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BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Date: February 28, 2019

Board Report

NAME OF BOARD MEMBER: Keith Denebeim

BOARD POSITION: Sail Training Commander

Sail Training will be transitioning into a new era. This past month, Coleman Terrell's status changed from employee to contracted sailing coach. Although this has thrown Staff and Board into the challenge of covering all levels of organized sail training, we are confident we have all aspects covered. This leads to our number one priority of finding the right person to join the AYC at a very high level. There are many ideas on how to shape this new position with input from present and past Board Members as well as the AYC Fund. We will shape this position once we have found the right person. I encourage the Board to continue with the support for the search and to even go as far as looking into professional recruitment.

Summer Camp is filling up but we do have the immediate task of confirming our Camp Director. This role has two distant tasks list that we need to complete. The preliminary set-up and administration of the camp sessions needs to be addressed that include but not limited to staff hiring, curriculum and overall planning. The second role will be the actual coaching on the water. We have many options to work through but again, we need to find the right person or persons.

On the positive side, Sail Training continued with another well attended seminar this past weekend; Racing Rules by Brad Davis. We had more than 30 attendees. We will continue with our monthly series in March with our Race Start Seminar and Clinic on March 16th.

The Magic is coming! Yes, we have firmed up Saturday night, June 1st as our American Magic Night in Austin. Both Skipper Terry Hutchison and TV Sailing Commentator, Tucker Thompson will be presenting American Magic – Challenger to the 36th America's Cup in a spectacular multimedia production titled, "Bringing the America's Cup to Texas, and Texas to the America's Cup." This will be held at the Bob Bullock History Museum with tickets scheduled to go on sale April 1st. Tickets will be \$20 per person.

We also have many additional training opportunities that we encourage all to pass on to their crew, friends and guests.

- ASA Sail Classes lead by Harry Polly and out ASA Trainers
- Pre Series Racing School for 2019 led by John Parker and the J/24 Fleet.
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Both of these experiences are designed for the sailor to take their time on the water to the next levels.

Thank you for everyone's support and assistance as we moved into a new AYC Sail Training era.