing a UTSC membership classification. Both organizations also acknowledge that there are significant responsibilities associated with such membership.

The benefits that accrue to both organizations are significant, and include the following:

Benefits for UTSC

- Exposure to AYC's broad and knowledgeable sailing community
- Better location for wind and destinations
- Eased financial burden
- Will help attract new members

Benefits for AYC

- Exposure to a revolving pool of young sailors
- More volunteers for AYC events
- More crew for AYC boat owners
- Increased revenue
- Promotes the sport of sailing
- Opportunity to develop avid sailors into avid racers

Proposal Highlights

The following points are the highlights of discussions between the AYC Membership Committee and UTSC officers. These points are not intended to represent a final agreement but rather they provide a structure from which an agreement could be established between UTSC and AYC:

1. **Student Membership:** UTSC members would be granted AYC "Student Member" status as provided for in the AYC By-Laws and the AYC Member Handbook. This does not require a change to the AYC By-Laws. A change will be required to the AYC Membership Policy, which requires approval by the AYC Board of Directors.

The Membership Committee recommends the addition of a third student member classification under the Student Member categories described in the AYC Membership Policy. The current AYC Membership Policy defines two Student Member categories: (a) Junior Members, and (b) UT Sailing Team Members. A third student member category: (c) UT Sailing Club Members would be added to accommodate UTSC members.
2. **UTSC/AYC Membership Terms and Conditions:** A written agreement between AYC and UTSC shall set forth the specific terms and conditions of membership. These terms are summarized in the following paragraphs.
3. **Term of Agreement:** The initial term of the Agreement shall be the calendar year 2012, renewable annually by AYC Board approval at the October Board of Directors meeting of each term year.
4. **Fees:** UTSC shall pay fees to AYC as set forth in "Attachment A – Schedule of Fees." UTSC shall pay full price for the rental of all slips, as well as paying a monthly UTSC membership fee. In addition each UTSC member shall pay a per-semester fee.
5. **Membership Responsibilities:** UTSC members shall be required to abide by all policies and house rules set forth in the AYC Member Handbook.

6. **Alcohol Policy:** UTSC is under the authority of the UT Division of Recreational Sports and as such UTSC members are not allowed to consume alcohol during official UTSC events.
7. **Revocation of Membership:** Individual UTSC members may have their AYC membership revoked for misconduct or for abuse of privileges. Revocation of membership is by majority vote of the AYC Board of Directors.
8. **Participation Requirements:** It is a desire of AYC that UTSC participate in AYC events and become involved and well integrated with the AYC community. As such, UTSC shall be required to meet certain Participation Requirements. These requirements shall be specified on a per semester basis and are to be met every semester by UTSC as a group and not by each individual UTSC member. UTSC would be required to participate in a minimum of five activities per semester, consisting of four on-the-water activities and one AYC service activity. UTSC can satisfy on-the-water activities by participating in AYC events and/or by hosting UTSC "Saturday Sail" events.
9. **Facilities Use Request:** UTSC shall submit a Facilities Use Request (FUR) for all scheduled events. UTSC shall provide a calendar of their planned events to the AYC Board at the beginning of each semester.
10. **Guest Privileges:** UTSC members are allowed to bring sailing guests to AYC with the limitation that only UTSC members who are "checked-out" to skipper a boat are allowed to bring sailing guests, and the number of guests is limited to the capacity of the boat being used. In addition, any UTSC members are allowed to bring immediate family members as non-sailing guests. Any UTSC events with more than 12 guests must follow the FUR procedures set forth in the AYC Member Handbook.
11. **Number of Boats:** UTSC plans to keep an active fleet of boats at AYC. UTSC shall provide to the AYC Board a monthly inventory of all UTSC boats on AYC property. AYC reserves the right to limit number of boats, control the type of boats and enforce standards for the condition of boats UTSC maintains on AYC property.
12. **Roster of Members:** UTSC shall provide a monthly roster to AYC listing all the currently active UTSC members. UTSC maintains membership on a per-semester basis so the number of UTSC members typically increases as new students join during the course of the semester.
13. **Number of Members:** Due to the limitations of AYC facilities, AYC shall limit the number of UTSC members allowed on the monthly roster submitted to AYC to a maximum of 45. Current UTSC membership is under 20 members. This number can be reviewed and adjusted periodically by the AYC Board based on participation patterns and on demand for limited AYC resources.
14. **Maintenance Fund:** It is imperative that UTSC perform regular upkeep and proper maintenance on their fleet of boats stored on AYC property. As such AYC shall require that UTSC pay a monthly "maintenance fee" which shall be held by AYC in a designated account strictly for the purpose of maintaining UTSC boats stored on AYC property. In the event that a UTSC boat needs repairs as determined by the AYC Board of Directors, UTSC shall have said repairs performed in a timely manner.

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Disbursement of funds will require that a Request for Funds form be approved by the Board. If repairs are not performed, AYC reserves the right to require UTSC to remove said boat from AYC grounds.

- 15. Education Fund:** One of the missions of UTSC is to teach sailing and to improve the sailing abilities of its members. As such AYC shall require that UTSC pay a monthly "education fee" which shall be held by AYC in a designated account strictly for the purpose of supporting UTSC sailing education activities. Disbursement of funds will require that a Request for Funds form be approved by the Board. Said fund shall be used by UTSC members to continue their sailing education by taking boater education courses and/or obtaining instructor certifications. For example, UTSC officers charged with instructing other students would benefit from taking the US SAILING Small Boat Level I Instructor course offered each Spring at AYC.
- 16. Storage Shed:** UTSC desires to build and maintain a shed on AYC grounds for storage of sails and other gear. This shed shall be built to match the UT Sailing Team shed. This shed and surrounding grounds shall be properly maintained by UTSC according to standards set forth by the AYC Building and Grounds Commander. AYC reserves the right to require that fees from the UTSC Maintenance Fund be used to provide for proper upkeep of the shed.
- 17. Registration and Insurance:** All UTSC boats shall be properly registered per Texas Parks and Wildlife boating laws and shall be insured by UTSC before being allowed on AYC grounds. UTSC shall submit a "Storage Request Form" and shall sign the "Storage Lien" for each boat brought onto AYC grounds.

Attachment A – Schedule of Fees

Fee	Monthly	Yearly
UTSC Membership	\$100.00	\$1200.00
Maintenance	100.00	1200.00
Education	50.00	600.00
Dry Slip (regular rate)	47.63	571.56
Wet Slip (regular rate)	112.58	1350.96
Grounds Rental Fee for Shed	100.00	1200.00
Member fee = \$18 per member per semester (minimum fee = \$144 per semester)		
Collected by UTSC and paid to AYC each semester		
Approx \$300.00 per year		

Please email any feedback directly to me at membership@austinyachtclub.net.

Race Commander Report

by Barry Bowden



This past month was the busiest of the year for AYC Race Committees with the conclusion of the 2012 ICSA College National Championships, the Summer Series and the Keel Handicap Fleet Independence Cup.

The UT Sailing Team with the help of **Vic Manning** and a host of AYC member volunteers presented a series of four regattas, including the

Women's Semifinals, Women's Championship, Team Racing and the Coed Championship. These events were praised by competitors and coaches from all over the nation for the excellence in which they were executed.

Luke Cragin, president of the UT team, was inducted into the Intercollegiate Sailing Association Hall of Fame with the Student Leadership award. This recognized his accomplishment in fund raising to purchase the new fleet of 18 FJ boats as well as the organization of the event. This would not have been possible without the help of other team members and our own **Vic Manning** who had been working on the event for the past year and a half.

Special thanks to **Gail Bernstein** who served as one of the US Sailing Judges for the event as well as **David Bernstein** who was busy every day of the ten-day event working on the race committee. **Claude Welles and myself** also were there for most every day. Many other members were involved helping with race committee during the ten days. **Tom Cunningham** was also making sure everything ran smoothly. The events would not have been possible without member volunteering their boats for help with race committee, judges, umpires and photographers.

The Women's Championship was won by Boston College, Team Racing by College of Charleston, and the Coed Championship won by Georgetown University. The College of Charleston, alma mater of **John Bowden** from AYC, won the Fowle Trophy for the best overall performance of any team in the ICSA this past year.

Some of the lighter moments from the event involved a snake in the committee boat during the Women's event and another snake that got tired of swimming in the water and decided that boarding the committee boat would be a good idea. Having **Adam Werblow**, the St. Mary's coach and a confirmed snake hater, on the committee boat made this even more interesting.

Two of the after event banquets were held at the University of Texas Golf Club at Steiner Ranch. This is a beautiful facility, but emphasizes the difference in golf and sailing in the eyes of our local university. **David Bernstein** overheard people in the bar wondering who all of the people in the "funny shoes" were in the next room. I guess that Top-Siders are not a popular shoe style with golfers.

A rules seminar taught by Brad Davis is being planned for Saturday July 21 and more information will be provided soon.

By the time this edition hits the newsstands, Dog Days will be going strong. See you on the water!

Building & Grounds Report

by John Saunders



As many have noticed, the main gate has been cleaned up. The main sign was rebuilt and painted by **Tom Cunningham**. **Fred Ford** and **John Bartlett** conspired to combine the other signs into a much more presentable one. They also added the AYC and UT logos to the ice machine doors. Many thanks!

Just for the record, there is no longer a canned beer box at AYC. Current regulations and laws completely changed the practicability of this convenience. Much because of legal entanglements, the availability of key holders has diminished. Over the past few years, members have had almost no access to the box; at the same time convenience stores have multiplied and thus our sales almost ended. Finally, the beer box has repeatedly been a target for break-in and theft.

To summarize: the cost increases and the value decreases brought us to the end of this part of AYC. Ends and Beginnings!

Along the way, the lake water irrigation pump gave up and had to be replaced.

We added a walk and gravel surface to the training cabin area. Students will have to search farther for dust, or mud.

Identification of trailers and boats randomly parked or dumped on the property is a continuing problem. Cooperation is much appreciated.

Members pay for storage of boats on the property through wet slip and sail and board boat fees. Those not paying or with an "extra" boat on the property in an unassigned space need to join the rest of us and pay storage fees.

Much of the infrastructure at our club has been aging in place for many years.

These issues are being addressed by the board and you will hear about them as we discover our options. Some of this will be accomplished this year and some will be carried into next year. I was fortunate to have plans passed down from last year and will try to do the same.

With lower lake levels, the College Nationals and Turnback Regatta, attention has been focused on the point (AYC East). We are trying to bring that attention back to the club proper. Please direct comments and ideas to me at, wezie@austin.rr.com or just say 'hi' when we are out there.

There is still an awful lot of lake out there. Many of the lake users are not fully aware of this. Many of those that are will disappear come Labor Day. Come on out and enjoy the view, the water and even the beach at the point.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

If you are storing your boat in a location other than your assigned slip, please follow the simple tag marking legend below to avoid any possible penalty fees that may be assessed for illegally storing your boat on AYC property.

Temporary Storage Tag Legend

Due to the current drought conditions, special arrangements are being implemented in an effort to make things as organized as possible and to keep track of member boats. Your cooperation is vital for this to succeed. Please read the following legend and contact the office if you need to store your boat someplace other than your assigned slip.

Blue and Checkerboard tags must fill out a Temporary Storage Form and have it approved by Office Staff.

All tags should be attached to the bow area of boat or the front portion of the trailer. The tags are not adhesive and will not damage the boat or trailer.

BLUE TAGS

Temporary storage 30 days max (this includes dry out area), sign & date tag (use sharpie)

CHECKERBOARD TAGS

Temp storage for wet slip holders that want to keep their slip but want to store on land due to low water, valid until conditions improve, no need to sign or date tag

YELLOW TAGS

Yellow tags must enter time reserved into work area log book, three weeks maximum time allowed.

Work area three weeks max, sign & date tag (use sharpie)

If storage is needed past the allowed time, contact the Harbor Commander or the General Manager to discuss arrangements. If no contact is made, you will be billed according to the House Rules section regarding illegally stored boats and trailers.

Owners of boats not in their assigned location and stored on AYC grounds that are untagged should contact the office to make proper arrangements.

RACING RULES SEMINAR WITH BRAD DAVIS

JULY 21 1:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Sail Training Report

by Jenny Loehlin



The four weeks of summer camp are now over. That's a lot of kids sailing (and swimming, and tie-dyeing, and playing games, and attempting to windsurf). It's good to see so many young people, both campers and counselors, involved in sailing. Thanks especially to **Kate Noble**, the camp director, and **Eric Pasch**, our head counselor.

We had 55 children signed up for the June PB&J classes. This year we offered classes on Sunday as well as Saturday mornings in June, for a total of four classes, with **Bill Records** teaching the Sunday classes and PB&J gurus **Doug Kern** and **John Morran** teaching the Saturday classes. In July and August we'll be going back to the regular Saturday schedule. 57 kids are signed up for those sessions so far, which will be taught by **Kate Noble**. It's really fun and exciting to watch the kids – they pick up the steering remarkably fast, but sometimes the watching where they're going takes a little longer.



Photo by Jenny Loehlin

Heading in on the last day of camp

On June 16, we had an adult (plus two kids) learn-to-sail class with an experimental format – keelboats in the morning and centerboard boats in the afternoon. Thanks to **Rosanne Butera**, **Steve Schultz**, **John Grzinich**, **Danny Lien**, **James Wilsford**, and **Jon and Madeline Nash** for teaching in the morning session, **Ravi Subramanian** and **Mike Mashl** for teaching in the afternoon session, and **Annie Lancaster** for doing both. We had 15 students.

11 students signed up for the centerboard class on July 7. We had really light air to start with, but then a front came through and it picked up quite a bit right at the end of the class. **Ravi Subramanian**, **Mike Mashl**, and **John Grzinich** taught, along with **Kate Noble** and **Stefan Froelich**, who had already done the morning PB&J sessions and had a long day of it.

So far this year, five students have taken and passed ASA 101 (Basic Keelboat), one of whom also took 103 (Basic Coastal Cruising), and one student took ASA 114 (Cruising Catamaran). Thanks to **Gary Payne** for organizing and teaching the ASA classes.

Looking ahead, we have an FJ practice on September 8 for those interested in participating in the Fleet Challenge on September 22. Those of you who came out to watch and help out with Nationals know how lively the FJs can be. That should be a really fun event.

Roadrunner Update

by Kate Noble

Summer programming is in full swing here at the Austin Yacht Club! We completed four sessions of our 2012 Junior Sailing Camp with a week off for July 4. The past few weeks we have had a wide range of conditions from storms to excessive heat and sun, and zero-knot days to gusts in the upper 20s. We have received wonderful feedback from campers and their parents, and that is in large part due to a hardworking, talented, and creative staff of counselors: **Eric Pasch**, **Patrick Brinkmann**, **Trey Clawson**, **Taylor Crouch**, **Tim Loose**, **Monika Brinkmann**, **Austin Dwight**, **Ryan Dwight** and **Meredith Morran**.



Photo by Jenny Loehlin

Campers practice knots by tying up the counselor

Each counselor brought different ideas, experiences, and areas of expertise to the program, which provided the campers with a fun and safe week of high quality instruction.

We had over 65 campers between the ages of seven and 14 participate in the Junior Sailing Camp, some of whom for multiple sessions.

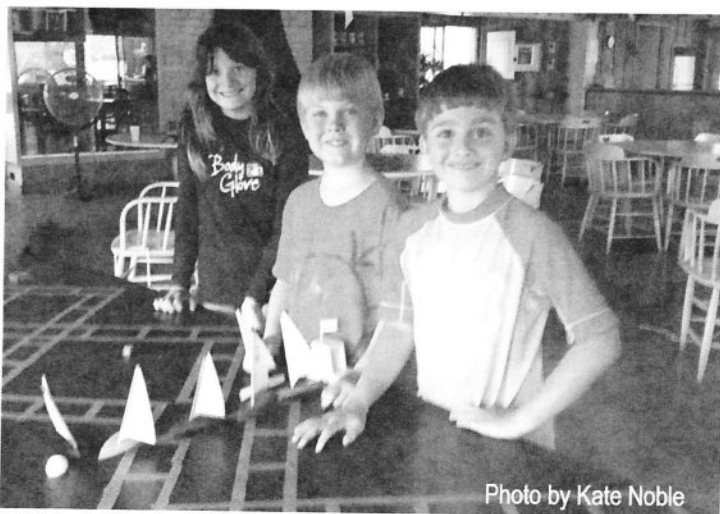


Photo by Kate Noble

(L-R) Anaïs Sabatier, Erik Jensen and Gus Gamble play a rainy day racing game

The campers, who represented all levels of experience, had a full week of sailing. Each day they averaged about six hours of on-the-water and classroom instruction, covering basic concepts and skills such as wind direction, points of sail, tacking, jibing, capsizing

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recovery, terminology, knots, and introductory racing. They participated in a wide variety of on-the-water activities including instructional drills, racing, destination sails, windsurfing, and games such as sailing basketball. When summer storms and light air kept us off the water, campers continued their sailing education indoors with classroom work talks and educational activities including Sailing Pictionary, Rigging Races, and the ever-popular Tie-Up the Counselor. Camp generated a lot of interest in our Roadrunner junior sailing program. I hope to see many of our campers, and their families, return to AYC as new members.

Our whole fleet of Optimis, Picos, Sunfish, Lasers and FJs has been out on the water for camp this summer and I want to thank all those who have helped to keep our Sail Training boats, equipment and facilities in good shape over the past month: **John Bartlett, Tom Cunningham, Jennifer Loehlin, Vic Manning, John Morran, Bill Records, John Saunders and Fred Schroth.**

Free Sail Sundays have continued throughout the camp season thanks to Fleet Board Members **Marcy Berbrick, Jeff Berbrick, and Stefan Froelich.** By volunteering their time to host Free Sails, they have allowed our Roadrunners the opportunity to sail and practice their skills all summer long.

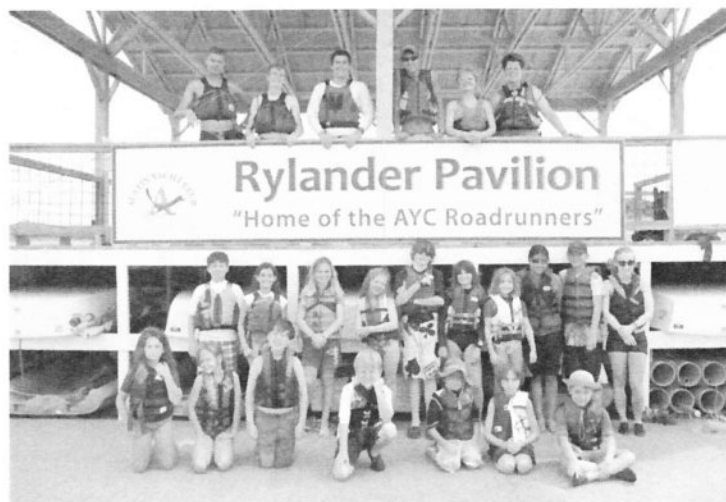
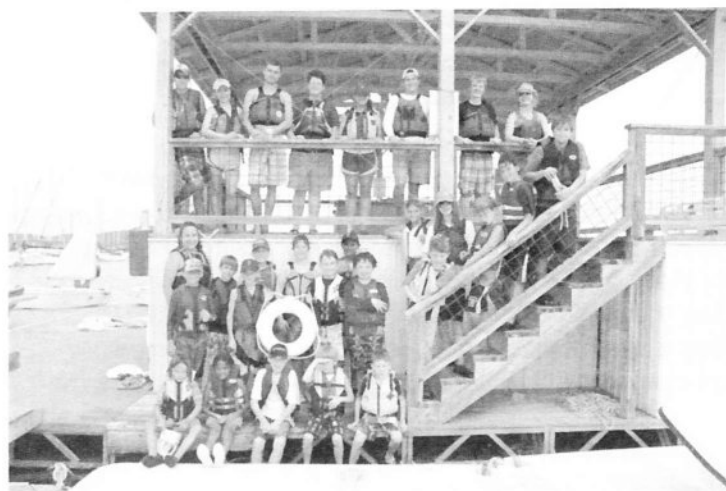


Photo by-Kate Noble

CIT Meredith Morran teaches Will Abram about kinetics

Free Sail Sundays have been so successful that I would like to extend the invitation to all AYC members who would like to take out a Sail Training boat, including our club FJs, Lasers, and Sunfish. Feel free to stop by the Rylander Pavilion on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00.

As we continue into July, I am looking forward to coaching PB&J and starting our Roadrunner practices back up. Beginning July 14, Green Fleet will resume practices on Saturdays from 1:30 to 4:00 and Laser/Sunfish will practice from 4:00 to 6:30. Thursday evenings will resume on July 19 from 4:30 to 7:00. If you would like to receive weekly emails with Roadrunner news and scheduling, or would like more information about how to get involved in our junior program, please contact me at jrcoach@austinyachtclub.net.



Top to Bottom,
Summer Camps 1, 2, 3 and 4

Group photos by Bill Records

PBJ, Pirates and Mermaids

by Doug Kern

This summer's weekend PBJ classes for 4-10 year olds has had perfect light and conditions, great for getting the kids used to the Optis. On their sail to "Pirate Island" (sandbar SE of harbor), the PBJ kids sailed past the "Mermaid Mailboxes" (no-wake buoys). After exploring the shore, the kids sailed back with their treasures of flint, quartz and other cool rocks before kicking off capsizing drills and balloon hunts. From a practical standpoint, the longer, follow-the-leader reaches are often a better fit for beginners than the back and forth turning in a cove. In the "glass-half-full" category, Lake Travis' low water levels have created a great, protected playground for the Opti sailors, with sand bars shielding the cove from waves.



Photo submitted by Doug Kern

So far, we've got 114 kids signed up for PBJ this summer (out of 160 slots and eight classes), about the same as last two years, and up from up from 40 kids a few years ago. This summer, 73% of the 66 families are non-members. To sign up for PBJ's August Saturday classes, or subscribe to the email list, go to www.aycroadrunners.org.

Post-PBJ Programs

After PBJ, kids have a "ladder" of follow-on junior sailing programs to choose from, with many of the year-round weekly Roadrunner sessions run by **Coach Kate** and team. The Basics/Beginners class picks up where PBJ leaves off. Green Fleet introduces kids to racing and the mysteries of zig-zagging an Opti upwind to a mark. Laser/Sunfish practice is for teens who have outgrown the Opti. Free Sail Sundays are a great time for some unstructured sailing with friends.



Photo by Doug Kern

Passing the Torch

After more than 15 years of coaching PBJ, **John Morran and I** are handing off the program to a new crew. We've had a tremendous time coaching the kids over the years. Thanks to the club for its ongoing support of PBJ and junior sailing and to all the volunteers, parents and "PBJ Alumni" in helping create a steady stream of lifelong sailors.

PB&J: "The Best Camp Ever!"

by Bill Records

Several years ago while walking down to the point I noticed a group of tiny sailboats zipping along in the south cove. As I approached, it was obvious that this was AYC's PB&J camp with **Doug Kern and John Morran** teaching very young kids to sail in seven-foot Optis.

Their teaching method was low key and positive, and all the kids seemed to be having a great time. Having grown up in Texas, I was used to a lot of yelling and negative reinforcement from sports coaches. Here, good communication was the key. While not talking down to the kids, Doug and John used a vocabulary that they could easily understand: "Pull the tiller to your belly button", "Scoot to the front", "Tiller towards trouble". There were no "chalk talks" and the plan was to get the kids on the water quickly. The classes were taught by two adult coaches and two junior coaches. The coach-to-student ratio was an impressive one-to-five!

The PB&J format I witnessed at that time is thriving today. Each PB&J session consists of four Saturday classes of 1.5 hours each. The first drill of the first class is a unique steering drill. Each kid is put in an Opti with a tiller but no mast or sail. The boat has a 20-foot bow line tethered to the dock. One of the coaches pushes the boat away from the dock and then gently pulls it back. As the boat approaches the dock, the kid is told to make the boat go one way and then the other. By the second try, "voila", the young skipper is steering the boat correctly! After a brief description of where to sit, two kids per boat are nudged away from the dock, one steering, the other holding the sheet. Two buoys are set up about 100 feet apart, forming a line perpendicular to the wind direction. The kids are then told to sail from one buoy to the other and repeat – they are tacking and jibing without being aware of it. At the beginning of the second class the question is asked, "Who wants to sail by themselves?" No pressure is put on them to singlehand, but by the last class, most are sailing alone! At the end of the last class each kid is given a PB&J certificate of achievement, a PB&J t-shirt, and the assurance that from now on they are "Sailors".

Through the years small changes have been made but the core principal remains the same: To introduce young kids to sailing in a very positive way. After all, there are only three rules: 1. Always wear a lifejacket, 2. Listen to the coach, 3. HAVE FUN!!!!

I have always thought that PB&J as created by **Doug and John** is the best camp for kids that I have ever seen. This year, when two Sunday sessions were added, I jumped at the chance to coach them. It proved to be a very rewarding experience.



Bill's first PB&J class



John Morran coaching PB&J class with special guest

Summer Camp Photos by Bill Records



Kate Noble and Millie Rackley (daughter of Bill and Debbie Rackley, granddaughter of Claude and JoAnn Welles)



Meredith Morran and junior campers stowing an Opti



PB&J steering drill in action



Abbey Tomaszewski and Sammy Peel - "just in case"



Doug and Aubrey Kern witness student's first single-hand



Kate and Junior assistant Alex Roebuck lead PB&J class

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WHICH FLEET WILL PREVAIL??



AYC Member Survey: Top Findings

by Doug Kern

This spring, the club surveyed members to understand what services are important to you, what we should do more of (or less of) as a club, and how we can continue to make AYC an awesome place. As part of the Long Range Planning Committee, I'd like to thank everyone who responded – the data is an exceptional yardstick of members' voices, perceptions, and priorities.

The survey is intended as input to the club's five-year strategic plan, created in 2007. The results provided a wealth of detail about what's working and what's not, with some common themes emerging. We received 210 responses out of 490 invites, a 43% response rate which was fantastic to see. The real gems of the survey were in the more than 450 open-ended responses, providing flavor to go with the multiple choice questions.

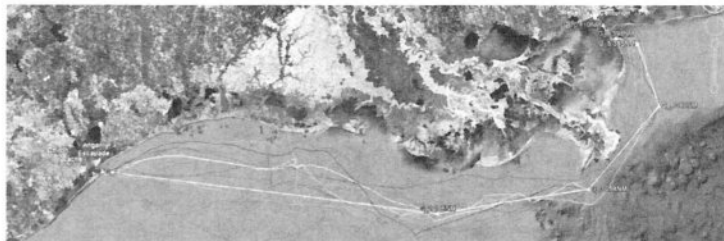
Here are the top findings:

1. The "State of the Union" is good. The stats measuring customer satisfaction were very strong. Our "Net Promoter Score," a benchmark used by most brands that compares advocates vs detractors, is 65%, on par with Costco (71%) and Trader Joe's (73%).
2. "No Frills Racing" is why people like AYC. Members were highly positive about our combination of frequent racing programs and low-maintenance approach. More than 95% said AYC was doing "good" or "great" in "Supporting Active Sailboat Racing."
3. Members are active. 68% of respondents use the club at least once a month.
4. "Access" is huge priority. Investing in grounds, docks and access was the highest priority to get members to participate more often.
5. Volunteer system is OK. The club's reliance on volunteers to move docks, staff events and maintain equipment was deemed "Just Right" by 47% of respondents.
6. Top ranking programs. Weekly Racing, Grounds, and Junior Sailing were top-ranked services.
7. Better recruitment needed. According to respondents, AYC needs to do a much better job promoting the club to the Austin community and attracting a new set of younger members.
8. Better new member integration needed. In the "What could AYC do better?" question, respondents highlighted the need for mentors or better communications to get new members integrated to programs.
9. Better communications needed. Respondents voiced a need for a better website and more frequent "pushed" email communications to accompany and replace the current Telltale system.

To download the presentation, go to www.austinyachtclub.org/info/survey.pdf. If you'd like the raw survey data, or wish to dive further into the results, please send a note to doug_kern@yahoo.com.

Galveston to Gulfport

by Bill Casnovsky



All eight of us on *Beau Navire* (Beautiful Ship) were full of anticipation and excitement as we slipped away from the Kemah Boardwalk on a bright, sunny morning. The four-hour motor cruise to the Galveston Jetties gave us plenty of time to contemplate the 425-mile race at hand. Never mind that the skipper had +\$12K worth of new electronics on board with no time left to do a shakedown.

The start gun came over the radio, loud and clear at exactly 2:00 p.m. We crossed the line on a starboard tack with five competitors spaced out above and below us. Our boat was the smallest in the fleet, weighing in at 13 tons, 38 foot waterline and 40 feet bow to stern. We moved well through the water, cutting through the white caps and in perfect sync with the wind gods.



Beau Navire

Late evening found us in strong shifting winds and confused seas. The boat pitched and rolled as 5-6 foot waves slapped at the hull. The boat was heeled excessively to port and the teak cap rail was disappearing in surges of white foam. In an effort to put *Beau Navire* back on her feet, one crewman furled up the big 150% Genoa. Then, the skipper and one crewman, Brian, crawled to the bow, hitched up the inner forestay and hanked on a 100% Jib. Just then a large rolling wave broke over the bow, completely soaking the two men. The cell phone located in the skipper's pocket died a quick death. Should-ah got the insurance. At this point, anyone inclined to go below risked a brutal thrashing should he or she try to step through an avalanche of items crashing to the sole in the saloon. By dawn, all hands were coping with their own brand of nausea. The skipper was making his sixth trip to the up-chuck rail when he learned that all crew except one (first mte, Linda) was sharing in the misery. The Old Salts on board began reassessing their stamina at sea.

The morning sun laid down the waves and slackened the wind. By noon, all was a dead calm. Most of us were drinking ginger ale to reclaim our tummies. Helplessly, we drifted around one damn oil rig for eight hours. A white water jug named "Wilson" drifted by making a

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better VMG than us. Late in the day, hot and sweaty, we cooked our dinner out on the cockpit grill to fend off the heat. Around sundown Candiss, our "Poof Spotter" announced that the sea was filling in. By the time the stars appeared, we were trucking along on a broad reach with a fresh breeze building 18-25 knots. One helmsman after the other took a two-hour shift at the wheel. Mr. Autohelm was not an option (racing rule). At one point, Jan, (able helmsman) got our speed over the ground to hit 10.3 knots! This is what sailing is all about!

We conducted a radio check and discovered that all our navigation equipment lost power each time we pressed the microphone transmit button. Circuit overloaded! We turned on our XM Satellite Weather service and received a blank screen. Both Satellite antenna and connecting cable needed to be dislodged and relocated for a better view of the sky. How come all this stuff worked great at the dock?

Fixes completed, we continued to sail with strong, favorable winds for the next two days and nights. Nothing could stop us now. Our 3-inch diameter, telescoping, whisker pole strained and flexed against the pressure of the 150% Genoa. Small sheet adjustments helped us optimize our trim. We had no idea how we were doing against our competitors. There was no cell service 40 miles out to sea. Race Committee had their eyes on our satellite Spot (posting every 10 minutes). Only the RC and landlubbers knew how the whole fleet was progressing.

We rounded all the marks we could find. Some were missing and required calculations using the GPS. The final day greeted us with a yellow sunrise, teal blue water, and white sandy shores. Late in the morning, we managed to punch over the finish line a full 96 hours and 48 minutes after the start gun. Gulfport Yacht Club, we have arrived!

Friends cheered and greeted us at the dock. We were informed that several boats before us encountered strong headwinds and currents during the last leg. Many gave up, motored in and were disqualified. A competitor had a look of disbelief when he learned that we finished the race completely under sail. By default, we took first in our fleet! Members of the Gulfport Yacht Club led us to a protected mooring nestled safely between two large motor trawlers.



Great job, crew!

GYC was an excellent host for this first ever event. Good food, hospitality and libations flowed throughout the weekend. We took ownership of a beautiful, crystal trophy for "fastest in fleet" and a second trophy for the "fastest non-spin boat" to finish. What an honor!

We felt proud to hoist the GYC burgee as we contemplated our journey back toward Texas. We also had a new crew member on board – a feisty, little, 6 week old, 1.3 lb, wharf kitty. But, that is another story.

Fair winds, *Bill Casnovsky, Skipper, Linda Casnovsky, First Mate, Keith Grey, Navigator, Brian Mulligan, Helmsman, Jan Golebiowski, Actually Beat Ted Turner, Richard Laws, Diesel Specialist, Jeff Avant, Texas Coastal Expert, Candiss Everett, Poof Spotter*

ICSA 2012 College Nationals by Vic Manning



Wow!! What an event here at Austin Yacht Club. For those who did not get a chance to or participate in the event, I'd just like to recap a little for you.

This year AYC hosted the ICSA 2012 College Nationals from May 28 through June 8 for

some 18 college sailing teams from across the U.S. Colleges such as Harvard, Brown, Stanford, UT and Texas A&M Galveston, just to name a few, and sponsored by Maclaren, builder of the Club Flying Juniors.

The event was divided into three different competitions, starting with Women's Team Racing, sponsored by Sperry TopSiders. First came a two-day event starting on Wednesday, May 29 with 18 teams trying to qualify for nine slots to get into the finals. The finals started on Friday, May 31 with a two-day event of the nine teams that had just qualified, along with nine teams that were pre-qualified, including our own UT Women's Sailing Team. The 18 teams sailed some 34 races during the four days, with the winner being Boston College.

The second competition, sponsored by Annapolis Performance Sailing or APS, was a three-day event starting on Sunday, June 3 with 18 teams competing. For those who have not watched team racing, it's a very interesting race. It has an "N" course with an upwind leg with a starboard rounding, reaching off to a mark about 200 yards to the right with another starboard rounding, then turning downwind about 75 degrees to a mark that has a port rounding, followed with an upwind leg to the finish. While that may sound different, add in three boats from two teams competing at the same time, all being trailed by three umpire boats calling fouls on the water as the six boats try to control each other with lots of close tacking and fouls. It was like watching three races within a race. Then, to add to the confusion, when those six boats reached the top mark, another race of six boats and umpires started. Needless to say, there was a lot of activity going on at one time and the race committee was busy adjusting courses as quickly as possible without interfering. In the end, after some 42 races, the winner of the Team Racing was The College of Charleston.

Our third event, Co-Ed Racing sponsored by Gill Dinghy, started on Wednesday, June 6, again a three-day competition hosting 18 co-ed teams. This turned out to be a very challenging set of races as the weather changed with light air the first day, followed by very shifty winds on Thursday and Friday, making it difficult to keep a consistent course for the racers. However, with a lot of patience and delays, the event was completed with 26 races and the eventual winner was Georgetown University.

The whole event covered 10 days of racing at AYC, right on the heels of Turnback Regatta. To run the event took lots of manpower from **our staff, members and the UT Sailing Team**. This included about a year's worth of preparations by **Luke Cragin**, President of UT Sailing Team – getting schedules ready, boats purchased, equipment in place, tents set up, flags flying, boats readied and lots of water carried to training facility for the participants. And that was only part of hosting the event.

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His team of 12 also set up three banquets, did the scoring, grounds clean-up and shipping of equipment back to sponsors. Our hats go off to the UT Sailing Team for a well run event.

Oh – don't let me forget to mention the many volunteers from AYC who helped. First let me start with our **AYC Staff** who were flawless in supporting everything the event needed from supplies to the movement of equipment, tables and helping people with information and directions.

There was a team of 12 volunteers who helped the UT Sailing Team with registration, from handing out gift bags, information packets, to selling burgees and sailing artwork provided by **Carolyn Marshall**. Then there was the PRC Team of 18 people headed up by **Barry Bowden and myself** who handled all the races. Many thanks to **Barry, David Bernstein and Claude Welles**, who were there every day from 8:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. for the 10 days. Many others on the team worked multiple days and really helped with all the on-the-water activities.

Then there was the judging team, headed up by **Gail Bernstein**, who not only was out on the water every day, but spent many evenings with the judges and jury making decisions or setting up requirements for the events. Gail was also instrumental in finding housing for all 17 of the judges and umpires. Many Thanks to Gail for her tireless efforts.

Other supporters like **Ray Shull, Wade Bingaman, Bonner Cordell, Robert Anderson, John Bartlett** and a local neighbor **Pat Scott** provided boats and jet skis along with doing race committee. AYC only has six of its own boats and I really thank them for contributing their time and boats.

We had eight club members who provided housing for different teams and judges for the 10 days of the event and our thanks goes out to all of you, as it really helped keep costs down and actually allowed some teams to come and compete.

One special thanks goes out to our **local Boy Scouts** who did two days of clean up of the grounds before and after the event as a thank you for our supporting their one day of sail training towards earning a merit badge.

A special thanks to Lakeside Marine, lead by **Rand Forrest**, who helped us by providing marks and moving the training facility out to the end of the docks. That made the team rotations quicker and provided a platform for the judges to hold protests, and the TV crews a station to view the on-the water action. If you would like to see some of the videos, you can Google ICSA Nationals where you can view some of the different events, produced by **Chris Love Productions**. You can also view his filming of the Team Racing on the ICSA website. Additionally, ESPN and **Gary Jobson** filmed the Co-Ed Racing that is aired on ESPN. Last but not least, our own photographers, **Bruce McDonald and Bill Records**, have lots of pictures available – send them an email for more information.

A special thanks to **Bruce McDonald** for designing the coveted hat you see some of us wearing (logo at the top of this article) as volunteers who contributed to the event. I know I missed a few, like supporters who provided funding to purchase the boats and I did not list all the names of those who helped, but hopefully if you see someone with one of these special hats you will tell them "thank you!" for supporting the Club.

So the bottom line is ... from the visitors who attended we received comments like: "One of the best run regattas they have been to"; "The hospitality was fantastic"; "They really enjoyed their visit to Austin and the Yacht Club and look forward to coming back"; "This was the second best Nationals ICSA has attended, only followed by the first having been hosted at AYC in 2005"; "The ICSA National Committee looks forward to coming back to AYC in 2019".

A special *Thank You* to the **AYC Board of Directors** for hosting the 2012 ICSA Nationals; to all the **UT Sailing Team** for their tireless efforts and outstanding performance in organizing and running the event and to **all the volunteers** who helped makes this truly an event that AYC can be proud of.



Commodore Brinkmann,

I am writing to thank you for the lovely Austin Yacht Club burgee, which is being mounted in our Sailing Center to serve as inspiration for our junior sailors. We exchanged burgees with your Club thanks to the sailing prowess of a young lady by the name of Kate Canty. Kate learned to sail here in Edgartown, became a junior instructor herself for several years, and went on to sail at Georgetown. I understand you hosted the ICSA National Championship this year, and Kate and her fellow Hoyas took top honors.

In addition to her sailing talent, Kate is a Biology major who will be starting medical school in August. She was honorable mention Academic All American last year, All American this year, and a strong candidate for Academic All American this year as well. Her dedication to both her sailing team and her academic career is a source of pride for all of us at the EYC, and an inspiration for our Junior sailing program. Texas is a long way from Edgartown, and your distinctive burgee will help give our Juniors reason to aim higher.

Should any cruisers or racers from the Austin Yacht Club find themselves in these waters, please know you are welcome to visit us here at the Edgartown Yacht Club.

Sincerely,

*Ned Brooks
Commodore
Edgartown Yacht Club
Edgartown, MA 02539*

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WOMEN'S RACING



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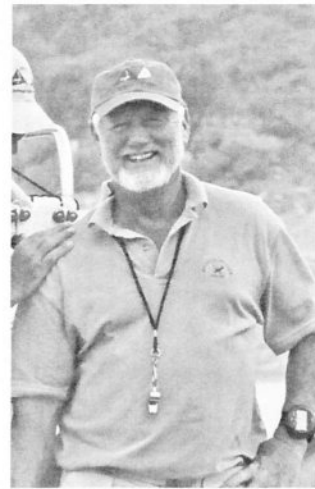




2012 ICSA COLLEGE NATIONALS

Thanks, Vic!

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TEAM RACING



Ensign Fleet Update

by Bill Hawk



Summer's heat set in early on the Ensign Fleet this year. The fleet was reasonably well represented at the Saturday afternoon Summer Series, but not by the same boats every week. **Danny Lien** managed to hold on for a first place finish on Gravy Boat, well deserved due to his reeling off a string of victories for the first three weeks of the series. **Tom Groll** on NoName was a distant second, followed by **Hap Arnold** and **Tom Romberg** on Eagle. Dos Locos, Festina Lente, and Prime Time all appeared for some of the weekend racing but could not maintain

sufficient momentum to rise in the rankings. A seventh boat showed up to race the last week of the series but was not scored because she did not register on the website prior to the race.

The Ensign fleet hosted a Full Moon Sail-Around and Potluck for its members on July 7. Racers included: **Bill, Kelly, and Erin Hawk** on the Prickly Pair; **Danny and Norma Lein** along with **Gordon and Candace Miller** on Gravy Boat; **Doug Laws, Randolph Bertin** and guest on Avalon; **Tom Groll and his nephew, Wes** on Caroline, and **Jonathon and Tamara Baker** with guests on Seagull.

The unorthodox sailing rules rewarded the 3rd boat across the line with the first place trophy, and the 5th boat across the line with 2nd place. A tricky diversion at the finish line allowed Prickly Pair to cross the line 3rd, and **Doug Laws** sailed across the finish line at 5th, thus allowing them to take first and second respectively. Water balloons, assault water guns, and buckets of flying water made the race an exciting challenge for all. After the race, a festive crowd including the racers, **the Wilsfords, the Rombergs, Kelly Groll and her brother and nephew, and the Bertin family** enjoyed a potluck and moonlight swim down at the Junior Pavilion.

J/24 Update

by David Broadway

The 4th stop of the 2012 J/24 Texas Circuit Regatta was held at Corpus Christi YC on June 9-10. AYC J/24 Fleet road warriors comprised four of the 11 entries including **John/Meiling Parker** (Free Spirit), **Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás** (ayeBoat), **Dr. Gamble** (Ohh Ahh), and **David Broadway** (Superman).

Wind conditions were light to start on Saturday but increased as the sea breeze built. **Dr. Gamble's** 7th place finish moved him into 5th place overall on the Circuit to date, only one point out of 4th place, with three regattas to go.

With a break in the Circuit activity for July/August, the diehards were not sitting still. **Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás** put together an ayeBoat entry in the



2012 J/24 US National Championship at Dillon, CO. **Pat Caughey** did foredeck on **Charlie Singstad's** Code Blue while **Tom Lappin** raced on **Bryan Dyer's** Rum Line. Reports of the conditions on Lake Dillon indicated Lake Travis sailors have very mild oscillations/velocity

changes relative to sailing at 9,000' MSL. One of the oscillations caused a logjam of six boats between the weather mark and the offset with ayeBoat in the middle of the bunch. Jorge has all the details and the video taken with a camera installed on the stern rail.

The Dog Days and Late Summer Series will bridge the gap until the J/24 Circuit resumes September 22-23 at the Houston YC One Design Regatta.

Keel Fleet Update

by JoAnn Welles

Summer is definitely here! We've finished the Summer Series and the 2012 Independence Cup, and the Dog Days Series is soon to start.

Beer Cans are in full swing. Thanks go to **Brent and Jen Schwan** cooking the early part of June, and **Claude and JoAnn Welles** along with **Barry Bowden** for cooking the 2nd half. July's cooks are **Tom and Kelly Groll**; they are planning some surprises as far as food. Come on out – the lake's accessible for most boats and the Beer Can course is free of major obstacles.

INDEPENDENCE CUP REGATTA

Bruce McDonald was the regatta chair for Independence Cup. He planned a great regatta, provided sought-after trophies (duffle bags that will last a long time, and rum that probably won't!), wind and even a somewhat cool day. He had a wonderful supporting cast. **Bill Benker** provided the barbecue for about 125 hungry sailors, crew, and family. **Larry Ratliff** did scoring, made more complicated by the need to calculate an overall Spinnaker winner for the Independence Cup. **JoAnn Welles** did registration along with **Letitia Stivers**. Rob Stivers did his normal expert job in recruiting helpers, approving expenses and generally helping out.

Independence Cup had 28 entrants, with most in Spinnaker. That's because **Jim Johnstone**, the PRO, recruited heavily from Non-Spin! Thanks to Jim and all of you who did race committee. You provided excellent courses – just long enough to be fun and short enough to miss the blast of wind that came in just after everyone finished. **Jin Johnstone** and **Deborah Mathison** took some great pictures that are in this Telltale. **Bruce McFarland**, with his patriotic spinnaker, was featured in several of these.



Justin and John Burke

The results were as follows:

The fastest corrected Spinnaker boat was **John Burke** in his Southcoast 21, and the fastest Non-Spinnaker boat was **Hugh Robertson**, in, you guessed it, his Southcoast 21. In fact, the first four boats corrected were Southcoasts --- hmmm. These two winners will have their names engraved on the Independence Cup.

In Spinnaker A, **Claude Welles** in his J80, Jackrabbit, timed over **Bridgitte Rochard** in her Melges 24, Coyote. **Matt**

Romberg in his J29, Imagine, came in 3rd.

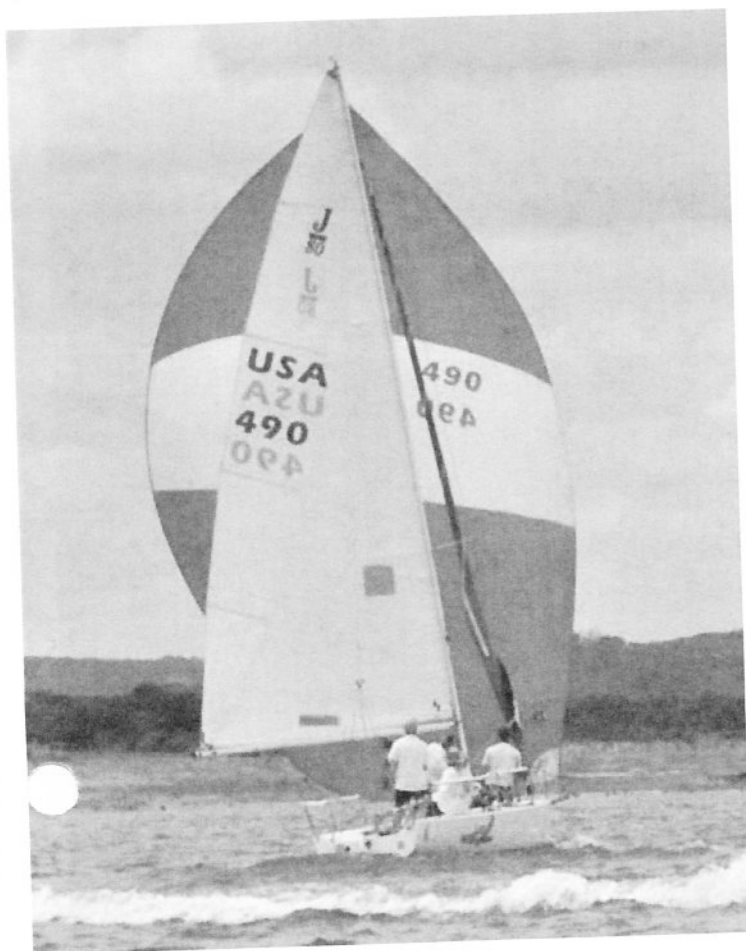
In Spinnaker B, **Renee Ruais** led the other J22s to come in first, with **Bruce Uphaus** in 2nd and **Chris Dwight** in 3rd.

In Spinnaker C, **John Burke** led the aforementioned Southcoasts in 1st, with **Scott Walsh** in 2nd and **Bob Musselman** in 3rd.

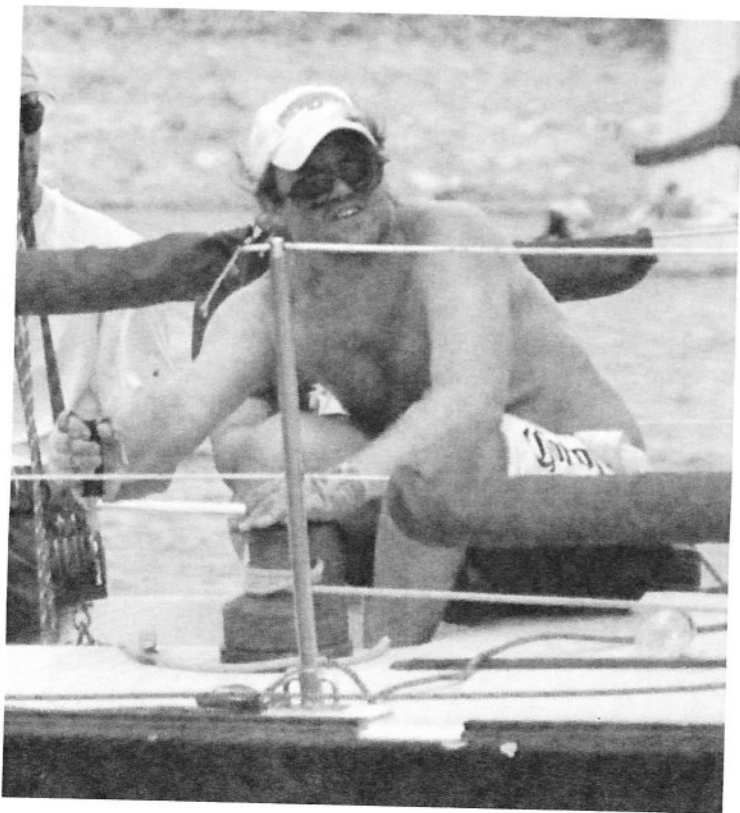
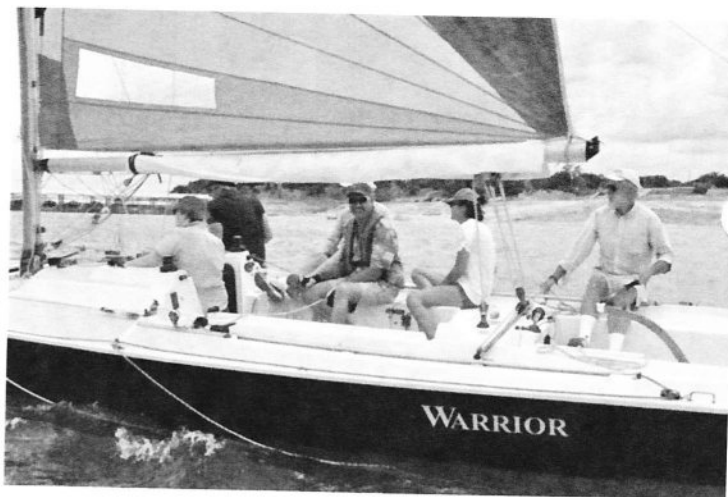
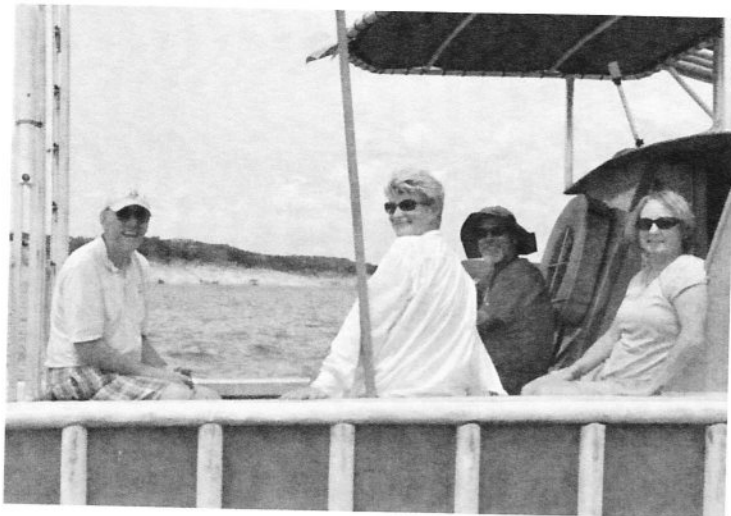
In Non-Spinnaker, **Hugh Robertson** came in 1st, followed by **Damon Galloway** in Over Keel in 2nd and **John Vance** in 3rd in his Catalina 22. Good to see you out sailing, John!



Independence Cup Regatta
 Photos by Deborah Mathison

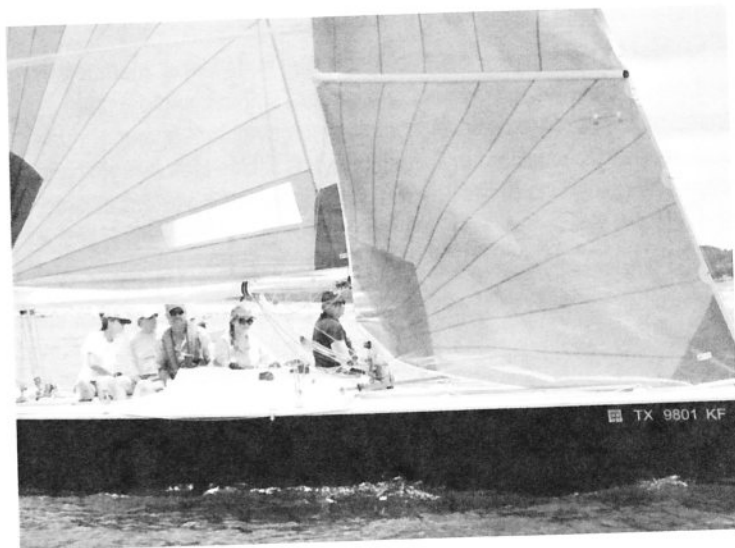
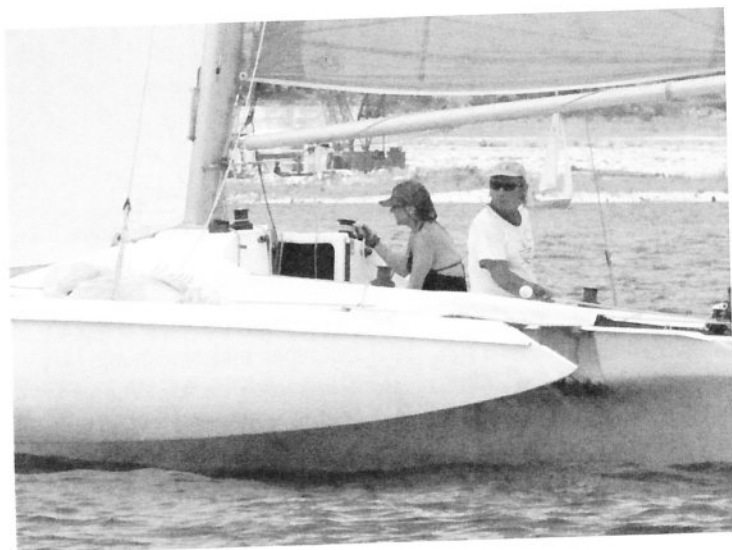


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Independence Cup Regatta
 Photos by Jim Johnstone



From the Desk of the GM

by Steve Hawks



Welcome to AYC, Jackie Wheelless!

Over the past month activity at the club has been hectic. The month began with **Pam Radebaugh**, our Bookkeeper, resigning in mid May after four years at AYC. After an intensive search, **Jackie Wheelless** was interviewed by several Board members and myself and was offered the job, which she accepted.

Jackie has a strong background in bookkeeping and customer service. Through a brief intensive training program which included some time spent with Pam (prior to her leaving) and **Pat Manning**, the major responsibilities of the job were covered.

In her first 30 days on the job, Jackie has had to do billing, membership and harbor changes, provide accounting for Turnback and get up to speed on the college nationals in addition to going through our annual audit review. No small order. Throughout it all Jackie took everything in stride and got the job done. She definitely displayed a positive attitude and a strong willingness to help where needed.

AYC is fortunate indeed to have Jackie on the job and I would encourage members to stop by the office the next time you are at the club and say hi.

Welcome New Members

Robert Young, Returning Senior
Gordon Miller, Senior Probationary
Kevin Fort, Young Adult Probationary
Brianna McKinney, Associate Probationary
Bryan Leasure, Associate Probationary
Marshall Cothran, Associate Probationary

Social Committee Update

by Susie McDonald

June was a busy month for the social committee!

Potluck Dinner and Ice Cream Social

The annual Potluck Dinner and Ice Cream Social took place on June 16. Once again, it was an excellent way to showcase the Summer End-of-Series banquet and awards ceremony. The event was well-attended and everyone had a great time. (I think the potluck gets better every year!)

Special thanks to **Tommy Gairloff** and **Linda Firestone** for delicious frozen concoctions, the fabulous decorations – *and the band!* Tommy and Linda's friends – **the Bill Oliver Band** – provided musical entertainment for the night.

Casino Night

AYC's summer party on June 23 had a Casino Night theme this year and was held in the clubhouse, which was a welcome escape from the 108 degree heat. The party featured professional gaming equipment and dealers, Las Vegas-style decorations, beer, wine and champagne, and a beautiful heavy hors d'oeuvres feast from Central Market catering.

No real money changed hands but you'd never know it from the party-goers' level of enthusiasm. Each attendee was given a ticket worth \$5,000 and a door prize coupon as he or she signed in. The tickets were exchanged for chips at the Blackjack, Roulette and Texas Hold 'Em tables. At the end of the evening, each partier turned in chips for raffle tickets and all the raffle tickets were put into one container for the drawing. The more you won, the more raffle tickets you got, and the better your chance for winning.

Five door prizes – \$10 gift certificates for West Marine and Whataburger – were given out through the evening. The raffle prizes included three sizes of duffle bags from Bartlett Sails (thank you, **John Bartlett!**), a bottle of Mount Gay Rum, a gift certificate from West Marine, a framed etching by club member **Carolyn Marshall** and a bottle of Patron tequila.

Dog Days Post-Race Dinners

Dog Days dinners are planned for the next few weeks, with the End-of-Series banquet and awards presentation to be held on August 11.

Social committee duties will pick back up on September 16 after the second race of the Late Summer Series. Remember, race #1 social activities are fleet do-it-yourself events.

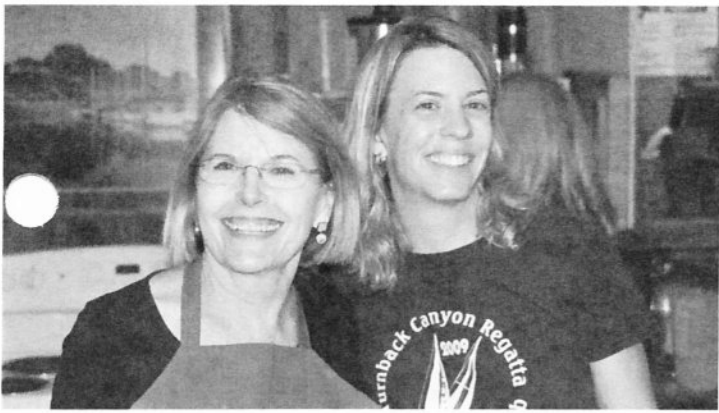
Thank You to the Social Committee and the AYC Staff

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the social committee members for all their hard work. They put a lot of time and effort into activities we plan, and together, we love every minute! Thanks also to Steve, Tom and Jackie for their willingness to help with every crazy scheme we dream up.

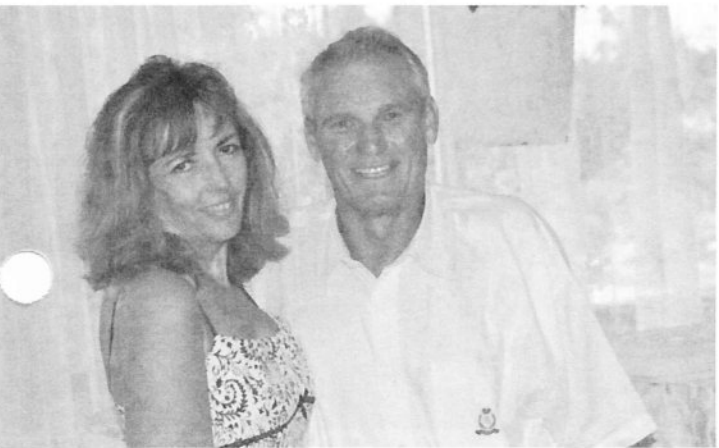
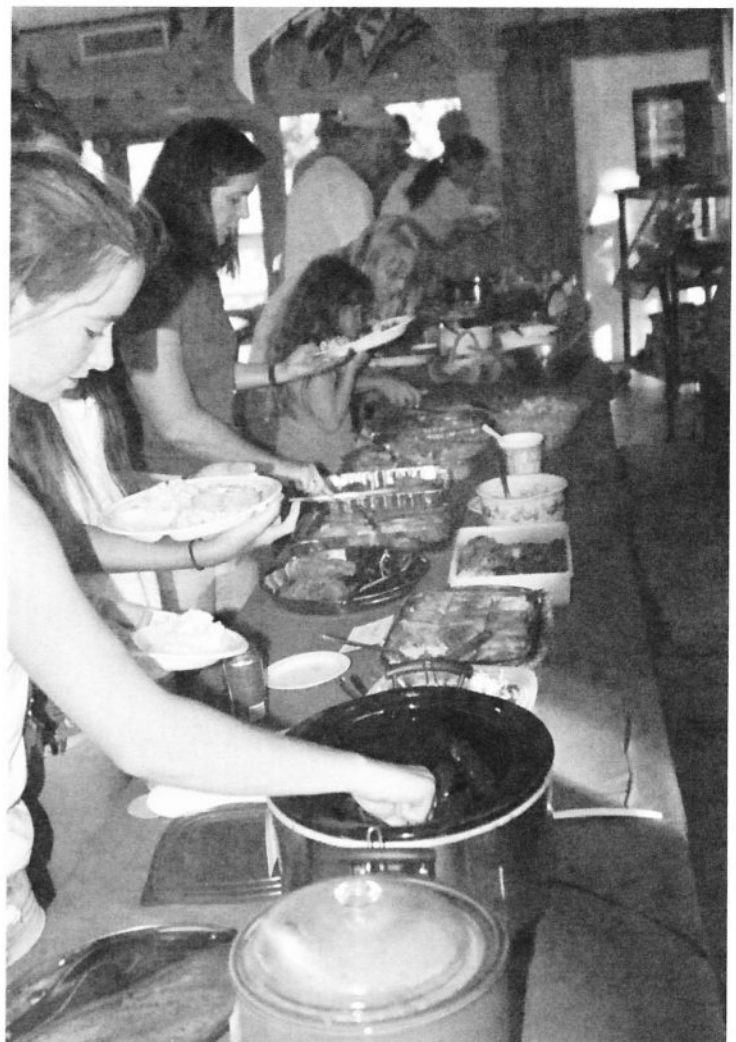
So come on out after the races and enjoy some great food and the opportunity to socialize with your fellow AYC members in the cool comfort of the clubhouse.

Enjoy the party photos on the next few pages and ...

See you in the kitchen!



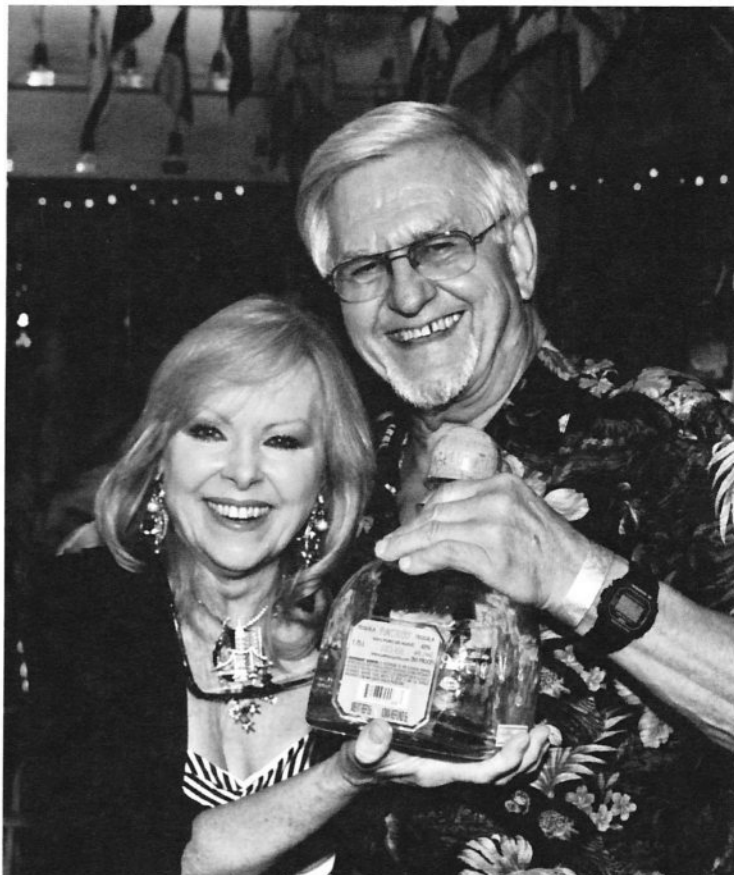
Potluck and Ice Cream Social
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Casino Party
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