

Austin Yacht Club Fund

Report: November 18, 2021

2021 was again an unusual year for the AYC Fund due to COVID constraints. While many club members obtained vaccinations during the first part of the year, with the Delta surge and the lack of vaccination for children under 11, we elected not to hold the traditional Fleet Challenge event in September. However, we were thrilled with the enthusiastic participation of club members and the community in our virtual Fleet Challenge fundraiser. In all, the virtual Fleet Challenge raised a total of almost \$25,000 from nearly 300 different donors. We fully expect that 2022 will be back to business as usual, and we look forward to an awesome in-person Fleet Challenge next summer!

Highlights from this year:

- The 2021 Fund Board consisted of Steve Keckler (Chair), Ray Shull (Treasurer), Louise Miller (Secretary), Mary Carew, Sarah Faust, Kirk Livingston, Linda McDavitt, and Matt Romberg.
- The balance of funds (as of 10/30/21) is \$366,808, an increase of \$48,550 since 1/1/21.
- Grants in the sum of \$9,713 were used to provide partial support of regatta travel to six members of the RoadRunner junior program and to members of the Lake Travis High School Sailing team to participate in the Baker and Mallory cup regattas. The fund also provided support to a local sailor's 2024 Olympic sailing campaign for travel and training expenses.
- Outside of the Fleet Challenge, gifts in the sum of \$2,515 were received from 17 donors in memory Russell Painton, Jim Tillinghast, and David Lewis.
- We assisted the UT Sailing Team in raising \$10,480 to support their portion of the purchase of a replacement dinghy fleet.
- Longer-term planning
 - We are interested in supporting additional community-based outreach which could include summer camp scholarships, activities through the Big Brother/Big Sister program, or other efforts that would bring new people into sailing. Please contact us with concepts or ideas that you are interested in pursuing.
 - We have sequestered sufficient funds over the years to help support boat and sail replacements for the junior dinghy fleet.
- The 2021 AYC Fund Board officers will be: Ray Shull (Chair), Louise Miller (Treasurer), and Kirk Livingston (Secretary).

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Keckler
AYC Fund Board Chair