



## The Dog Days are Over Hello Fall!

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Dog Days Series Race #2

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## AYC BUSINESS HOURS

Tuesday - Saturday 9:00A - 5:00P  
Sunday 1:00P - 5:00P

Closed Mondays  
Closed Club Holidays:

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## AYC 2012 RACE CALENDAR

Wednesday Nights	Laser/Sunfish Races	6:00p first signal
Friday Nights	Beer Can Races	6:30p (TIME CHANGE)
September 8	FJ Practice – Practice for those planning to compete in the Fleet Challenge	
September 9	Late Summer Series #1	1:30p (RC – Non Spin)
September 16	Late Summer Series #2	1:30p (RC – J/24)
September 22	AYC Fleet Challenge – 2nd Annual AYC Fleet Challenge	
September 23	Late Summer Series #3	1:30p (RC – Multihull)
October 6-7	Governor's Cup Regatta	

## AYC 2012 NON-RACING EVENTS

September 15	Keelboat Class	1:00p - 5:00p
September 16	Post-Race Food & Drinks in the Clubhouse After the Race	
September 23	Post-Race Food & Drinks in the Clubhouse After the Race	
September 27	AYC Board of Directors Meeting	7:30p
September 29-30	Boater Safety Classes	

Which AYC Fleet has the best sailors? Which AYC Fleet can organize the best team and successfully raise money for the AYC Fund? Here is your chance to find out!

## Saturday, September 22 – The AYC Fleet Challenge

Hello all! The 2nd Annual 2012 AYC Fleet Challenge is rapidly approaching. After the hugely successful inaugural event last year, we have decided to dedicate a full day to the event this year. Each AYC Fleet will be allowed an "A" and "B" Division skipper. A separate crew for each division is encouraged but not required. The Fleet Challenge will be an "intercollegiate" style event with very short courses held close to the end of the docks for optimum cheerleading and boat switching. We will have all 18 of the new FJs that were recently used for the Intercollegiate North American championship and we will work hard to utilize all 18 boats. After all of the fleets are properly represented, we will make room for a few Roadrunner teams, UT Sailing Team members and at-large entries.

Like last year, the fleet that is able to raise the most money above and beyond the \$200 entry fee will be awarded 1st place in the initial race. 2nd highest fund raising fleet will be awarded 2nd, and so on. We will run as many races as possible until 4:00 and afterwards we will have beer, wine and snacks and we will recognize the top fleets.

Once again, the proceeds from the event will benefit the AYC Fund and its support for sail training, racing and education here in Texas. At the most recent AYC Board Meeting, the AYC Board unanimously agreed to create a permanent, full time director of sail training position. **Kate Noble** who has done an amazing job running the program on a part time basis will become the director. The AYC Fund was instrumental in helping make this position a reality by dedicating supplemental funding for the next three years. With Kate's lead, we hope to be able to expand the PB&J program, the Roadrunner practices and racing, adult sail training, advanced racing clinics and AYC races utilizing the 18-boat FJ Fleet.

We need your help in continuing to strengthen the AYC Fund so we can make additional investments in initiatives to help sailing here in Central Texas. Last year, the AYC Fund raised over \$20,000 from the Fleet Challenge and we will work hard to see if we can exceed last year's raise.

Please reach out to your fellow fleet members and fleet captains and start organizing your team. A practice session will be held on Saturday, September 8 (see AYC web site link for registration). We will run a clinic on boat handling and short course racing tactics.

You can register and process donations two ways. You can send individual checks made payable to the AYC Fund, % Scott Young, P.O. Box 5338, Austin, TX 78763. Please clearly note on the check if the payment is for registration or for an additional donation and which fleet should receive recognition for the contribution. You can also go online to the Austin Community Foundation (<http://www.austincommunityfoundation.org/?nd=donate>) to donate). Scroll down the in the Category Section to the AYC Fund and be sure to indicate what fleet you represent on the comment line so we can properly credit your fleet.

Your commitment and generosity was instrumental in the purchase of the new FJ Fleet and this year we need your help replenishing the AYC Fund so we can continue to make investments in the future of our sport. Thank you for your help and we look forward to your participation on September 22!

Scott Young 512-589-1291

# 2ND ANNUAL FLEET CHALLENGE

SEPTEMBER 22, 2012

This year's event is again brought to you by: **THE AYC FUND**

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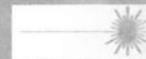
- Fleet vs. Fleet Racing in Club FJs
- Collegiate Style Short Courses
- A & B Divisions - Rotate sailors between races
- 1st Race Score Determined by Each Fleet's Donation Level to THE AYC FUND



WHICH FLEET WILL PREVAIL??



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## From The Commodore

by Johannes Brinkmann



### It's Fall, Go Sailing!

The kids are back in school, UT students have returned to campus and the traffic is awful! That surely means the wind will soon blow out of the north, and there are loads of great events on the AYC schedule to tap into that fall breeze. Wednesday Sunfish / Laser and Friday Beer Can racing continues, and the Late Summer

and Fall series will be sailed on Sunday afternoons. Centerboard Regatta takes place Labor Day weekend, followed by the AYC Fleet Challenge (Sept 22) and Governor's Cup Regatta (Oct 6&7). There are a multitude of training opportunities including the Fleet Challenge FJ practice (Sept 8), a Keelboat Class (Sept 15), boater safety classes (Sept 29 & 30), the Women's Sailing Camp (Oct 20) and ongoing Roadrunner junior practices on Thursdays and Saturdays.

At our August meeting, the AYC board approved the creation of a full time Sailing Director position at AYC. This huge step forward will bring continuity to our training programs and allow us to expand both adult and junior training. We know from experience that sail training is one of our best avenues to recruit new members, so this step is also very important to the long term growth of our club. For the last two years, **Kate Noble** has done an outstanding job with sail training on a part time basis. Please join me in welcoming her as a full time member of the AYC staff this fall.

Through its generous financial support, the AYC Fund was instrumental in making the Sailing Director position possible. The upcoming Fleet Challenge is the AYC Fund's primary fundraiser this year. You can participate by donating to support your fleet's team, cheering them on at the challenge, sailing an FJ in the challenge, or all of the above. Last year's Challenge was both a great time and an effective fundraiser for the AYC Fund. Now it's time to see if the Ensign fleet can stay on top of the heap for another year!

11 new members joined AYC in August. Please join me in welcoming these folks to our club. Also, after much discussion and input from members and the Long Range Planning committee, the board has asked me to work with the UT Sailing Club to finalize an agreement, subject to board approval, for the UTSC to join AYC. I will be working with the UTSC and UT Rec Sports in the coming weeks to accomplish this.

It seems early, but it's already time to start thinking about Perpetual Awards, board member nominations and marking the calendar for this year's annual banquet (Dec 7). Jan Thompson has volunteered to head up the nominating committee for perpetual awards, and there is a nomination form in this month's Telltale for you to provide input. Also, if you are interested in serving on the AYC board next year, or you would like to nominate someone to do so, please contact Past Commodore **Jim Tillinghast** at: [membership@austinyachtclub.net](mailto:membership@austinyachtclub.net).

This July, while our son Patrick was on a National Park road trip, my wife Liza and our daughters Monika and Robin had a wonderful adventure visiting friends, the Rusts, who are on an assignment in Malaysia. We also chartered a Moorings catamaran with them in Phuket, Thailand. What an amazing and beautiful place to sail! It occurred to me several times on that trip, that of the many things my parents have given me, the love of sailing is certainly one of my most treasured!

See you on the water!

## Harbor Commander Report

by Jon Nash



There are always a great number of opinions among any group of enthusiasts, but all of us can agree that we prefer our boats to be where we left them when we return. With that in mind, here are some suggestions on how to properly secure your boat to our docks.

First, get the right dock lines. Nylon is the best material for dock lines because it is very strong, holds up well to UV, and stretches under load. Unlike much of the running rigging on your boat, stretch is very important for dock lines. The stretch in a nylon line provides a shock absorber as the dock and boat move with the waves. And with the big power boats on Lake Travis, we can get some sizable wave action.

Nylon dock lines are available in 3-strand and double braided constructions, both of which are less expensive than most other synthetics on the market. Double braided lines have a smooth look and feel that makes them easier to handle and less prone to hockle (tangle). They do not stretch as much as 3-strand and are more expensive. They are also somewhat stronger than 3-strand lines, but are more prone to abrasion.

Polypropylene should be avoided for permanent dock lines, even though it is often marketed specifically for dock lines. Polypropylene is more prone to break down from UV and is not as strong as nylon. The fact that it floats can be an advantage for dry sailers who will only be using the line for a very short time.

Permanent dock lines should be checked for chafe regularly and always benefit from chafe protection. This means leather, rubber, or fabric chafe gear where the line passes through the chocks, and possibly a chafe sleeve on the eye where it goes around the cleat.

As a guideline, for boats below 25' use at least 3/8" diameter line and for boats above 25' use at least 1/2" line.



## 2012 Perpetual Award Nominations

You may nominate a whole slate or a single category – the most important thing is to turn in your nominations. Please return this nomination form to the AYC office by mail, fax (512) 266-9804, or by emailing to Johannes Brinkmann at commodore@austinyachtclub.net by October 15, 2012. Feel free to include any additional information that is relevant to your nomination.

**Jimmy B. Card Memorial Trophy:** To the Club senior sailor, new to the sport. This trophy is to recognize the beginning sailor who enthusiastically, bravely, and with a real zest and enjoyment for life becomes a reasonably competitive sailor in their first or second year of sailing.

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

**Max White Memorial Trophy:** To the Club senior member for outstanding service to the Club in the past year. This trophy should be awarded to the individual who has given freely and unselfishly of their time and/or talents over and above what might otherwise have been necessary or expected of them.

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

**"Salt of the Austin Yacht Club:** To the Club senior sailor who has exhibited enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and a competitive zeal over a period of time, and has a quality of life that can be admired by all.

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

## Race Commander Report by Barry Bowden



It has been another quiet month at Lake Wobegone ... oops ... Lake Travis. The Dog Days Series lived up to its name with the first and last races lost with no wind and three races in the middle with slightly better winds. 45 boats sailed at least one race during the series.

The best racing continues to be on Wednesday night with Sunfish and Laser participation up to

15 boats per fleet and good winds.

Beer Can races have also suffered from lack of wind on at least two Fridays.

As I write this, the next event on the schedule is the Centerboard Regatta on September 1 and 2. **Vic Manning** is the regatta chairman. This is a Laser District event and also an event that should have good Sunfish participation. Spend the Labor Day weekend at the lake and enjoy a good regatta.

Planning for the upcoming Governors Cup in October has begun.

## Sail Training Report by Jenny Loehlin



The big news in Sail Training is that the Board voted to hire a full-time Sailing Director to oversee both the junior and adult programs. This is a very exciting development for our club. Thanks to the AYC Fund for helping out on the financial side. Come out for the Fleet Challenge on September 22 to support the fund and have a blast racing FJs!

Otherwise, things have been slow in August, due to the anticipated heat and lack of wind. The final PB&J sessions for the year wound up at the end of the month, and the Opti practices have been happening as the weather allows. There will be an adult beginner/intermediate keelboat class on September 15, and the women's sailing camp is scheduled for October 20. Registration is already open and this is always a fun event, so sign up if you qualify!

Personally, I've been enjoying a weekend camp cruise on Flagstaff Lake in Maine with friends and their Hobie 16. We didn't see any



Photo by Jenny Loehlin

other sailboats – the launch situation is challenging, Maine being largely composed of rocks and trees – but we had nice wind for a good part of the sailing, and very light breeze when we had the boat in close to the island we camped on for loading and unloading, and beautiful clear weather.



Photo by David Price

*Our launch situation is challenging when the lake is low, but our rocks are softer, and the wind picked up later, in time for some exciting reaches and an interesting landing and retrieval.*

## Roadrunner Update by Kate Noble

We had another highly successful summer of junior sailing at AYC. Over 100 sailors ages 4 to 10 participated in 2012's PB&J, which wrapped up on August 25. It is truly one of the high points of AYC Sail Training and I look forward to coaching again next summer. Thank you to **John Morran and Doug Kern** for your PB&J wisdom and continued support of the program. I also want to thank everyone who assisted me in coaching during July and August: **Stefan Froelich** and junior coaches **Ben Froelich, Ethan Froelich and Alex Roebuck** in July and **Jennifer Loehlin** and junior coaches **Will Abrams, Jules Bettler, Charles Larrouilh and Sam Hollenbeck** in August.

We have had a record turnout at Thursday evening's Basics & Beginner's class as several PB&J participants have graduated into AYC student members. The group is working on building their confidence single-handing Optis and mastering the skills necessary to move up to the Green Fleet – most recently, we have been working on jibing and boat balance.

The Green Fleet has not been lucky with the weather! Several light days have ended in kinetic races and a summer storm forced us indoors mid-month. However, when the weather keeps us of the water, we have been using the time to discuss more advanced concepts, rules, and tactics.

Free Sail Sunday has been a big hit all summer long. Roadrunners and AYC families are welcome to come on down to the Pavilion on Sunday afternoons (weather and AYC calendar permitting) between 1:00 and 4:00. All of our Sailing Training boats

(Optis, Picos, Lasers, Sunfish, and FJs) are available for checkout during that time. As Free Sail continues to grow, I am looking for volunteers to help me assist with rigging, launching, instruction, etc. Please let me know if you are interested!

Away from AYC, Roadrunner sailors have made us proud this summer! **Meredith and Michael Morran** traveled over 6,000 miles to compete in their 420 internationally in August. They finished 4th out of 30 boats in the C420 Canadian Nationals in Halifax, Nova Scotia and 10th out of 105 boats at the CORK International Regatta in Kingston, Ontario. An impressive job well done!

After a busy summer, the Pavilion and Sail Training boats were in need of some TLC. Thank you to the Roadrunners, families, and members who came out to help with the Sail Training work party on August 26. We had a huge turnout and thanks to everyone's enthusiasm and hard work, we were able to accomplish a lot. A special thank you to those who donated new equipment: the **Morran family** for their gift of two new Pico rudders, the **Froelich family** for new Opti air bags, and **John Bartlett** for his extremely generous donation of ten brand new Opti sails.

As the summer winds down, the Roadrunners are looking forward to a busy September schedule. We will have an Opti start in the Centerboard Regatta and Roadrunner participation in the 2nd annual Fleet Challenge. On the recreational side of things, Free Sail Sunday will continue to be open throughout the fall. In addition to the Thursday evening Basics & Beginners and Saturday afternoon Green Fleet practice, we will be introducing a new junior sailing practice session on September 8. The new practice, which will be held on Saturday afternoons from 4:00-6:30, will be geared toward middle school and high-school aged sailors who have outgrown the Opti. The practice will utilize Sail Training's fleet of Sunfish, Lasers, and FJs. If you are interested in participating in or helping out with this practice or any other Roadrunner sailing event, please contact me at [jrcoach@austinyachtclub.net](mailto:jrcoach@austinyachtclub.net).



Photo by John Morran

Meredith and Michael Morran sail their 420 in Halifax

## Rylander Pavilion

"Home of the AYC Roadrunners"



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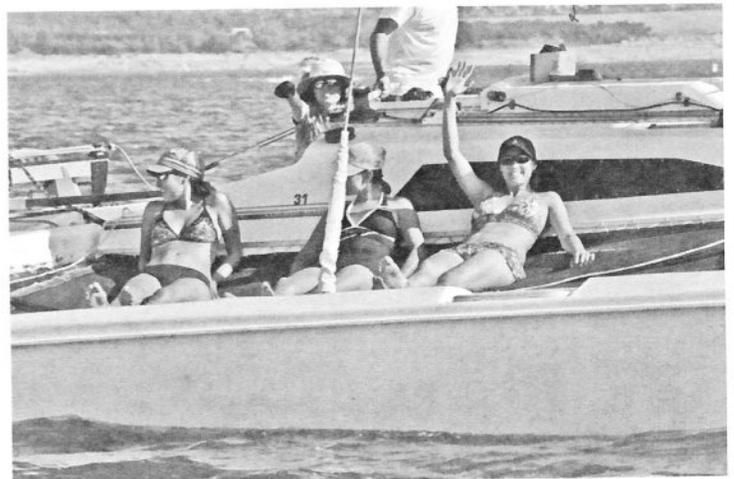
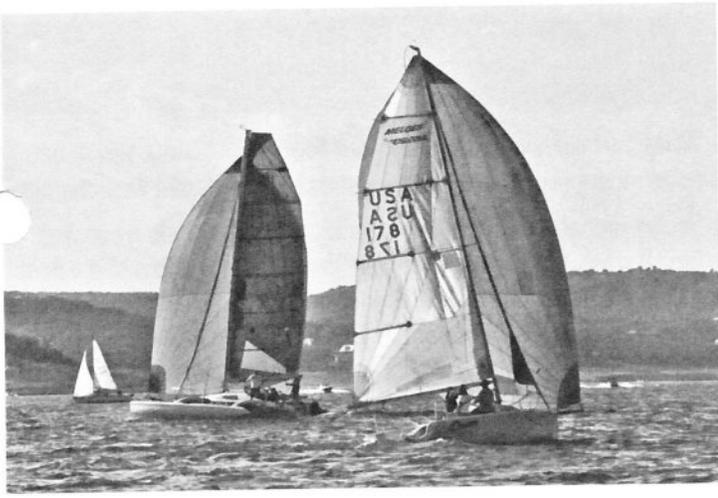


Photo by Stephanie Froelich



**DOG DAYS** What there was, was good...  
Photos by Bruce McDonald





## J/24 Fleet Update

by David Broadway

The fleet is growing! On the heels of **John/Meiling Parker's** purchase last Fall of the J/24 Free Spirit, new AYC members **Vicente/Pearl Saborio** recently purchased a J/24. They intend to be active both in the AYC Series racing and on the J/24 TX Circuit Regatta. **Vicente**, also a rock climber, already has had six of his rock climbing friends out practicing as his new crew. **John Parker** organized several practice sessions with Vicente and his crew.



With the help of **Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás**, **John Parker** recently welded enhancements to his trailer for a tool box and pneumatic tire jack on the trailer tongue. If you need anything welded onto your J/24 trailer, contact John or Jorge to join the next welding party.

While the water level is too low to launch on the N. ramp, the wet-sailed J/24s are being generously shared to keep the fleet active both for the local racing and to practice for the upcoming J/24 TX Circuit Regatta events. With three 2012 J/24 Circuit stops to go, **Doc Gamble's** Ohh Ahh team is in 5th place. The 2012 standings will tighten up soon! The J/24 Circuit resumes September 22-23 at the Houston YC One Design Regatta.

Five of the J/24 fleet boats raced in the recent AYC Dog Days Series with the **Parkers'** Free Spirit continuing to move up the leader board with a 3rd place standing, just two points behind **Stephen Burke's** Out of Control in 2nd place. **David Broadway's** Superman team won the series by just two points.

## C22 Fleet Update

by Wade Bingaman

While the lake level is dropping, our fleet is still sailing. We've had three recent events and each one has had a different fleet champion. You've probably heard that the Turnback Regatta was a success (and it was), but you may not have heard that the C22s had a fleet racing and that **Johannes Brinkmann** was the champ. The awards ceremony was a bit awkward though, as he, the Commodore, was handing out trophies. Kinda like Cesar crowning himself.

The Summer Series had a good turnout with six boats competing. **Ted and Barb Owens** took first place. Barb didn't even get knocked off the boat this time.

Finally in the Dog Days Series, there was not much racing because of weather and our fleet race committee duties, but **Joe Roddy** came out on top with two bullets. **Brett Wilson** has been racing Beer Can every Friday. He wants some other C22s to come out and enjoy the evening. He secretly thinks the fleet is afraid to race him. There are plenty of Fridays left to see if that's correct.

The Late Summer Series is probably miss-named as it starts September 9. But anyway, it's time to sign up online if you intend to race in this series. Remember, thanks to the AYC Board, we now have a "low-low" water launch ramp that we can use. If you are worried that because your vehicle is too small, or whatever, you would be unable to use the ramp, contact me. I will be glad to volunteer my truck, and if I am unavailable, we'll find someone to launch you.

As always the fleet has upcoming party plans. A raft-up is planned this fall. The date is to be decided, but we are waiting for a little cooler weather to make the event more comfortable. It will likely be held after one of the Summer Series races. If you are interested, stay in touch with **John Grzinich**, as he is coordinating this event.

Finally the Christmas Party has been set for Saturday, December 15 at the clubhouse. I know it's just the end of the summer, but since the club calendar was starting to fill up, we went ahead and reserved that date. It will be another great party: food, blackjack, Shoal Brothers, and prizes. So mark the date on your calendar. No excuse that you already had plans for that evening.

# Ensign Fleet Update

by Randolph Bertin

## Dog Days

The Ensign Fleet drew Race Committee Duty for the opening of the Days Series. It was hot and still, and the forecast was for more of the same. But sometimes a late afternoon breeze will drift in and provide just enough motivation to hold a race. So we (I'm sorry to say at this point that I can't recall who "we" included, but it was probably the usual fleet suspects, plus a new AYC member, **Gordon Miller**, so thanks to all of you who made the effort to represent our fleet) checked the gear bags, loaded up the coolers and took the RC and chase boats out ... to the end of the dock at the end of the point. We would postpone on the water, giving us an opportunity to start a race without a lengthy delay should we be so lucky.

A few ripples appearing on the surface gave us reason to migrate toward open water, at least as open as we could find given the current lake level. About five knots from some direction or other (and not always the same one, of course) meant it would be a good idea to set a start line and marks for the weather and leeward ends of the course. There were a couple of sailboats that followed us out there, wondering just what we were up to, but the rest of the club wasn't buying it. They were either at the docks, making a half-hearted attempt to rig their boats, or just hanging out under the club house.

We gave it our best effort, and tried to coax something that might pass for sailing conditions, but luck wasn't with us. Five knots faltered down to three, eventually dissipating to one or two. Or maybe you'd say that luck was with us, for who would really have wanted to sail in those conditions?

The next several weeks provided somewhat better conditions, certainly enough to actually race, though one of those weeks we delayed for about an hour before getting started, allowing a more steady breeze to establish itself. **Jonathan Baker** was out regularly on J. Seagull working to get ready for the upcoming Ensign Nationals and sailed variously with different crew members who would be sailing with him. **Randolph** was breaking in some new crew on Festina Lente and for most of the series lacked a starboard bench, and spent most of the time bringing up the rear of the fleet. The **Liens** were out of town quite a bit and Gravy Boat didn't race at all. Otherwise, Eagle, Prime Time, Medley of Vegetables and Prickly Pair all put in appearances in addition to the aforementioned boats. Results? J. Seagull edged out Eagle for top honors, but all of us enjoyed being on the water, in spite of the heat.

## Looking Ahead

The Late Summer Series commences on September 9, with three consecutive weeks of racing, followed by a break for Governor's Cup and a delayed return for the finale on October 14. Perhaps it will be a little cooler, at least part of the time. It is supposed to cool off eventually around here, right? Either way, we hope to see a few more boats enjoy the sailing with us.

## Defending the Title

We had a number of AYC sailors/Ensign Fleet members participating in the 2012 edition of the Ensign National Championship Regatta. Winning in 2011, **Jonathan Baker** re-assembled the same team (**Tom Groll, Sarah and Eric Faust**) to ply their craft on Lake Superior, at Marquette Yacht Club on Michigan's Upper Peninsula. We were also represented by **George Dahmen**, who was crewing with a past National Champion sailor, and **Elliott Bray**, who was lending a hand with Race Committee. Look for a full report of this terrific event in next month's Telltale.

## More Ensign Fleet News

by Doug Laws

The most exciting news for our fleet has been the Ensign National Championship held on Lake Superior at Marquette, Michigan during August.

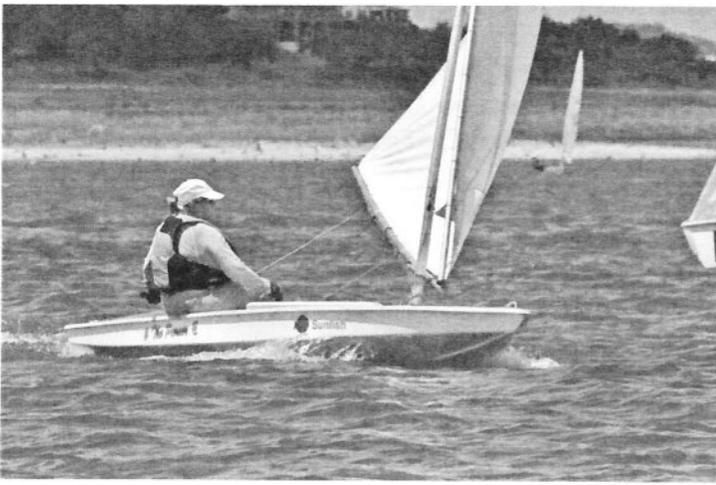
**Jonathan Baker and crew Tom Groll, Erick & Sarah Faust**, sailing in J. Seagull, are participating as defending 2011 champs. As of August 16 (date of this report), they were only one point out of 2nd. AYC is very well represented this year. **George Dahmen** is crewing for **Zeke Dureeka** (Ensign Spars) and they are in 7th place. It is my understanding that **Zeke and George** alternate at the helm. Last but not least, **Elliott Bray** is there as part of his annual summer vacation up north, and serving on race committee. I understand high temperatures are in the mid 70s.

As a fleet we need to thank **Tom Groll** for the beautiful wooden trophy case he built for the Ensign Championship trophy.

The Late Summer series had good participation, even with light winds and 100 degree plus temperatures. The best race days were races 5, 6, 7 and 8, with five boats participating and good, close racing. **Jonathan** of course, won the series.

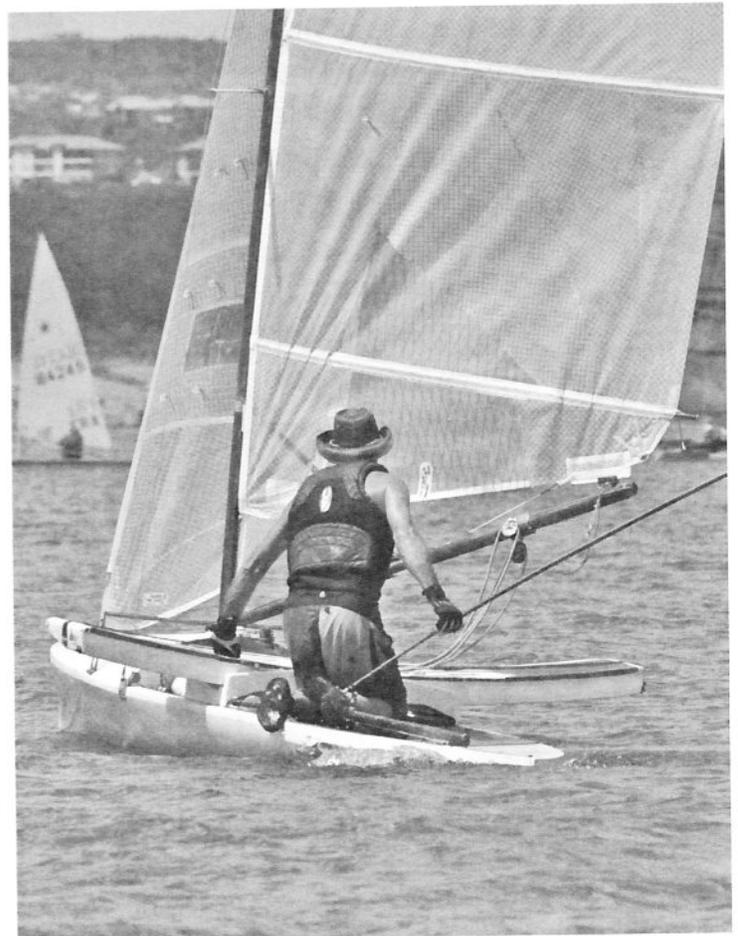
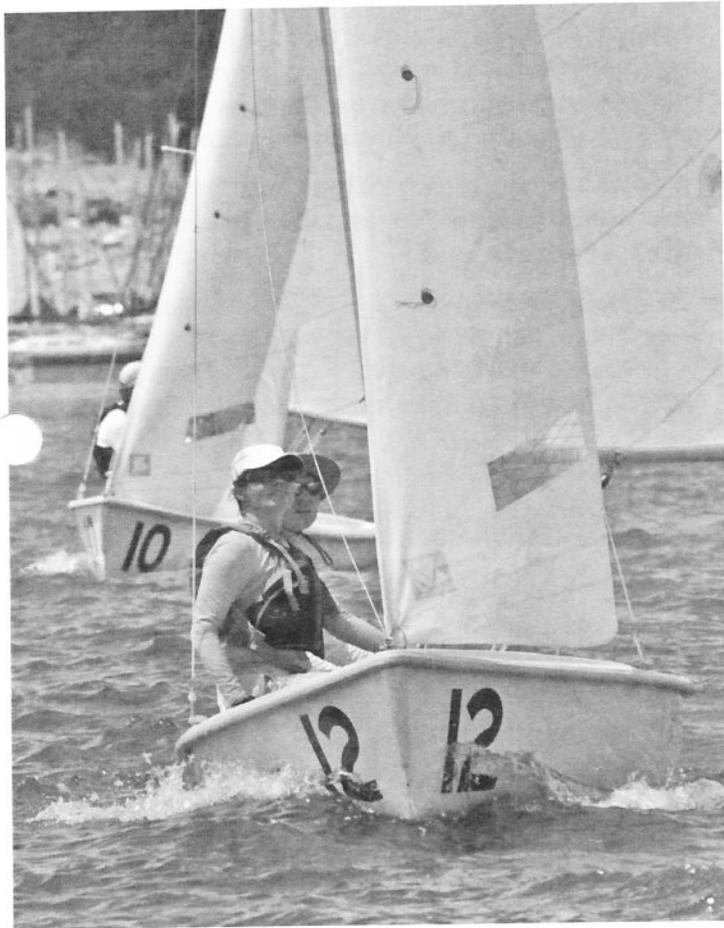
Ensign fleet had R/C duty on the first series race day and many thanks to all who turned out to help. Also thanks to **Danny** for the abandon flag at 5:30. No wind.

Cooler weather and Sunday racing coming soon. So come out and race, the lake is great, just stay outside the shallow marks. Don't forget the Governor's Cup regatta in October.





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## From the Desk of the GM

by Steve Hawks

It is the time of year when Summer starts to fade and Fall is on the way, and with Fall comes a busy time of year for AYC. Aside from the upcoming racing activity, there are many activities that need member attention and involvement.

It is time to begin thinking about who to nominate for the Perpetual Awards that are bestowed at the annual member dinner & dance on December 7. This fun event will once again be held at the Oasis. Additionally, the membership annual meeting is coming up in November.

For new members, this is the meeting when the Board of Directors is elected for the upcoming year. Additionally, the members may be called upon to vote on major policy and/or bylaw changes. So now is a good time to mingle and get to know other AYC members and the club in general so that you can cast your votes with knowledge and confidence.

Other activities coming up include numerous training opportunities, including the Women's Sailing Camp and the Keel Boat Class, just to name a few.

### Welcome New Members

Cedric Williams – Senior Probationary

Reese Rowan – Senior Probationary

Ansgar Chorhummel – Senior  
Probationary

Michael Rinebold – Senior Probationary

Vicente Saborio - Senior Probationary

Marshall Cothran – Associate  
Probationary

Andrew Butler – Student

Reece Butler – Student

Nikki Goodwin – Student

Nicholas Carew – Student

Erik Jensen - Student

## Social Committee Update

by Susie McDonald

The Dog Days Series was a challenge for sailors and for the social committee as well. It was hard to plan on a start time and number of meals for the post-race dinners when there was no wind, but maybe some wind coming, or maybe not, or definitely not. In any event, we did our best. We try hard to estimate the number of meals correctly and always feel sorry for the folks who come in after the food is gone. My only recommendation is to head to the clubhouse as soon as you can after the race if you are planning to have dinner.

For the Late Summer Series, we will serve food on September 16 (race #2), September 23 (#3) and October 14 (End-of-series). The September 16 spread will be appetizers only – so plan on the usual chips and queso, fruit, sausage and cheese and crackers, etc. This one will be a freebee. On September 23 we will be serving spaghetti and meatballs, caesar salad, garlic bread and some kind of yummy dessert. The October 14 meal will be jambalaya casserole with all the appropriate trimmings. Like I mentioned above, come up to the clubhouse as soon as you can after the race is over.

The social committee is really looking forward to the Fall Series – cooler weather puts us in the mood to cook and we plan to serve some fine Fall meals.

After that, our last event of the year will be the Annual Banquet – held at the Oasis – on December 7. Mark your calendars now and watch for an invitation in early November. Rumor has it there will be hotel rooms available by that time ... at least that's what they told us last year. More info to come.

See you in the kitchen!



# WE'RE WATCHING!



*Annie Frey exchanges burgees at Hilo Yacht Club during her recent vacation in Hawaii*

**Save the Date**

**FJ Practice Sept. 8**

**Keelboat Class  
Sept. 15**

**AYC Fleet Challenge Sept. 22**

**Governor's Cup Regatta  
Oct. 6-7**

**Annual Banquet  
Dec. 7**

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