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Patrick Reynolds takes a first for the Sunfish fleet in the Centerboard Regatta

Cover photo by Bill Records

3rd ANNUAL AYC FLEET CHALLENGE

Support your club. Make your pledge today!

The 3rd Annual AYC Fleet Challenge will be held on **Saturday, September 28 at the Rylander Pavilion at AYC**. The AYC Fund will again be hosting the event and we will be using the same format as last year with a few wrinkles thrown in to keep things interesting.

Each fleet is encouraged (but not required) to have an A & B Division skipper (a skipper and crew for each division is best) and we will have a **skippers' meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the Rylander Pavilion**. We will work to have as many short, inter-collegiate style races as possible until 4:00 p.m. We will provide Thundercloud subs for lunch and afterwards, we will have a party with food and adult beverages to announce the winners.



The J 80 Fleet accepting the Brinkmann / Bernstein AYC Fleet Challenge Perpetual Trophy at the 2012 AYC Annual Banquet

The minimum contribution amount from each fleet to participate will be \$200. It is our goal that we will use all 18 FJs with established AYC fleets receiving first priority and we will work to provide "at large" berths if we have slots available.

As we did last year, the fleet that raises the most money for the AYC Fund will be awarded 1st place in the "1st race". The team that raises the second most receives a 2nd, etc. The twist this year is that the highest fund raiser prior to the event will also receive the lowest point score for the final race but additional donations can be made up until 4:00 p.m. so that the outcome for the final race (and the regatta) could come down to the final fund raising push.

As you may know, the Ensign Fleet won the inaugural Fleet Challenge and the J 80 Fleet handily won last year's event. **Which AYC Fleet will get their name on the Brinkmann / Bernstein AYC Fleet Challenge Perpetual Trophy for 2013?**

The AYC Fund has successfully raised over \$20,000 each of the first two years from this event and this is the main fund raising opportunity for the AYC Fund each year. Without the generous support of the AYC fleets the past two years, the AYC Fund could not have provided the additional funding to help AYC create the position of Director of Sailing at AYC. Through the hiring of **Kate Noble**, AYC has been able to expand its sail training activities significantly and we have used these offerings to continue to grow the AYC membership, even during these times of historically low lake levels.

Please communicate with your fleet members and let's start the bidding! Please direct your pledges to your fleet captain or to me directly at scott@scottyoungprop.com. Fleet captains ... please keep me regularly updated with the pledges that you have received.

Contributions can be made in two ways: 1) A check payable to the AYC Fund with the fleet noted in the memo section of the check and mailed to the AYC Office at 5906 Beacon Drive, Austin TX, 78734 ... or 2) Through the Austin Community Foundation Website at www.austincommunityfoundation.org/ (Click on "Donate Now" and then scroll down to the Austin Yacht Club Fund. Please be sure to indicate which AYC fleet deserves the credit for the donation).

I will send out periodic updates to keep everyone apprised as to how the pledges are going. Please keep communicating with your fellow fleet members and keep each other regularly updated with how your fleet is doing.

Thank you all and I look forward to your help in making the 3rd Annual Fleet Challenge a huge success!

Scott Young

From The Commodore

by Christopher Dwight



Return of a Familiar Face

If you've been up to the AYC office in the past few weeks, you may recognize **Bob Woods** who has returned to AYC to once again serve as our General Manager. We are delighted to have Bob back in our office helping to ensure that your club functions efficiently and smoothly. Please join me

in welcoming Bob back to the AYC family.

2014 AYC Board Nominations

The nominations committee has received many excellent recommendations from the membership for the 2014 club officers. The committee, comprised of past commodores **Steve Eller, Jim Tillinghast and Johannes Brinkmann**, is preparing to report its nominations to the board at the September board meeting.

Perpetual Awards Nominations

Once again, **Jan Thompson** has agreed to head up the awards committee. There are seven perpetual awards to be made, with details on each award listed on a separate page in this Telltale newsletter. Pages will also be posted around the clubhouse. Please provide your input to both myself and Jan via email at jst2468@gmail.com and at commodore@austinyachtclub.net no later than October 15.

Racing

With the coming of a new school year and the first hints of fall weather, activity at your club is picking up. On the racing front, **Vic Manning** once again was the chairperson and driving force behind another successful Centerboard Regatta. With help from **Bill Hawk** and others, the club put on a solid event, even with low water and the usual fickle summer winds.

On Sunday, September 15 we kicked off the Late Summer Series, with the first gun at 1:30pm and the J/22 fleet providing RC duty. This is a four race series, with the final race being held on Sunday, October 13. Our Fall Series will start immediately thereafter, with the first race of the series being held on Sunday, October 20.

In addition to series races, the annual Governor's Cup Regatta is just around the corner, held on the weekend of October 5-6. The Notice of Regatta and a full agenda are available online at www.austinyachtclub.net.

Lastly, Wednesday night sunfish and laser races continue through September, and our Friday Night Beer Cans through October. There are plenty of opportunities to get your racing fix, be that on your own boat or, if land-locked by the drought, as crew on someone else's boat.

Sail Training

On the sail training front, there is also a tremendous amount of activity in the coming weeks. **Jenny Loehlin** has a busy training calendar lined up: Saturday, September 14 we hosted a Basic Keel Boat Clinic. The following weekend, on Saturday, September 20, we are hosting a Spinnaker Clinic

with instruction provided by **John Bartlett**. Registration for both events is available online.

In addition to clinics, our Junior Sailing program is seeing tremendous success this year under the leadership of **Kate Noble**. Kate is hosting practices on Fridays for beginners, and Saturdays for intermediate and advanced sailors, along with Sunday "free sail" days. The participation has been the best we have seen in years, and this function has been serving as a gateway to club membership, with many of the junior sailors and their families eventually joining AYC. Full details are available on the website – follow the link "Junior Sail Training" on the left side of the main AYC home page for more information.

Club Membership

On the membership front, we continue to see growth, with many of the new members being driven by the sail training and junior programs. This past month your board approved the addition of four new adult members and four new junior members. Under the leadership of **Johannes Brinkmann**, the membership committee has posted photos of new members over the beer cooler in the clubhouse. If you have not already, be sure to stop by and look at the photos so that you can recognize and extend your personal welcome the newest members of the AYC community. Also, check out the new member bios and photos in this issue of the Telltale.

Club Improvements

Lastly, you can continue to see improvements being made to your facility. In August, we completed a long overdue replacement of the clubhouse roof. With leadership from **John Saunders** and oversight provided by **Doug Casey**, the new roof was completed with several key improvements that should ensure the longevity and structural integrity of your clubhouse for years to come. This coming month we hope to complete another extension of the primary launch ramp. This investment will help to ensure low water access to our members for decades to come. Lastly, expect to see a new Dock 2 being delivered in coming weeks. **Jon Nash**, our Harbor Commander, will likely be calling on Dock 2 tenants and others to help with moving boats from the old dock to the new dock.

SAVE THE DATE

2013 Governor's Cup Regatta

Saturday and Sunday

October 5-6, 2013

Buildings & Grounds Report

by John Saunders



The roof on the clubhouse is finished. Deciding to preserve the mid-century architecture, the flat roof was retained. The final product is a very high quality roof. It has a 20-year warranty backed by Firestone. While a flat roof generally has very little insulating properties, the foam underlayment and white color of this one will reduce the heat load on

the clubhouse significantly.

The North Primary Ramp now has concrete poured to about 622 ft. elevation, slightly deeper than we originally planned for this step. The lake cooperated by receding another two or three feet during the project. Further work will clean up the area and haul off spoil.

The North Steel Ramp is a qualified success, and has been used by many. It is steeper than desired and with lower lake levels, has reached a point at which it must be improved. That will involve pulling it out, regrading the approach and supporting the outer end. We have found no location on the point which does not also involve a cliff-like drop off; therefore, will continue with this location and improve it.

As the lake has receded, the walks have been extended and will continue to be improved. The field of stumps is once again a factor. Seemingly only an eyesore, as the lake drops, the dock floats settle on stumps and become impaled. That is expensive and time consuming. This week we will begin pulling those we can get to.

As the lake recedes, more junk and in particular glass is an eyesore and a danger. There will be a work party in October as it gets cooler. The date will be announced through fleets and email.

As we go about our business out there, every piece of glass picked up is an improvement. Glass is forever; even when worn, it breaks and starts all over again. The broken bottom of a bottle will cut through flip flops and deck shoes. A bottle not broken today will be later. With the trash cans down there, junk disposal is just a few steps away. So let's start now!

If we do not reach down and pick it up, who will?

Recipe for a Ramp

Photos and story by Jan Thompson

Ingredients:

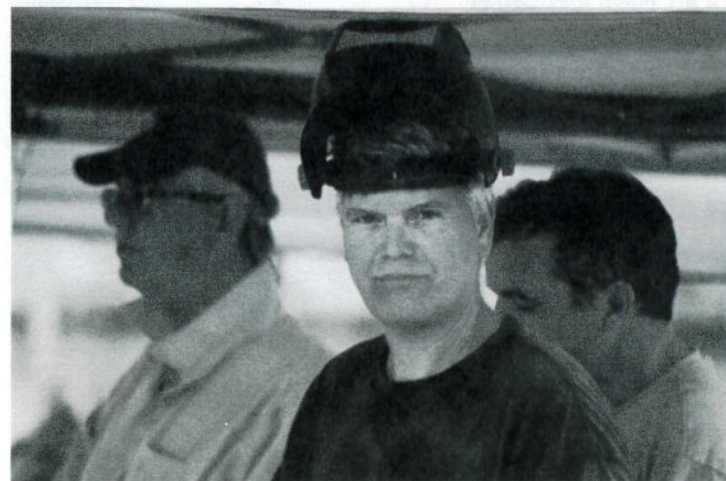
58 X 15 ft. steel mats
8 steel pipes 2 7/8" in diameter and 60 ft. long
600 1" #12 self-tapping screws
30 drill bits
1 roll baling wire
Ribbons of steel 1/8" thick, 2" wide, and 8 ft. long
800-1000 inches of grinding (to clean metal for welding)
800-1000 linear inches of welding
4 canvas shelters to protect from rain, snow and cold
200-plus man hours

2 full weeks of temperatures above 100°F.

1 qt. white paint
1 qt. Ospho primer
2000 lbs. flotation
4 20 ft. pipes for launch
Various drills and generators
72 tons crushed limestone
1 tractor (with driver)
12-plus volunteers
Ample food, water, and beer

Instructions

Preheat the area to 106 degrees.



Drag existing steel mat out of water, take apart, and set aside. Assemble sixteen 30 ft. pipes together in pairs to make 60 ft. pipe supports. Lay out 6 pipes parallel to one another, spaced appropriately. Take one steel mat and square it on the pipes. Drill 12 holes through mat and pipe and insert one screw in each hole. Repeat 57 times. Place remaining 2 pipes on edges, elevate 3 inches and block with 2x4s. Wire in place with baling wire. Cut the steel ribbons into 3" and 3.75" pieces (about 125 each).



Set up canopies over mat. Drill and screw and grind and clean 500 spots on pipe and mat at regular intervals. Dress in long pants, long sleeved shirt, boots, gloves and full headdress and make sure area temp is 106°. Weld for 3 days. (You should end up with about 500 welding spots in triangular supports — 900 to 1000 linear inches of welding.)

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Apply Ospho to top pipes and paint. Allow to dry — approx. 15 minutes. Attach entire amount of flotation to outboard end of structure. Lift structure to see what breaks. Lay the four 20 ft. pipes crosswise between the lake and the structure. Use tractor at other end of structure to push structure over pipes and into the lake, leaving approximately 15 ft. on land. Fill head of ramp area with limestone and smooth for entrance.

Let sit for 2 hours and realize that the outboard end of the ramp is floating. MIRACLE!? Find boat-owning goat to test-launch Catalina 25. SUCCESS!!

Attach ramp to dead men on shore so no one can steal it.



Eat, drink, and be merry.

Wring hands over next 3 weeks to determine where to move the ramp since the lake continues to drop. (Plan B?)

Race Commander Report

by Barry Bowden



Racing activity at AYC took a break during August with the exception of the Wednesday Night Sunfish/Laser series and the Friday Night Beer Can races.

September, however, got off to a big start with the annual Centerboard Regatta with **Vic and Pat Manning** doing their usual great job of managing the event and the social activities. **Bill Hawk** and

his race committee team did a great job on the water in some very trying conditions with a mixture of light air, a bit of a north wind, a dirt storm after racing, and a better day on Sunday. Eight races were sailed.

44 boats competed this year with seven fleets represented. The largest fleet was the Laser fleet with 15 boats including three Radials. Seven of our FJs were on the water with a mix of very young to not so very young skippers and crew. **Kate Noble's** Optimist sailors had three boats that got to experience racing in a crowd with good performances by all of them. Sunfish, Beach Cats, and Portsmouth centerboard boats made up the rest of the sailors.

Fall racing begins this coming weekend with a four-race Late Summer Series that takes a break for Governor's Cup before finishing in early October.

Make plans to join us for our last regatta of the year, the Governor's Cup Regatta. It will be held on October 5 and 6 with all of the AYC fleets invited to participate from Optis to our largest Multihulls. The shore activities and the regatta are under the direction of **Philippe Bettler** and we will do our best to make the races as good as possible with the lake we have remaining.

We have scheduled the second annual New Racer Regatta for Saturday October 19. As we did last year we would like to encourage our newer members who have not raced very much or at all to bring their boats. We will arrange to have an experienced racer sail with every boat as well as have a discussion of what the procedures are to start and finish a race. This was a big success last year and we want you to come out and learn even more about our sport.

Secretary Report

by Jen Schwan



The highly-anticipated 2013-2014 AYC Member Directory is still on target to be available by end of September! The current plan is to have the directories available for pick up in the office for a few weeks, and near the end of October those not picked up will be mailed.

Don't forget to ensure that if you provided updated information to me regarding your billing contact info, to also update the AYC office. The corrected data you sent me was for printed directory use only, unless you specifically asked that the info be forwarded to Jackie in the office! As a side note, the member data for the AYC printed directory was primarily sourced from billing info. Presently, the website and the office data are not linked, but the billing info source provides the most accurate list of active members. We hope to address this linking issue one day! If you require changes to your AYC online directory profile, please go ahead and make those changes, as I am unable to edit members' profiles. If you have trouble with this, or have forgotten your password, please contact the webmaster via the "Contact Us" link found at the bottom of the AYC website. Thanks to everyone who sent me updates and changes for the directory. I heard back from many of you!

Harbor Commander Report

by Jon Nash



We are considering some changes to the Harbor Rules and I'd like to give everyone an opportunity to review the proposed changes before we discuss them at the next board meeting. Please take a few minutes to read through these changes and feel free to bring questions and suggestions to me before the next board meeting. Or just keep this on your nightstand if you are having trouble sleeping...

Proposed Changes and Clarifications to Harbor Rules

Proposed Rule 13.A (Improper Storage)

A: Fees for Improperly Stored boats — The fee for an improperly stored boat shall be three times (3X) the normal rental fee for dry sail, board boat, or wet slips. This fee will be applied for storage of a boat that has been left in a space by a member who has been directed by the board to vacate an assigned space, or if the boat does not have an assigned space and is left on the club grounds or tied to the docks. The 3X fee will apply until the boat is removed. These fees also apply to any boat that is Improperly Stored as defined elsewhere in these rules. The fee for a boat left on club grounds by a person who is not a member or is no longer a member of the club will be five times (5X) the normal rental fee.

Current Rule 13.A

A: Fees for Improperly Stored boats — The fee for storage of a boat that has been left in a space by a person who is no longer a member of the club, or by a member who has been directed by the board to vacate the space, will be a rental fee of three times (3X) the normal rental fee for wet slips and board boat docks, and five times (5X) the normal rental fee for dry sail spaces until the boat is removed. If a boat does not have an assigned storage space then the fee shall be three times (3X) the monthly dry sail rental. These fees also apply to any boat that is Improperly Stored as defined elsewhere in these rules.

Proposed Rule 15 (Prioritization of Wet Slips)

15. Slip Assignment Priorities: Persons applying for wet slips at the Austin Yacht Club will be accorded the following priorities:

1st Priority - Members requesting a slip who have relinquished a wet slip while in good standing under the slip usage policies specified in Harbor Rule 16.

2nd Priority - The owner is an experienced racer*, and is committed to the continuation of active participation with his/her own boat in AYC racing events during the foreseeable future

3rd Priority - The owner is not an experienced racer*, but is committed to participation with his/her own boat in AYC racing events in the foreseeable future, and is the owner of a "recognized class" of boat, as is then defined by the AYC Board of Directors.

4th Priority - The owner is not an experienced racer*, and is either (1) not

committed to participation in AYC racing events; or (2) not the owner of a "recognized class" of boat, as then defined by the AYC Board of Directors; or the owner is an experienced racer*, but is not committed to the continuation of active participation in AYC racing events with his/her own boat during the foreseeable future. Dock boxes may not intrude into walkways.

Current Rule 15

15. Slip Assignment Priorities: Persons applying for wet slips at the Austin Yacht Club will be accorded the following priorities:

1st Priority - The owner is an experienced racer*, and is committed to the continuation of active participation with his/her own boat in AYC racing events during the foreseeable future.

2nd Priority - The owner is not an experienced racer*, but is committed to participation with his/her own boat in AYC racing events in the foreseeable future, and is the owner of a "recognized class" of boat, as is then defined by the AYC Board of Directors.

3rd Priority - The owner is not an experienced racer*, and is either (1) not committed to participation in AYC racing events; (2) not the owner of a "recognized class" of boat, as then defined by the AYC Board of Directors; or (3) is an experienced racer*, but is not committed to the continuation of active participation in AYC racing events with his/her own boat during the foreseeable future.

*An "experienced racer" is defined as one who has had at least two full years of active racing experience prior to the date the priority is assigned, either as skipper or crew. An owner may, however, become an "experienced racer" by participation in 80% of all scheduled races at AYC for a one-year period. For such purposes, attendance at regattas away from AYC shall be counted as attendance at AYC events.

Members who have previously occupied and relinquished all slips of any given type while in good standing under the slip usage policies specified in Harbor Rule 14 shall be placed at the top of the applicable priority level for the corresponding slip type, based on the date of receipt of a formal request for a slip.

Proposed Rule 18 (Slip Transfers on Joint Ownership)

Any slip holder(s) entering into joint boat ownership with another member may retain that slip until the sale of all of the original slip holder's interest in said jointly owned boat or any subsequent replacements thereto. If the original slip holder relinquishes the slip for any reason, the other member(s) must qualify for a slip via the normal progression through the slip priority list.

Current Rule 18

Any member(s) entering into joint boat ownership with an existing slip holder shall be required to vacate the slip:

A. On sale of all of the original slip holder's interest in said jointly owned boat or any subsequent replacements thereto, or

B. If the original slip holder relinquishes his/her slip through resignation, board action, leave of absence, or voluntary action as described in the last paragraph of the Harbor Rule 13, unless the remaining owner-

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member(s) qualifies for a permanent slip by normal progression through the dock priority list.

Proposed Rule 38 (Dock boxes)

38. Dock Boxes: Wet slip holders will be allowed one corner style dock box. It is intended that hydro-hoist owners use a dock box to store the portable generator. Dock boxes must be in good condition and the dock box installation must be secure, to the judgment of Austin Yacht Club staff, or Harbor Commander. Dock boxes installed after July 2013 must be commercially available and must be made of waterproof materials. Dock boxes made out of wood or other non-waterproof materials will not be allowed.

Current Rule 38

38. Dock Boxes: A hydro hoist owner will be allowed one corner style dock box. It is intended that this dock box be used to store the portable generator. The dock box installation must be secure, to the judgment of Austin Yacht Club staff, or Harbor Commander.

Sail Training Report

by Jenny Loehlin



We've been having a problem with parts from Sail Training boats wandering off. I'm sure most of these were "borrowed" with the best intentions of promptly putting them back where they came from, but it's easy to forget details like that when it starts getting late and you're in a hurry to get home.

Please return any which may have gone home with you. We have a busy Sail Training schedule and we need intact boats.

Kudos to the junior and senior sailors who came out for the Centerboard Regatta September 7-8. Race committee had to work hard figuring out which way the wind was blowing and setting marks in what still is pretty deep water. And they got us off the water before a pretty impressive blast of wind Saturday evening. I was enjoying a cold beverage on the point, and the wet bottle wound up covered with mud from the blowing dust.

We held a Beginning Keelboat class September 14, John Bartlett's Spinnaker Clinic is coming up on September 21, the Fall Centerboard Clinic is October 12, and the Fall Women's Clinic is October 26. Please let me or Kate Noble know if you'd be interested in serving as an instructor for the October classes, or in lending a boat for the women's clinic (we use female instructors and boats for that). Also, a New Racer Regatta is being scheduled for October 19. Thinking about making the leap to racing your own boat? Come on out and get some practice just before the Fall Series starts.

Gary Payne and Harry Polly (see next story, below) continue to offer ASA courses through AYC. Something to think about if chartering is in your future or if you've been crewing and are thinking of buying your own boat.

Sailing Made Easy the ASA Way

by Harry Polly

Many sailors dream of advancing their sailing skills so they can someday skipper their own large blue water sailing yacht in places like the

Caribbean. They now can through American Sailing Association (ASA) classes being offered at AYC. The ASA is a great way to learn to cruise. At AYC it is now a three-step process.

Step One: is to earn your first ASA certification level ASA 101, Basic Keelboat Sailing. This is a two-day class taught at AYC on the third weekend of each month year round. ASA 101 helps the novice sailor get a "sound footing" regarding: rules of the road, points of sail, sail trim, crew overboard recovery, roles of the skipper, roles of a crew person. The ASA 101 certification confirms one's ability to safely sail up to a 27-foot keelboat in light to moderate winds (under 13 MPH). The class costs \$395 for non-AYC members and \$295 for AYC members.

Experienced sailors can challenge the ASA 101 standard to earn their certification without actually taking the two-day class. The challenge fee is \$250 with most of the proceeds going to the AYC Fund.

Step Two: is to earn the ASA 103 Basic Coastal Cruising certification. This is a second two-day class taught on a 30-foot plus wheel boat. Subjects covered are: handling a large wheel boat under power, crew overboard under power (Williamson Turn), docking, anchoring, skippering in coastal condition in daylight hours, and beginning costal navigation. ASA 103 is taught at AYC on Lake Travis.

Step Three: is ASA 104 Bareboat Chartering. This is a three- or six-day course taught either in the Gulf of Mexico or in the British Virgin Islands. A successful candidate would be certified to charter up to a 50-foot sailboat from the many charter companies located throughout the world. Subjects covered are: route planning, GPS operation, plotting navigational fixes on a marine chart, provisioning for a several day cruise, crew overboard recovery on blue water conditions, mooring, docking, and anchoring.

Becoming your own charter boat skipper is as simple as one, two, and three at AYC. If you are interested in learning to bareboat charter, please contact AYC members Captain Harry Polly or Captain Gary Payne.

Sailing Director Report

by Kate Noble



After a long hot summer, I am looking forward to the fall winds and cooler temperatures! We have a busy fall lined up!

We held a Basic Keelboat Sailing Clinic on September 14, to be followed by the Spinnaker Clinic lead by John Bartlett on September 21. In October, we will be hosting a Centerboard Clinic on the 12th and the Women's Fall Clinic on the 26th.

Free Sail Sundays have been extremely popular this summer. All AYC members are welcome to come on down to the Rylander Pavilion on Sunday afternoons from 1:00-4:00 to check out a Sail Training boat (weather and club schedule permitting—please email me at kate@austinyachtclub.net to be added to distribution list!). A reminder that boats are available on a first come, first serve basis and there is no formal instruction offered.

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Summer Program Wrap-up

2013 was a record-breaking year for AYC's Summer Programs, and our most successful year of the Junior Sailing Camp to date! In 2013, we added an additional week, expanding from four to five sessions. 83 individuals participated in our 2013 camps compared to 67 in 2012. Our camps also helped bring in several new members to AYC and our Junior Sailing Program. Highlights from 2013 camp include: destination sails to "Sometimes Islands," Sailing Basketball, Windsurfing Wednesdays, introductory racing, and our legendary camp-wide Capture the Flag games.

Our Junior Sailing Campers even got a chance to try out big boat sailing!



Scott Spurlin organized some J70 and J80 rides for our Session 4 campers—thank you **Scott and Claude Welles!** Thank you also to our talented and hard-working Junior Sailing Camp staff for their creativity, enthusiasm, and positive impact on our program: **Head Counselor Kiel Killeen, Senior Counselors and Lifeguards Erin and Tracy Hawk, Counselors Taylor Crouch, Ryan Dwight, and Meredith Morran, and Counselors-in-Training (CITs) Nikki Goodwin, Antoine Maury, Michael Morran, and Ricky Trent.**



I was thrilled to have the opportunity to coach the August sessions of PB&J with **Kiel Killeen**. The light August breezes were perfect for our group of beginners. We had a blast learning the basics of rigging, steering, and wind direction with plenty of fun in between. Highlights from August included chasing balloons, a destination sail out into the lake, and capsizing practice.



PB&J Sessions 7 and 8



A big thank you to all of our Roadrunner Junior Coaches who helped out during the month of August: **Will Abrams, Jules Bettler, Ethan and Ben Froelich, and Sam and Ben Peel**. All in all, we had 88 PB&J participants with many sailors enrolled in multiple sessions. As we close out another summer of PB&J sailing, I want to thank all of our volunteers and coaches who helped to make it such a success: **Head Coaches Bill Records (June), Fred Ford (July), Kiel Killeen (August) and volunteers Kelly Hawk, the Peel family, the Froelich family, Will Abrams, and Jules Bettler.**



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Junior Training News

While activity around the club is usually slow during the dog days of summer, the Junior Sailing Program continued to thrive! The summer season of the 2013 Junior Sailing Program began on July 20. Our summer programs were highly successful in bringing in new members and our attendance at weekly practice sessions was at an all-time high. As of this writing, there are 51 youth sailors enrolled in the program and numbers continue to climb. Most notably, we have had a consistently high turnout of novice sailors at Friday evening's Opti I (beginners) practice with as many as 19 kids each week!

Thank you to all of the parents and friends of the Roadrunners who volunteered their time, talents, and support to our program!

Youth Racing News

Our Roadrunners were well represented at AYC's Centerboard Regatta September 7-8. We had three Opti competitors at this event (**Tony Slowik III, Lucy Brock, and Reece Butler**) who all did a great job sailing on the big course with the rest of the competitors. Congratulations to Tony for taking home the trophy! Juniors **Ben Froelich and Jules Bettler** competed in Radials. Juniors also took advantage of the FJ fleet, which AYC made available for charter at this event. **Ethan Froelich** skippered with mom **Stephanie**, **James Brock** crewed for dad **Jeff**, and we had three Roadrunner teams: **Meredith/Michael Morran, Nikki Goodwin/Gracie Bulgerin, and Andrew Butler/Josh Dawe**. Congratulations to the **Brocks** for taking first in the FJ fleet!

Next up on AYC's race calendar for the juniors is the AYC Governor's Cup October 5-6. We are looking forward to having a youth dinghy course at this event.

It was a busy summer on the Texas Sailing Association Youth Circuit. Texas Youth Race Week was July 15-21 hosted by Houston Yacht Club, Lakewood Yacht Club, and Texas Corinthian Yacht Club. AYC's **Gracie Bulgerin** and skipper **Abigail Beck** (HYC) placed 5th in the 420 fleet. **Alexandra Mares** took 2nd in Laser 4.7.



The 2013 Ragnot Classic was hosted by the Houston Yacht Club August 17 and 18. **Meredith and Michael Morran** placed first in the 420s with an impressive 7 points after 7 races! **Alexandra Mares** took 2nd

in the Laser 4.7s and **Tony Slowik III** finished third in Opti White Fleet. Congratulations to all of our AYC participants!

There are a few stops left on the 2013 TSA Youth Circuit. Next up is the Choco-Palooza at Rush Creek Yacht Club October 5-6, followed by the End of the Year Regatta at Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club October 25-26.

Meredith and Michael Morran hit the road again this summer, competing at the Club 420 North American Championships at St. Margaret Sailing Club in Glen Haven, Nova Scotia. They placed 11th out of 39 boats! Congratulations! AYC is so proud to be represented at international events like this one!

Meet AYC Assistant Coach Kiel Killeen



Due to the success of the Junior Sailing Program, AYC is expanding its coaching staff to include a part-time assistant coach. **Kiel Killeen** began coaching at AYC on a regular basis in September after working at AYC this past summer as both the Head Counselor of the Junior Sailing Camp

and PB&J Coach. Kiel is originally from New Orleans, Louisiana and grew up sailing at Southern Yacht Club. He is an accomplished Optimist sailor and placed 2nd at the USODA national championship. He also sailed in the IODA European championship in Croatia and the IODA World championship in Ecuador. After aging out of Optimist he competed in the high school nationals where his team finished 2nd. Kiel also sailed in the International 420 World championship in France. He began coaching sailing at the Southern Yacht Club's summer sailing camp where he worked for three summers. He has also coached Southern Yacht Club's Optimist racing team at multiple regattas. Kiel holds a US Sailing Level Three Coach rating.

SAVE THE DATE

Sail Training

September 21 Spinnaker Clinic

October 12 Centerboard Clinic

October 26 Fall Women's Clinic

2013 Centerboard Regatta

Photos by Bill Records



1st place Opti sailor Tony Slowik riding the mark – Lucy Brock in hot pursuit



Lasers



Lucy Brock riding the leeward mark in an Opti



Opti skipper Reece Butler takes charge



Tom Groll and Jonathan Baker sail the Flying Scot



Annie Lancaster in the driver's seat

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Sunfish start



Brian Grothnes, Centerboard Handicap 2nd Place



Purple Hat Lady Ellen Burks, LCYC



Eric and Brigitte Rochard, FJs 2nd Place

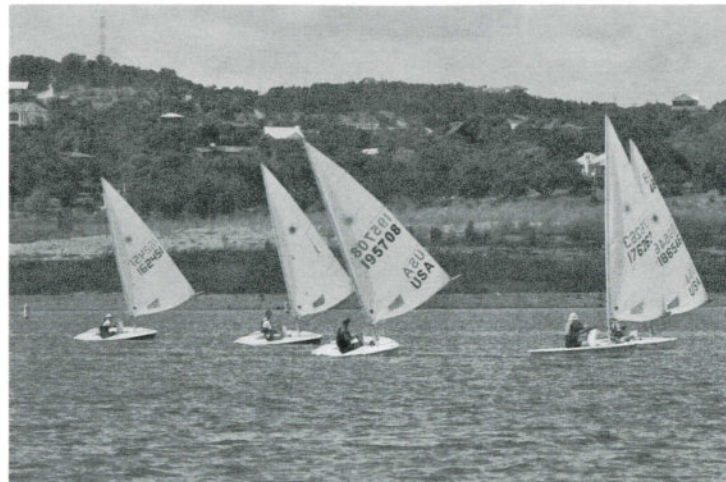


John Halter and Ann Kitzmiller, Centerboard Handicap 1st Place

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Lasers



And more Lasers!



Sunfish rounding



Opti skipper Reece Butler



Skipper Andrew Butler



FJ start, Eric Rochard in the lead

2013 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 awards committee chairperson **Jan Thompson** at jst2468@gmail.com in addition to the commodore at commodore@austinyachtclub.net by October 15, 2013. 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: _____

OI' 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: _____

Ensign Fleet Update

by Randolph Bertin

Tramps Abroad

Having no AYC races scheduled for the month of August might lead one to think it would be down time for the Ensign fleet. But just as in a race, sometimes it's a good idea to "get your head out the boat" and see what is going on around you.

Several sailors headed for higher altitudes and the cooler climate of Colorado to compete in the Ensign Region IV Championship Regatta. **Sarah Faust**, sailing with **Eric Faust**, local skipper and long time sailing companion **Frank Keesling**, and boat owner **Jonathan DePriest**, provided the following remarks:

"It was typical Dillon weather with sunny and warm and cold and windy and rainy all in the course of a half-hour or so. We had one classic Dillon race where we went from 1st place to DFL all in the last leg of the race. Over the course of the weekend the winds ranged from 0-12 or 15 but with lighter winds predominating. There were 6 races over 2 days. We were in a close battle with **Rick Norris** for 1st and 2nd place and we ended up winning. The Ensign fleet did a great job hosting with a barbecue at Rick Norris' house on Thursday night and a party at the trophy presentation on Friday afternoon. It was really nice to get out of the Texas heat and enjoy the cool mountain air."

Another Fleet 30 Ensign sailor also made the trip to Dillon. Although the boat he crewed on did not make it to the top of the overall standings, **Lewis Price** said he had an awesome time and their boat did win the fifth of seven races.

Next up was a trip to New Jersey for **George Dahmen**, to compete in the Ensign National Championship Regatta. According to George:

"The Ensign Nationals at Toms River New Jersey were a huge success. Toms River is right behind the barrier Island of New Jersey. It's a big body of water and has less chop than the Galveston Bay at HYC. **Ann Kitzmiller** and myself sailed with **Eric Jones** and his son **Rick** from New London, Connecticut. I met Eric at the Nationals last year in Marquette Michigan when we both crewed for **Zeke Durica**. We had never sailed together as a team so we had to figure it out fast. This we did. Eric was on the helm. Ann released the jib and did foredeck and Rick pulled in the jib and flew the spinnaker. I handled the main and got to call the tactics. I have never considered myself much at tactics so I was a bit nervous. Things worked out well however as all of our seven finishes were between third and seventh. We ended up in sixth overall. It was great to see **Buddy Brown** win the whole thing with fellow Texans **Boyd Bluestein** and **Paul Shields**. Also great to see were **Dick Baxter** and crew from Houston. The Nationals are a great way to relax since it's a lot of intense action packed in a short time."

Fleet Social

The Ensign Fleet scheduled an evening sail and social for August 24. Although not intended as such, it turned out to be a couples sail for a handful of boats. **Bill and Kelly Hawk**, **Tom and Kelly Groll**, **David and**

Anne Morley, and **Randolph Bertin** and **Claudia Peterson** all came out for a friendly race around E mark and a couple of channel buoys. We delayed the start a little bit to allow Abaco some additional time to get to the starting area. It was a remarkably beautiful evening for a sail. While the Hawks sailed along the west shore, the other three boats stuck together and headed towards E mark. The Hawks certainly had the best of it as they sailed out to a big lead. However, not recalling the details of the course, they sailed beyond one of the marks and the rest of us "cheaters" passed them by taking a shorter course. It was very close racing for the three other boats, with several lead changes. Although Randolph and Claudia crossed the finish line first, it was **Tom and Kelly Groll** who WON the race with their third place finish. It isn't clear who was SECOND as there were only four boats on the water. Was it **Lewis Price**, who was kind enough to bring us some chicken for a post race meal? Or **Danny and Norma Lien** who arrived at the docks after driving all day back to Texas from Arkansas? Given the small size of our party, we decided to head over to the Groll's house to share in a delicious pot-luck dinner and terrific company. All in all it would be difficult to ask for a more enjoyable evening.

Looking Ahead

Late Summer Races got under way this month, with three consecutive Sunday races (September 15, 22, 29) followed by another race in mid October. We hope to see many of you put in an appearance on what's left of the water. NOTE: according to the calendar, the Ensign Fleet has RC duty on September 22, so plan to come out and help.

J/24 Fleet Update

by John and Meiling Parker



J/24 Launching

Since our last Telltale article, there has been some activity with respect to Launching and Retrieving J/24s at AYC. Shortly following the Turnback Regatta, **Vicente Saborio's** J/24 was launched using the north-side



Dave Broadway, Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás using a gin-pole to lower a J/24 mast in preparation for retrieval — photo courtesy of John Parker

metal ramp. Many thanks to **Larry Ratliff** for allowing Vicente to keep his boat on Larry's hydro-hoist while Larry's boat is out of the water! Currently, the water level has dropped several feet and the north and south-side metal ramps have become unusable for J/24 Launching or Retrieving. As an alternative, the Emerald Point Marina has recently been used to retrieve Vicente's J/24 in preparation for the upcoming Houston Circuit stop.

Since Emerald Point does not have a mast stepping crane, **John Parker**, **Dave Broadway** and **Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás** lowered Vicente's mast while on the water using the fleet's gin pole. Please contact any of us if you would like to perform mast maintenance and would like to lower your mast while on the water using the gin pole.

Local Racing

Dog Days Series

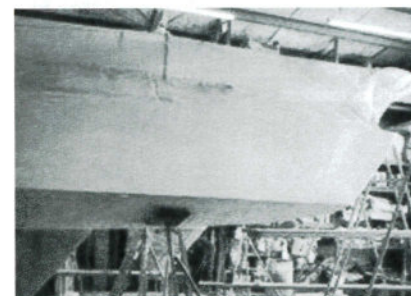
For the Dog Days Series, four J/24s participated. The participants included **Vicente Saborio**, **Dave Broadway**, **Stephen Burke**, and **John Parker**.

Late Summer Series Races

After the success during Turnback this year, several of the J/24 women crew members have expressed interest in continuing their education in the "driver's seat". This being the case, the J/24 fleet will be handing over the helm to the ladies during the upcoming Late Summer Series. We are all looking forward to the excitement of the women's competition!

Maintenance

Several members of the J/24 fleet continue to perform maintenance on the boats and trailers.



John Parker's J/24 is currently getting hull, bottom, keel, and rudder overhaul.

Photo courtesy of Tom Meeh at Waterline Works

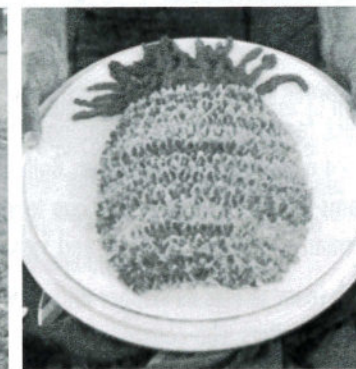
Our newest fleet member, **Stu Juengst's** J/24 is also getting a bottom job in preparation for competing later this year. We are looking forward to having Stu race his J/24 locally at AYC and eventually take it on the road and join the J/24 Texas Circuit!

Vicente Saborio, **Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás**, **Brian Mager**, and various other volunteers have been updating Vicente's trailer to begin travel for the upcoming J/24 Circuit stops.

Fleet Social Events

Our last social event, the "Low Water Luau", was hosted by the J22 fleet. Thanks to **Candace Miller**, **Renee Ruais**, **Bob Mathison**, and all the rest of the J/22 fleet for putting on such a great party. We all had a great time and the theme was very fitting for the occasion.

Low Water Luau photos courtesy of Deborah Mathison



Out of Town Events

During the weekend of June 8, the J/24s traveled to Corpus Christi to participate in the Surfin' Safari regatta. Of the 12 J/24s at regatta, 3 AYC-based teams were in the competition: **Dr. Dave Gamble** with Ooh Ahh, **Dave Broadway** with Superman, and **John Parker** with Free Spirit.

We expect four J/24s from AYC will be traveling to the next circuit stop, the Houston Open One Design regatta (HOOD). Stay tuned for details on the next Telltale!

Upcoming Out of Town J/24 Events

Venue	Event	Dates
Houston Yacht Club	Houston Open One Design	Sep 21-22, 2013
Lakewood Yacht Club	J/Fest	Nov 2-3, 2013
Lake Canyon Yacht Club	Wurstfest	Nov 9-10, 2013
Lake Canyon Yacht Club	Texas Circus	Nov 15-16, 2013

If you are interested in participating in these out-of-town regattas, please contact **John Parker** or **Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás**. For general information, visit <http://www.j24texas.com>.

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Youth America's Cup

by Jim Johnstone

Last week I was in San Francisco watching the Youth America's Cup (YAC) which features fleet racing among 10 teams of young sailors ages 19 to 24 representing 8 countries. Both New Zealand and the USA had two teams entered and there was one team each from Australia, France, Germany, Portugal, Sweden, and Switzerland.

Each team selects its skipper and crew from among the best men and women sailors who compete for these positions much like they compete for positions on their Olympic sailing teams. **Michael Menninger**, the Skipper of USA -1, hails from Newport Beach, CA, where he grew up sailing Lasers, 420's and Vanguard 15's, as well as large ocean racers. He won his first race at age 6 and by age 10 was driving a 74 foot ocean racer. In high school he sailed in the national high school sailing finals and in college was a 3-time all American, sailing for St. Mary's College in Maryland. Some of our AYC youth sailors are on similar career paths and I expect to see them in this regatta a few years down the road.

This is the first year for the Youth America's Cup which gives young talented sailors a chance to gain the experience and visibility they need to compete at the highest level of sailing, the America's Cup. The crews consist of 6 sailors, one more than the 5 that sailed these same boats last year during the America's Cup World Series as a tune-up to this year's Louis Vuitton and America's cup regattas.

The YAC consists of 8 races on the America's Cup course in front of the Golden Gate Yacht Club in San Francisco. Our vantage point was the Aquatic Park Pier on the southeast end of the race course. We chose that point because we found nearby free parking, which is almost as good

as finding a nugget of gold in your pan when working the creeks in the Sierras. The first thing you notice when you are watching the AC 45 boats race is the tremendous speed and acceleration they have. Follow this link to see for yourself: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kHwt_ESQ6cl

YAC racing is more exciting than the America's Cup because there are 10 boats on the course for each race. The reaching start lets everyone line up and then take off like a shot from 2 boat lengths behind the starting line about 30 seconds before gun goes off, and they do use guns to mark the start and finish. There is racing all through the pack and although the start is still important, the race is not won or lost in the first few minutes of racing. Skippers in the back of the pack try daring moves to gain ground and can move up 5 or 6 spots in a leg if their daring pays off.

Even though these boats are well prepared and sorted out after their use in the AC world series, they still have equipment failures, and skippers and crew make the same mistakes you and I make, like gennaker hourglasses and getting your rudder caught on the mark anchor line. Close racing and high speeds produce right of way fouls in windward, leeward, and port starboard encounters. What is amazing is the aplomb with which these kids handle adverse situations and the fact that all protests are evaluated right on the water and penalties are assessed immediately, usually resulting in the at fault boat slowing a bit to give up 2 boat lengths of distance to the fouled boat.

What makes a good skipper and crew at this level of racing? The same thing that makes a good skipper and crew on our lake: Passion for the sport, good communication and team work, and lots of time on the water in a variety of boats that gives you the ability to recognize opportunities to sail faster than your competition.



New Zealand-1, Portugal and USA-1 take a break after race 3

2013 Ruff Rider Regatta

by Scott Young



Sunday morning on the beach. Photo courtesy of Steve Piche

John Morran and I had the opportunity to participate in the 39th annual Ruff Rider Regatta held on South Padre Island over the Labor Day weekend. Several Austin Multi-hull sailors made the trip. **Steve Piche and Juke Ball; Mike Rohrer and Chris Holt, Arron McCulley and Miguel Pumarejo, Jim Rehage and Rick Nelson, and Jim Casto and Mark Biscotto** all proudly represented AYC.

This was a semi-bucket list event for John and I from the standpoint that we thought this regatta would be a great "baby-step" towards one day competing in the GT 300. We thought that a long distance race with some navigation and beach launching involved would be a great way for us to figure out if we have the "right stuff" to eventually do the GT. As we would discover, doing a long-distance race is a lot different from going around the buoys.

The Ruff Rider is basically a race around South Padre Island. Saturday's race is approximately 35 miles long and consists of a LeMans start off of the flats next to the SPI Convention Center. Your place on the starting line is based on the order in which you registered. Since we were a last minute entry, we were placed at the southernmost end of the line. I guess in past years, this would have been a disadvantage but this year, the breeze died right at the start and slowly filled in from the south, which gave us an early advantage over the 30-boat fleet. We took a tack off to the south, tacked back, put up the chute and headed for the first turning mark which was on the edge of the Inter-Coastal Waterway about 3.5 miles from the starting line.

We rounded this mark in first with **John Tomko** just behind us. Initially, the wind was almost directly behind us as we entered the channel and we were jibing frequently to stay in the channel and not risk running aground. Tomko executed these maneuvers a bit better than we did and passed us fairly quickly.

Soon, the breeze shifted more to the east and picked up to about 15 knots. This new wind direction required that we double trapeze with the chute up. John and I had never done this before so it took a little while to get used to it. Apparently, the mast is very vulnerable to breaking if the

mast is not "over-rotated" and held in place with a preventer (of which we did not have) so we were a bit nervous about breaking our mast on this point of sail.

We sailed on like this for at least an hour and covered the 20 miles to the next turn pretty quickly. Unfortunately, we encountered a large barge that literally filled the narrow channel from side to side. Tomko was fortunate to squeeze by the barge before the channel narrowed and we had the misfortune of getting squeezed out of the channel by the barge and running aground.

At first we thought we had broken our centerboard because the boat was behaving very oddly. In what seemed like 5 minutes, we had lost several 100 yards to Tomko and suddenly **Mike Rohrer** and another C-2 from Houston had caught up with us and had passed us. To compound our problems, I didn't realize that one of the channel marks was our next turning mark and had a delayed chute douse and a very wide rounding. We were now faced with navigating very shallow water in an area that was not clearly marked in order to enter the Port Mansfield Cut that would take us out into the Gulf.

With the increased breeze and the direction settling in from a SE direction, our sail through the narrow Port Mansfield Cut was now directly upwind. The wind was strong enough that both John and I had to be out on the trapeze after each tack but we could only stay on a tack for about 30 seconds before we would run out of water and be forced to tack back. We estimate that it took at least 50 wire-to-wire tacks to get us through the channel and out into open water.

We did a pretty good job of executing this tacking drill and were able to pass Mike and the Houston boat back and open up a decent lead on them as we entered the Gulf, but Tomko was now only a dot on the horizon. The water turned a very beautiful aqua color as we entered the Gulf and it was now a race of trying to sail just to the surf zone and then tack back out for about 10 minutes, and then tack back and try to sail as far up the beach as we could before tacking back out to sea. It was really fun sailing but you had to really keep your eyes open for seaweed. Snagging seaweed could drop you from an upwind speed of 13 knots to 9 or 10 pretty quickly.

After about 7 miles of sailing up the beach, we were able to see the finish line. It was set between two flags on the beach. We still had a comfortable lead on the pack of boats behind us and all we had to do was successfully execute our "first beach landing". Unfortunately, no one was close enough to be able to watch and get pointers so we were left to wing it.

We tried to get the boat upwind of the landing spot and we were simply going to bear off and reach on to the beach with our dagger boards out. We were hoping our rudders would just pop up on contact with the sand. Unfortunately, we misjudged the depth of the water on the sand bar that was still fairly far away from the beach with our leeward dagger board about two-thirds of the way down. When the board hit, we immediately stopped and our cat pivoted back towards the wind and we promptly capsized.

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We had always heard that capsizing in the surf would likely result in breaking our mast so we were a bit freaked-out. Fortunately, we were able to get the boat back upright and get the boards out and drift across the finish line and on to the beach with no damage. **Mike Rohrer** did a great job taking advantage of our miscue and came into the beach at full throttle and narrowly nipped us out at the finish. He had obviously done this before!

John and I were beat! In fact, I had a Ruby Red Vodka and stretched out on the trampoline of our cat and took a great "cat nap"! Over the next few hours, most of rest of the fleet made it to shore. I did hear that the last boat didn't arrive until 10:30 at night. How they actually found the finish line in the dark, I will never know.

The Ruff Rider organizers provided us with a great barbeque dinner and **Jim Casto** was kind enough to provide John and I with an over hour long drive on the beach back to civilization. A hot shower, a good bed and ESPN were never so appreciated. We were beat!

Sunday's race was another 35 miles or so up the beach past the hotels and condos, through the jetty and back into the bay to the finish. The wind was from SE again which meant that we would be sailing upwind to the entrance to the jetty which was about 25 miles of double trapping in about 15-18 knots of breeze.

We didn't get a great start off the beach and almost capsized in a freak puff that did turn Piche over at the start. We did get away and found that we were sailing pretty fast and before long, had established a decent lead on the fleet. John and I were sailing the boat as hard as we could and after about 3 hours of upwind sailing were quickly approaching the stretch of beach lined with hotels and condos. It was really great sailing and we were fighting hard to enter the jetty ahead of **John Tomko and his crew Ian Billings**. These guys are the gold standard and always the guys to beat on the Formula 18 circuit.

We had sailed a great upwind leg but were a little unsure of how close we could cut the entry into the jetty. We let Tomko get inside of us and he was able to squeeze around the jetty entry ahead of us. In retrospect, I am not sure we would have known where we needed to go if we had maintained our lead at that point. We had to jibe at high speeds with chute up through shallow water, then had to sail under power lines that looked very close to the top of our mast. In fact, I just closed my eyes at that point and hoped for the best. We also had to figure out which span of the causeway had deep enough water to sail through as we re-entered the bay looking to find the Inter-Coastal for the sail to the finish.

Through it all, we held on for a strong second and were able to take second overall in the event. It was a great physical challenge for us and we certainly learned a lot. Now that we have the course under our belt, I think we will definitely provide Tomko a more formidable challenge at the next Ruff Rider.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

AYC is a very special place, and part of what makes our club special is the camaraderie and friendships that develop through sailing, racing, junior programs and other events organized at the club. That's why, despite the low lake levels, 2013 has been a stellar year for club membership. Please welcome the following new members to the Austin Yacht Club:



Rick Ammons
Rick recently moved to Austin and was introduced to AYC by sailing with Bill Benker in the Friday night Beer Can Races. Rick grew up in Maryland and sailed and raced several boats on Chesapeake Bay including 470, Santana 21 and Oday 240. Rick recently purchased a Hobie 18, which he would like to race at AYC.



Jeff Brock
Jeff grew up sailing and racing with his family, and he and his wife Amy want to give their children the same opportunity. Jeff is a former youth coach and holds a US Sailing Level 1 instructor rating. He sailed varsity at MIT and sailed Etchells and J/24 at Marblehead and Olson 30s in Hawaii. Jeff crews on Bruce McDonald's J70.



Jackson Brogan
Jackson is in 5th grade at Steiner Ranch Elementary. He was new to sailing this summer but he loved sailing camp so much that he decided to keep it up. He also plays electric guitar, does karate and Boy Scouts, and loves Legos!



Gracie Bulgerin
Gracie attends Hutto High School. She began sailing Optis in 2010 and shortly advanced to 420s in 2012. She is currently sailing 420s in the Texas Youth Circuit. She has participated in many large regattas such as the CHUBB US Jr. Championship in San Francisco, 420 Gulf Coast Championships, Opti Gulf Coast Championships and US Opti Nationals.



Paul and Mary Carew
Paul has been sailing for 23 years and Mary has sailed since 2001. Paul first learned to sail in South Florida and took part in many races including the Columbus Day regattas in Miami. Paul also cruised the Florida Keys and was a member of Rush Creek Sailing Club from 1994-1996. The Carews currently own a Compac 16 and a Laser.



Lawrence Case
Lawrence and his wife Amy have recently moved back to Austin. They would like to improve their sailing skills and introduce their children, Taylor, Lanzo and Kyla, to the sport. The Cases are neighbors of Lanelle Montgomery. Lawrence was a member of the UT Sailing Club and he has sailed Sunfish, Laser and Sailboards.



Ansgar and Genevieve Chorhummel
Ansgar and Genevieve had been sailing their J80 up and down the East Coast before coming to Austin and joining AYC. They recently bought a J70. While Genevieve mostly enjoys cruising and casual racing, Ansgar has sailed more than 35,000 miles in major ocean and coastal races in Europe and the U.S.



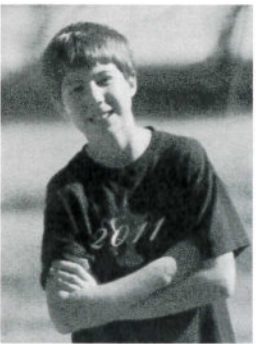
Chip Cramer
Chip has enjoyed recreational sailing on Lake Travis and has owned a wide variety of boats including Sunfish, Hobie Cat, Thistle, C-15, San Juan 21, Pierson 23, Ericson 25 and C-27. Chip is looking to improved his boat/sail handling skills, gain confidence on the race course and meet more people in the local sailing community.



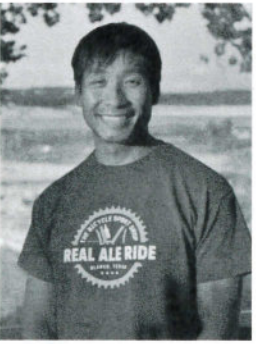
Christopher Crump
Chris loves racing and has enjoyed meeting new people at AYC. In the past, he sailed in the Bahamas and on Lake Michigan, and more recently he has raced at AYC with Bill Benker on his McGregor 26.



Nick Dawe
Nick is originally from England. Nick and his wife, Tran, have three children who love to sail – Joshua, Lucas and Kristina – and who have been participating in AYC's junior program. The Dawes recently sailed while on vacation in Belize.



Cole Dean
Cole is an active participant in the Junior Sailing Program. He has been crewing FJs and competed as crew in this year's Turnback Canyon Regatta.



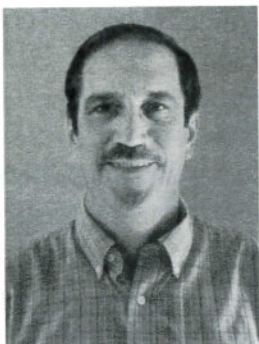
Dustin Dinh
Dustin wants to sail around the world and has decided that the Austin Yacht Club is a good place to start preparing for that voyage!



Jaques Faguet
Jaques began sailing in his youth in Brittany, France, along the British Channel shore. In college he participated in the Royal Racing Club across the English Channel. The Faguets moved to Austin two years ago and have sailed with the Rochards on their Melges 24. The Faguets wish to buy their own sailboat.



Walter Eckhardt and Family

**Chris Fellers**

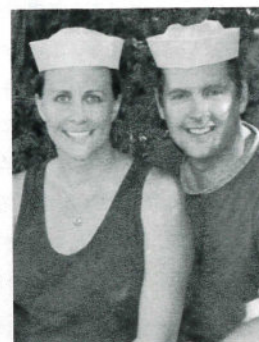
Chris has sailed with AYC member Bill Benker, and decided to join AYC to broaden his participation in sailing and racing activities, and seek fellowship with other sailors.

**Ruben Flores**

"I have always had a sense of adventure and strong passion for anything around water. So when I moved to Austin in 2011, I looked into sailing. Luckily I found an incredible opportunity through the AYC Racing School free sailing classes. Now I crew for Team Ayeboat during J/24 circuit stops. I hope to someday buy my own J/24.

Kevin Fort

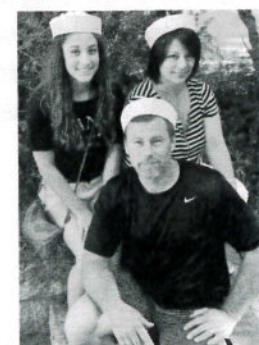
Kevin grew up racing Catamarans on Lake Erie. Since settling in Texas last year, Kevin has been racing J22s and Lasers at AYC.

**Greg Freeman**

Greg and his wife, Joan, have been racing as crew on J/24s for a number of years and also co-own a Catalina 30 with several AYC members. Greg and Joan raced with Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás at the J/24 nationals on Lake Dillon last year.

**Stefan Froelich**

Stefan grew up sailing on the East coast under the tutelage of his dad, then sailed with the Cleveland Yacht Club in the 90s. He raced windsurfers in the Caribbean's HIHO Event and South Padre in the early 2000s. Last year, Stefan earned his US Sailing Instructor Level 1 certification, and has been assisting Coach Kate with the Roadrunners.

**David Grizzle**

David has decided it's time to work less and sail more! He and his wife, Sonia, have four children, Kevin, Hannah, Johathan and Patrick. David has experience on Sailboards and Hobie 16. He is interested in learning to race and teaching his children to sail.

**Cole Hayhurst**

Cole is in 3rd grade. One of his favorite things about sailing is exploring the lake. He also enjoys football, swimming and basketball.

**Julius Hietkoetter**

Julius is 10 years old. He started sailing at AYC in the spring. Julius says, "I love sailing at AYC. My favorite boat is a Pico. I like it because it is easy for me to sail with one or two family members. AYC is my second home."

**Emma Jane Hopper**

Emma Jane began sailing at age 10 during a family vacation in Maine, a summer tradition for the Hoppers. Finding a place to continue sailing was the first thing she did upon returning home from Maine last summer. AYC's youth sailing program has been a great fit and a wonderful opportunity for Emma Jane to build on her skills and her love of sailing.

**Stuart Juengst**

Stu hails from Fort Walton Yacht Club. He has extensive racing experience ranging from Beach Cats, Sunfish and Laser, to SC21, J/24 and multiple crew positions on larger boats. He has been sailing since 2001 in SF Bay, Lake Lanier, Choctawhatchee Bay, and he crossed the Gulf of Mexico from FWB to Tampa on a Beneteau 35.

**Steve Keckler**

Steve and his wife, Lori, were members from 1998 to 2010 and left the club due to a move to California. The Keckler family has returned to Austin and is excited to rejoin AYC. Expect to see Steve on the water in his Laser and Snipe, and to see his little girls, Isabella and Elena, get into sailing as soon as possible.

**Allen Ludford**

Allen and his wife, Marie Aiello, live in the "Miami Vice" house three doors down from AYC. Their two daughters, Julia and Olivia, not only want to sail, but will also provide babysitting services. The Ludfords enjoy sailing and the social activities at AYC and have been wanting to join the club for some time. They are currently crewing for John Vance.

**Blake Martin**

Blake and his wife, Shawna, are new to Austin. They chose a house less than four miles from AYC in order to be active in the club. Blake is ASA certified through level 105. The Martins would like to introduce their daughters, Noelle and Natalie, to sailing.

**Charlie and Florence Mayne**

Charlie and Florence joined AYC after finally reaching a point in their lives where they have more time to devote to sailing, and they would like to become active in racing. Charlie started sailing on a Sunfish in 1967. He has sailed many types of boats since then, mostly on lakes, and has owned a CS30 on Lake Travis for 15 years.

**Tanya McGowan**

Tanya recently completed her small boat certification through Charlie Daniel's course at Lake Belton. She would like to race Lasers and also wants to work on a keel boat certification. Tanya, a former yoga instructor, moved from New Orleans where she recently graduated from the LSU Anesthesia School. She is looking forward to racing in regattas.

**Gordon Miller**

Gordon and his wife, Candace, joined AYC in 2012. Gordon moved from Scotland to Texas in 2010 and almost all of his sailing experience was in the lochs of Scotland on centerboard boats. He wanted to get back into sailing by joining AYC and he and Candace try not to miss a race as they learn to sail their J22. They enjoy sailing with crew Stefan and Stephanie Froelich.

**Jake Miller**

Jake is new to sailing. He is excited to develop his skills at AYC. He loves everything about the water and is an avid swimmer, surfer, water skier, wake boarder and snorkler. Sailing comes as a natural interest! Jake is 8 years old and is in the 3rd grade.

**David Morley**

David and his wife, Anne, recently moved to Jonestown from Houston, where they were active Ensign racers at the Houston Yacht Club. They are looking forward to becoming active in Ensign Fleet #30, the keel boat fleet and many other club activities. David and Anne have two daughters, Jennifer and Kristin.

**Sean and Eve Nunes**

Sean returns to AYC after a 4-year leave. He is an active member of the Houston Yacht Club, has sailed since childhood on Sunfish, Laser 470, J22 in local, regional, national and world championships. Eve is new to sailing, and attended the women's camp last fall. Their 6-year old daughter, Mairead, participates in the PB&J program.

**Cathy Parker**

Cathy is the 2013 chair of AYC's social committee. She was awarded the distinction of being an honorary member of AYC. Cathy is the mother of John Parker of the J/24 fleet.

**Harry Polly**

Harry is a USCG 50 Ton Master Captain, holds a wealth of instructor credentials, including ASA 101 through 106, and has taught literally thousands of students. Harry has retired and bought a house in Austin, and wants to continue teaching and racing in the Austin area.

**Reese Rowan**

"My name is Reese Rowan and I joined AYC in 2012 after being a guest at the club with my fiancée, Elizabeth Quintanilla. Right out of the chute we were crewing for Brett and Cindy Wilson on their C-22. My beautiful wife-to-be and I are having a blast here at AYC enjoying all you compadres here at the club."

**Steve Sanderson**

Steve and his wife, Kathy Laurence, sailed often before the arrival of their sons, Benjamin and Quinn. Now that the boys are older and Benjamin has participated in the AYC summer camp, the whole family is eager to sail. They own a Precision 18 and are interested in cruising, racing and joining the AYC sailing community.

**Gretchen and Regan Schuttger**

Gretchen and Reagan are Junior members at AYC. Gretchen took part in the spring season, learning to single-hand Picos and crew FJs, and enjoys cruising more than racing. Reagan is participating in the fall season racing activities. Given the amount of time he spends watching the America's Cup races, he is sure to enjoy the racing side of the sport.

**Shannon Sherwood**

Shannon has been crewing for several AYC members in the J22 fleet for about a year. She joined AYC to give back to the club and to introduce her daughters, Lucinda and Lilly, to sailing. During her 20s, Shannon sailed a Laser II, and in 2012 and 2013 she has participated in many AYC series races and regattas.

**Mike Singh**

Mike and his wife, Meeta, want to get back to sailing and they want to introduce their son, Jus, and their daughter, Mahima, to the sport. Mike learned to sail on a lake in Chandigarh, India, so he's already accustomed to the shifty winds on Lake Travis.

**Tim Skansi**

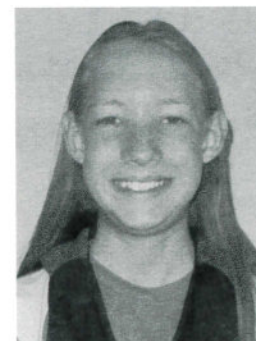
Tim and his wife, Brenda, have rejoined after leaving AYC in 2012 because of work-related travel. The Skansis have three daughters, Halli, Jessica and Payton. Tim is planning to partner with Todd Bankler in a Catalina 27. Tim has extensive cruising experience as a skipper and racing experience as crew on J-29, J-80, J22 and Melges 30.

**Mike and Julie Skymba**

Mike learned to sail in high school and joined AYC to pick up sailing again and eventually race. The Skymbas are planning to purchase Steve Eller's Nomad 17. Their son, Jacob, is 15 years old.

**Tony Slowik**

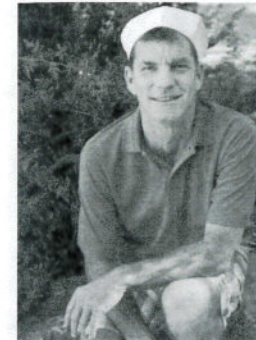
"I am 9 years old. I started sailing in 2012. Since then, I have raced in every Texas Youth Circuit Regatta. My best finish so far is third place. I am ranked second overall in the White Fleet in the entire state. I won the Turnback Regatta. I look forward to sailing at Midwinters in New Orleans and the Orange Bowl in Miami. I go to Valley View Elementary."

**Jack Sorenson**

Jack is 13 and in 8th grade. When asked if he'd like to try sailing, he remarked, "Yes, that will be an important life skill to have." He's hoping to move up to the Green Fleet soon. Jack loves water and its solitude, as well as new acquaintances. He also enjoys soccer, swimming, strategic board games, getting others to laugh and video games.

**Loren Stell**

Upon Loren's arrival in Austin with his 1969 Hershof 12/5 hull number 16 in tow, he and his partner, Kathleen Hall, were immediately followed and flagged down by member Fred Ford, who told them about AYC. Loren has been sailing since 1979 and has significant blue water experience including NY to Bermuda and Guilford, CT to NYC. He has sailed at Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket and Bar Harbor, ME.

**Curtis Tarpley**

Curtis is a past member who first joined AYC in 1991. He and his wife, Lacey, are glad to be back. Their son, Jacob, has been a junior member for several years. Curtis sailed the J/24 circuit on Mr. Happy for 15+ years and has sailed Sunfish since 1985.

**Ric Trent**

Ric is the skipper of Sea Scout Ship 681, and he will encourage all the 681 scouts to be student members at AYC.

**David and Dana Tucker**

David and his wife, Dana, have sailed on Lake Travis for over 20 years. They recently purchased SC21 #164 "Ghostbusters" and look forward to sailing with the South Coast fleet for one design racing and social activities. David has owned a Laser, C22, C-27, Cape Dory 25D and currently owns a Mason 43.

Augusto Villalon

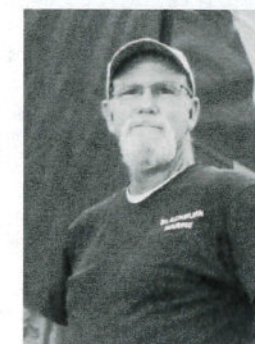
Augusto recently reinstated his membership with AYC and has been sailing for 45+ years. Augusto raced actively as a young child out of the Grand Maumelle Sailing Club and has raced out of the Houston Yacht Club and AYC for the last 20+ years. His two children, Elena and Julian, also enjoy sailing and boating.

**Annette and David Voelter**

Annette sailed a Catalina 22 for several years and then bought a C270 in 1992. David "married into" the boat four years ago, and is eager to learn more about sailing. Annette and David are also active in Catalina fleet 69.

**Kristin and Brian Williams**

Kristin owns an Oday 222. She sailed with her father as a child and she, her husband Brian, and their five-year old son, Jude, have joined AYC to learn more about sailing and racing – and to have fun!

**Chuck Wheeler**

Chuck has owned the Sailboat Shop for years, and with the move of the shop to AYC's neighborhood, he will be able to come out and sail at AYC. Chuck has sailed Multihulls since childhood, completed an ocean crossing with his father, and sailed at school for a couple years on a Hobie Cat or Venture Catamaran.

New Members (not pictured)Students

August Bohmer
Trey Clawson
Kate Eversmann
Antoine Maury
Devin Smith
Rachel West

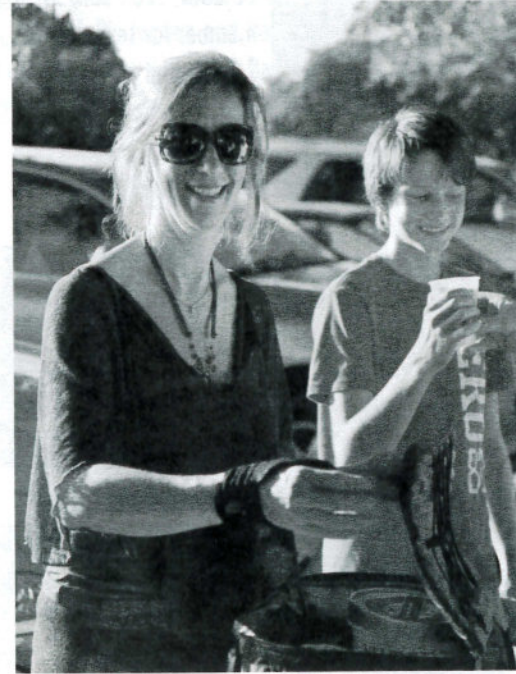
WELCOME TO AYC!

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Photos by Deborah Mathison





Summer Cruising Memories

Many of AYC's members have chosen bareboat charters for their summer vacations and hearing of these brings back memories of my best summer cruise. A few years ago **George Yonge**, a former crew of mine, bought a Gulfstar 50 in Florida and began sailing up the Atlantic coast. Every few days he would call me and invite me to join him. In August he called me from Newport, R.I. and said he was eating a lobster and washing it down with the coldest beer he had ever had. That was too much! It was 104 in Austin, so the next day I flew to Boston, took a bus to Newport, and was sipping that cold beer that evening. The next day, after touring Newport, we began sailing to Cape Cod by way of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard. Each night we would stop at a different yacht club where we would be granted reciprocal privileges. We were never charged for mooring and rarely paid a bar tab. On the third night we arrived at Marblehead, MA and were invited to dinner at the Corinthian Yacht Club. It turned out to be their end of summer party and was my first real "Clam Bake"! The food was great – lobsters, clams, oysters, bluefish, cod, potatoes, and corn (I passed on the veggies!) and plenty of cold beer. On our first trip to the keg, we were warmly greeted by two gentlemen and when we introduced ourselves, one of them turned out to be **Ted Hood**! He was very down-to-earth and we had a nice conversation. He invited us to visit his boatyard and sail loft the next day. Ted Hood passed away this June and the sailing world lost a giant. He designed and built numerous sailboats and was one of the best sail makers in the world. In 1974 he skippered "Courageous" to win the "America's Cup". I will never forget that summer cruise in New England and highly recommend chartering there.

Sail Training News

The success of Sail Training at AYC has resulted in more people, including juniors, seniors, members, and non-members participating in our camps, clinics, and private lessons. As expected, this has resulted in more wear and tear on club equipment and boats. Fortunately we have had many volunteers helping by servicing and repairing our boats. Much thanks goes to **Dave Gamble, Harry Polly, Steve Brown, Kiel Killeen, Fred Schroth, John Bartlett, John Saunders, Vic Manning, Jeff Brock, and as always Tom Cunningham**. We could not make it without you. Aside from repairs, we specifically need Laser parts, namely centerboards, rudders, fillers, and hardware. We would greatly appreciate donations of spare parts. Just contact **Kate** in the AYC office.

Care and Feeding of your Outboard Motor

Last month I came out to go sailing and the wind direction was out of the north so I needed to use my outboard motor. I connected the fuel line and began squeezing the bulb several times rather aggressively until it firmed up. Then I pulled the starter cord several times and it would not start. I waited a few minutes with the same result, and decided to take the motor to Pat Feagin's for repair. He checked it out and of course it ran great! He said that by pumping the bulb too hard, I had flooded the float and that I might have not opened the vent enough. I left with the motor and the following tips:

1. Regular gas has ethanol (bad for motor). Aviation fuel has no ethanol. Use gas stabilizer.
2. Pump the bulb gently just a few times.
3. Make sure vent is open completely.
4. Disconnect fuel line and run motor until it stops before leaving.

The Sailboat Shop is Open!

New member **Chuck Wheeler's** Sailboat Shop has moved next to Bartlett Sales and it's open for business!

Molar Mystery

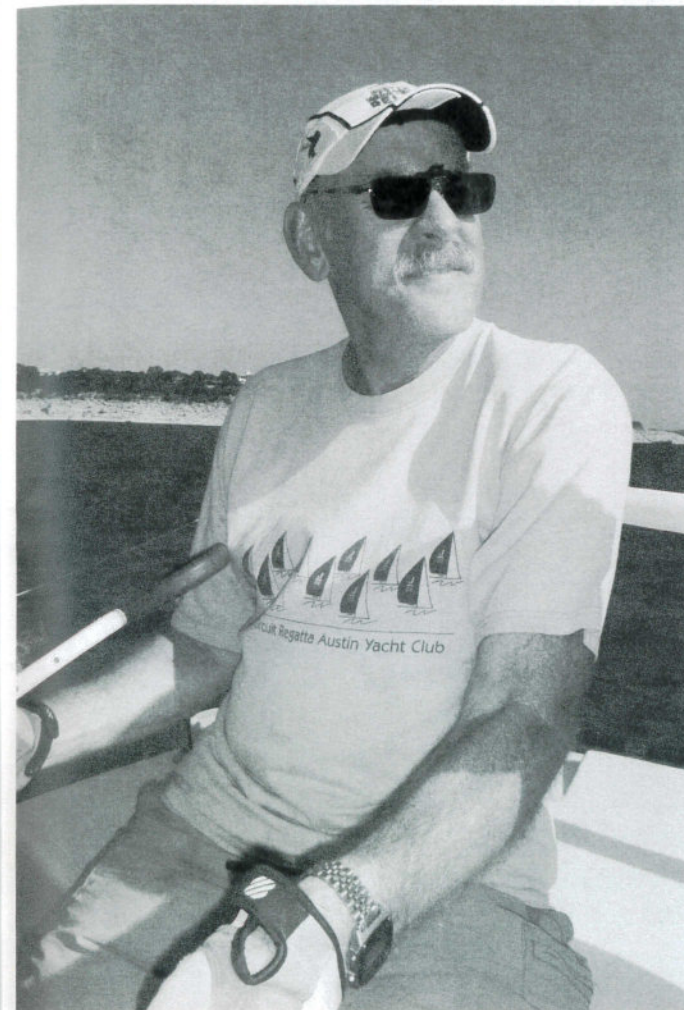
All kinds of stuff ends up in the lost and found, but recently something was found that really takes (bites) the cake! A set of lower dentures was found on dock 1 and is waiting for the rightful owner to claim them. If you think that they are yours, go to the office and describe them to Jackie. She may request a fitting.



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And Just Because...

Some photos are just too classic not to share.



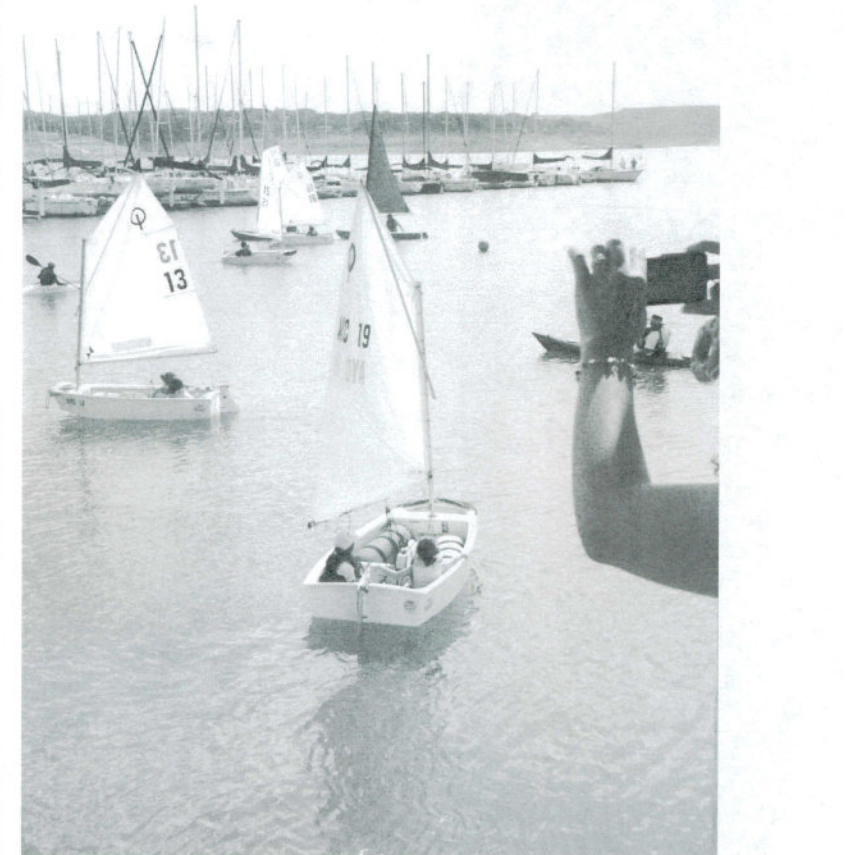
Jim Johnstone as Humfrey Bogart



Kerr Munson, future Olympian



Fred Ford as Jack London



Capturing the moment being captured...

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AYC 2013 RACE CALENDAR

Sep 22	Late Summer Series Race #2 RC: Ensign 1:30p start
Sep 28	3rd Annual Fleet Challenge
Sep 29	Late Summer Series Race #3 RC: SC21 1:30p start
Oct 5-6	Governor's Cup Regatta
Oct 13	Late Summer Series Race #4 RC: C22 1:30p start
Oct 19	New Racer Regatta
Oct 20	Fall Series Race #1 Skippers' Meeting: Noon RC: Multihull 1:30 start
Oct 27	Fall Series Race #2 RC: PHRF A 1:30p start
Beer Can Races	Every Friday through end of September 7:30p start
Sunfish / Laser	Every Wednesday through end of September 6:00p start

AYC 2013 NON-RACING EVENTS

Sep 21/28	UT Sailing Club Saturday Sail 11:00a - 5:00p
Sep 21	Spinnaker Clinic 1:00p - 5:00p
Sep 26	AYC Board of Directors Meeting 7:30p
Oct 5/12/19/26	UT Sailing Club Saturday Sail 11:00a - 5:00p
Oct 12	Centerboard Clinic 1:00p - 5:00p
Oct 24	AYC Board of Directors Meeting 7:30p
Oct 26	Fall Women's Clinic 9:00a - 8:00p



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Jeff Brock and son James sail Centerboard Regatta

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