



AYC Sailors Spring into Racing!



Cover photo by Bill Records

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SAVE THE DATE

Beer Can Races Start Apr 17
US Sailing Level 1 Smallboat Instructor
Course April 18-19, 25-26
ASA 101 Basic Keelboat Course
Apr 18-19, 25-26

Wednesday Night Laser/Sunfish Races
Start May 6
Women's Clinic May 9
Turnback Canyon Regatta May 23-24



WOMENS
sailing clinic
9AM-7PM SATURDAY MAY 9

Join us Mother's Day Weekend for a day of sailing, learning, new friends, and fun! This clinic is taught exclusively for women by female instructors. All levels of sailing experience (including first time sailors!) are welcome! Lunch and dinner are included with registration. Please bring sunscreen, a reusable water bottle, hat & sunglasses. Sun protection clothing and close-toed boat shoes are encouraged. Clinic cost is \$60.00 for Austin Yacht Club members and \$85.00 for non-members. Register online at

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Register Today!

From The Commodore

by Barry Bowden



If you haven't raced lately at AYC, you may not have noticed that, after 35 years, our main race committee boat has had a facelift. John Bartlett had recommended that we eliminate the hard top that a lot of us have left pieces of skin on through the years.

With the help of his welder, the old top was removed and a new soft top with headroom to handle almost any club member and a new front door that won't give you a concussion were installed. The marine head that everyone noticed and caused them to take a breath as soon as they stepped on board was replaced with a nice curtain and a camping toilet that can be used if necessary. While they were at it, there were new windows placed so you can stand up and drive and actually see where you are going.

The flags on top have been reinstalled and we will soon have them so you can tell one flag from another when several are flying.



The wiring was all replaced thanks to Bay Peterson and then the boat took a trip to Fred Schroth's Fiberglass shop for a nice new paint job. This paint job was helped along by a lot of volunteer work by Fred Ford scraping and painting the hull.

After this task was accomplished, we had a suggestion from Barry Thornton to redo the sound system downstairs and install a wireless microphone. Tom Cunningham has been helping Barry with this project. Soon we will be able to have meetings downstairs and have everyone be able to hear what is happening.

Our manager Jackie Wheelless came up with an idea to enlist volunteer probationary members to help with after series races food and snacks.

We have been served some great meals as a result of this and some of our newer members have had an opportunity to meet more of their fellow members while providing hungry racers something to eat.

We have been able to host the J22 Circuit regatta and the Easter Laser Regatta and an upcoming J70 Circuit regatta. These events are some of the first we have been able to host since the lake levels have dropped.

It has been nice to see some out of town visitors to our club with these events.

None of these things could have been accomplished without the involvement of member volunteers. This is the spirit that makes the Austin Yacht Club such a great place to spend your time. There is always something that you can help out with regardless of how long you have been a member. Volunteering to make things work is the best way I know of to get even more out of your membership. We are always looking for members to help out and I promise you will be rewarded by getting more out of your membership by helping out wherever you can.



Photo By: Bruce McDonald

Vice Commodore Report

by Molly Lewis



Another gorgeous Austin springtime is upon us, and AYC sailors have been taking advantage of the cool temperatures and mostly windy days to get in plenty of racing.

The Spring Series races are about to wrap up, with strong participation every week, a sparkling upgrade to the Race Committee

boat, and awesome post-race meals hosted by new member volunteers. The Spring Series will culminate with the End of Series race on March 19th, which will be coupled with the 2nd annual Ensign-sponsored Chaparral del Mar Regatta. Stick around after the races for trophy presentations and burgers by the UT Sailing Club!

This is pretty minor and is moot now anyway, but if we can make the change, it would be good. In addition to the ongoing series racing, the J/22's hosted a Circuit Regatta over the weekend of March 21-22, and Fred Schroth put on yet another great Easter Laser Regatta over Easter weekend. Both events have been met with rave reviews thanks to all the volunteers who made the events so successful.

Speaking of volunteers, be sure to check out the Volunteer Spotlight section of this month's newsletter. It features some of the great volunteer activities that have been taking place over the last month and lists upcoming

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volunteer opportunities. Volunteers make the awesome racing and social activities of the club happen, as well as a lot of the training. And volunteering is a great way to get to know other club members better and to enjoy the club at a whole different level! To reiterate Barry's comments, whether you are a probationary member needing to check a few more boxes or a long-time member wanting to help out where you can and enjoy the camaraderie and fun of making good things happen, there is almost always something that needs doing. Find a place to get involved!

But it's not all work, work, work either. Thanks to all the efforts of our staff and volunteers, this TellTale highlights many opportunities for just plain fun at AYC. Just to name a few, Friday night Beer Can Racing starts on April 17, the "Summer" Series races begin on May 3, and, of course, the Regatta and Party of the summer – Turnback Canyon Regatta is on May 23-24!

We also have great sail training opportunities coming up. Be sure to look at Kate's column and all the ads throughout the TellTale for details on the Women's Sailing Clinic on Mother's Day weekend, a Cruising Clinic on May 16, an adult FJ Training series to be held every Thursday evening in May, as well as PB&J and Summer Camps for the kids. There's always something to learn, and many opportunities at AYC to learn it (or volunteer teach it, if you are already that good).

It's a great time of year to live in Austin and sail at AYC! Don't let it pass you by!

Harbor Report

by Wade Bingaman



We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our latest dock up-grades: a new dock 5, additional dock connectors, and a metal stairway. All of these should be here in the next month or so. Once they are installed, it will go a long way to having our dock system ready for the ever changing lake level.

Speaking of changing lake levels, if you haven't noticed, Lake Travis' level is slowly creeping up. While this is good news, it also creates its own challenges. The topography of the ground around the current shoreline is very flat. This means as the water rises there is a large shallow area that our walkways must span before reaching deep enough water to float the docks. With our slider system this does not present a problem for the keel boat docks. However for our board boat and RC docks it is a problem because of their short walkways. We are trying to devise a dock arrangement that solves this problem and also keeps these docks positioned so members can still launch their boats to leeward.

Oh, yea, did I mention that the higher lake level also means the cement launch ramp is almost usable? Of course that means the launch ramp need a rigging dock along side it. Some of our board boat docks also double as this rigging dock.

The Harbor Committee is going to solve this jig-saw puzzle, but please be patient. There may be times when access to the board boat docks is less than ideal. Before we spend money moving the docks, we want to be reasonably sure that the lake level will remain high enough that we don't have to spend more money to move them back a short time later.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Photos by Deborah Mathison



Matthew Cresap



David and Dana Pendleton



Gendron Gardner



James Parsons



Paul van Rijswijk



Jacob Bohreer with his mother
Gina Bohreer



Kari Cabrera - mother of
Kynes Cabrera



Kristi and Gustavo - parents of
Lucas Tenreiro



Meg Warms - mother of
Kate Warms

Race Commander Report

by Ed Taylor



Spring Series started with Opening Day and after a short delay, PHRF A Race Committee managed to get off two races in clearing conditions. The PHRF B Race Committee ran a well-organized Spring Series #2. Spring Series #3 got the recently refurbished Race Committee boat anchored in building breeze by the South Coast Fleet that saw some fast racing down the course. Brad Davis mentioned this when it was the fastest sailboat ride he ever had at 14.7 knots! Thank you for all those attending the day's racing and Race Committee members who ran some great racing.

For those expecting awards from the Frostbite Series, these are now available.

Race Logistics

We have seen good use of the Race Committee Handbook and Worksheets. The Worksheets have been revised to give the user some more room for writing and a better layout. Thank you Chris Thompson.

All updated Race Committee documents including Course Cards, Worksheets, RC Handbook... will be located on the Web under Racing/Race Documents.

We are looking for Race Committee members to help out on the following regattas:

- The Southwestern J/70 Circuit will be making a stop April 25-26. RC duties are filling up for this upcoming Regatta. There will be some more advanced course setting with offset buoys and a gate.
- All Permanent Race Committee member should put May 3rd on their calendars for RC duties and the start of the Summer Series.
- three race regatta on May 23-24 for the Turnback Regatta.

A reminder for the five new changes that have been added to all club racing.

1. Mid-Course Start/Finish Line
2. Finish Line is an Obstruction
3. Courtesy Horn one minute prior to starts
4. On-the-Water check in is a AYC requirement
5. Order of Starts

Start	Fleet	Exceptions
1	Multihull	Split fleet A & B (long vs. short)
2	PHRF B & C	
3	Ensign, SC21 and Catalina 22	
4	J/22 and J/24	
5	PHRF A	

Sail Training Report

by Eric Rochard



Being inclusive: Mini Mocha

It is very sad that Sailing has been kicked out of Paralympic. The official reason was that too few nations were having athletes competing. The real reason is that sponsors do not care about Olympic/Paralympic sailing.

Meanwhile, in the April issue of WoodenBoats there is an interesting article about the Mini Mocha, a 4.0M Micro Racing Sailboat. This initiative for adapted sailing is very interesting, it is a challenging sportboat for sailors of all ability. AYC Sail training will follow this initiative very closely.

Junior Sail Training

The safety of the Junior Sail Training program is very important, the sail training procedures have been reviewed and updated for the spring.

We have received the 4 new optimists. In order to complete our 2015 equipment upgrade program, we are still looking at getting a RIB.

Adult Sail Training

Thanks to the support of Scott Young, Renee Ruais and Vic Manning the start clinic on March 15th was a large success with six J22s, three J24s, and 29 sailors. The focus on specific fleets increased the quality of the clinic with a direct application of Scott's chalk talk in the morning to the afternoon's start practices. We were able to start 9 races in 0 to 10 knots of northerly wind. I have been struggling a bit with our video equipment. However we should be able soon to post the taping of the starts with a link to the AYC website.

The advanced sail trimming clinic has been pushed out to September and Bill Records has proposed to chair a beginner sailing clinic on April 24th.

FJ adult sail training will be scheduled this spring on Thursday evening based on Junior's practice model. Check out AYC web site for more information!

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Sailing Director Report

by Kate Noble



AYC Sail Training has also created a YouTube channel! We have purchased a Sony Action Cam to use during training events. We look forward to sharing footage from clinics with participants via our new YouTube channel. Search YouTube for "AYC Sail Training" and check out the footage from the recent Scott Young Start Clinic.

ADULT SAILING PROGRAM

The Scott Young Start Clinic was held on March 14. We had 9 J22s and J24s in attendance. Feedback has been fantastic and we look forward to hosting more advanced clinics in the future. Thank you to Scott for sharing his time and talents with us! Thank you to on-the-water support: Eric Rochard, Vic Manning and Renee Ruais.

We have a busy month ahead for Adult Sail Training!

April 25: Bill Records will lead a half-day Learn-to-Sail Clinic aboard keelboats.

May 9: Our popular full-day Spring Women's Clinic is open to women of all skill levels. We're looking forward to another fabulous dinner by chef James Wilsford!

May 16: Bill Records will lead a Cruise Clinic. Instruction on anchoring, motoring, and basic cruising followed by a beach party!

Also in May, we will be launching a new Adult Training series aboard our fleet of Flying Juniors. Based off feedback from the 2015 Membership Survey, evaluations handed out at past clinics, and input from the Long Range Planning Committee, we have recognized the need for a structured series of lessons for adults. Our first series of lessons will launch in May and is designed for beginner dinghy sailors. Lessons will be held Thursday evenings in May (7, 14, 21, 28) 6:00-8:00 and will be led by AYC Assistant Coach Charlie Diebolt.

See the flyers in this month's Telltale for more information on all of our upcoming clinics!



Photos By: Bill Records

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Summer is right around the corner and registration is open for both PB&J and the Junior Sailing Camp. Dates, fees, and registration links are available on the website or check out our full flyers in this edition of the Telltale. AYC members will need a coupon code to obtain discounted member pricing. Please contact the office for the code!

YOUTH RACING NEWS

Our traveling Roadrunners have been on the road A LOT this Spring!

The LCYC TSA event was held March 14-15 and was a great event for our 12 AYC sailors: Laser Radial sailors Spencer LeGrande, Michael Morran, and Ben Froelich, Opti Green Fleeter Katie Froelich, and Opti RWB sailors Tony Slowik, Ethan, Fiona & Wendi Froelich, James & Lucy Brock, Julius Heitkoetter and Nicholas Carew. Congrats to Spencer who placed 4th, James who placed 2nd in White Fleet and 9th overall, Ethan who placed 4th in Blue Fleet and 6th overall, and Tony Slowik who won Blue Fleet and placed 2nd overall!

The following weekend, Tony Slowik, Julius Heitkoetter, Ethan, Fiona & Wendi Froelich and Lucy & James Brock traveled to Bay St. Louis, Mississippi for the USODA Gulf Coast Champs, a Team Trials qualifier. Tony finished 6th overall out of 70 boats and Ethan finished 22nd! James Brock earned a USODA bullet—a Roadrunner first!

11 AYC sailors traveled to Corinthian Sailing Club March 28-29: Opti Green Fleeters Katie Froelich and Eric Jayawant, Laser Radial sailor Ben Froelich, and the usual Opti RWB crowd: James & Lucy Brock, Nicholas Carew, Ethan, Fiona & Wendi Froelich, Julius Heitkoetter, and Tony Slowik. With 16 sailors in RWB, AYC's Opti sailors made up half the fleet! Congrats to 1st overall Tony Slowik, 3rd overall Ethan Froelich, and 5th overall (2nd in White) James Brock! Also congrats to Ben who placed 4th in Laser Radials!

Tony Slowik went straight from the Corinthian Sailing Club regatta to DFW where he boarded a plane to Holland for his first international regatta-- the Magic Marine Easter Regatta as part of USODA Team USA Braassemermeer! Tony placed an impressive 64th out of 231 boats and was the youngest sailor to make Gold Fleet. Read more about Tony's trip in his article in this edition of the Telltale. AYC is so proud of you, Tony!

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UNDER CONSTRUCTION -- NEW AYC DIRECTORY

Attention Members! The AYC Directory is currently under construction. It will only be as current as the information YOU provide. Please review your information by reviewing your information by clicking on the link on the AYC website. You will need your AYC account number and password to logon. Under the Member Menu on the right, you will find a link for 2015 Membership Directory – Printable Version. Review this information and send any updates to: secretary@austinyachtclub.net. The directory is how other members can find you and invite you to sail! Keep it current!

Is everything correct?

Yes: Do nothing No: Please reply to secretary@austinyachtclub.net with updates or corrections.

Corrections will be taken until May 10th

AYC junior Laser sailors participated in the Easter Laser Regatta—congrats to Will Abrams, Jules Bettler Ben Froelich, Spencer LeGrande, and Michael Morran!

ROADRUNNER SAILOR OF THE MONTH: ERIC JAYAWANT

Eric Jayawant joined AYC in 2014 as a student member and Junior Sailing Program participant after several summers as a stand-out PB&J sailor.

Eric is a fast learner and quickly progressed to the Opti II Intermediate racing group. Santa brought Eric an AYC Opti for Christmas and he's been busy fixing it up and getting it race-ready over the offseason. Eric participated in his first travel event at the DCYC TSA regatta in March where he finished 3rd in the Green Fleet! Congratulations to the newest member of the Roadrunner road warriors!



SPOTLIGHT ON FREE SAIL SUNDAY

For those interested in checking out AYC Sail Training boats, come on out on Sunday afternoons for Free Sail! Once limited to our Junior Sailing Program participants, Free Sail Sunday is now open to ALL AYC members and their families. All AYC Optis, Picos, Lasers, Sunfish and FJs are available for members to check out between 1:00 and 4:00 on most Sunday afternoons (weather and club schedule permitting). While no formal instruction is offered during Free Sail, the AYC coaching staff is on hand to supervise, assist with rigging, launching, and troubleshooting as needed. Free Sail Sunday is open-house style – feel free to come and go as you please throughout the afternoon; however, please plan on arriving no later than 3:00 pm to ensure enough time for rigging, sailing, and derigging.

Check the AYC calendar for dates. Cancellations due to weather will be posted to the AYC website no later than two hours prior to Free Sail so be sure to check the site before making the trip.

Class	Day	Ages	Dates	Time	Cost
Opti I	Fri	8 - 12	Spring: Mar 6 - May 29	4:00 - 6:30 pm	\$85*
			Fall: Jul 31 - Oct 23	4:00 - 6:30 pm	\$85*
			Late Fall: Oct 30 - Dec 18	4:00 - Dusk	\$45**
Opti II/III	Wed	8 - 15	Spring: Mar 11 - Jun 3	4:00 - 6:30 pm	\$85*
			Fall: Aug 5 - Oct 28	4:00 - 6:30 pm	\$85*
			Late Fall: Nov 4 - Dec 16	4:00 - Dusk	\$45**
	Sat	8 - 15	Spring: Mar 7 - May 30	1:00 - 3:30 pm	\$85*
			Fall: Aug 1 - Oct 24	1:00 - 3:30 pm	\$85*
			Late Fall: Oct 31 - Dec 19	12:00 - 2:30 pm	\$45**
Laser/FJ	Sat	12 - 18	Spring: Mar 7 - May 30	4:00 - 6:30 pm	\$85*
			Fall: Aug 1 - Oct 24	4:00 - 6:30 pm	\$85*
			Late Fall: Oct 31 - Dec 19	3:00 - 5:30 pm	\$45**

AUSTIN YACHT CLUB

Junior Sailing Camp

The Austin Yacht Club's Junior Sailing Camp, located on beautiful Lake Travis, is a unique summer sailing experience for kids ages 8-16. Throughout your camper's week at AYC, they will learn and practice fundamental skills aboard our fleet of Optimists, Picos, Lasers, Sunfish, and Flying Juniors. With a camper to counselor ratio of 4 to 1, you can rest assured that your child will enjoy the exciting sport of sailing in a safe environment. Our camp runs Monday-Friday from 9:00-5:00 with an optional early drop-off and late pick-up hour available free of charge. Through a combination of classroom discussion, land activities, on the water drills, and games our campers gain the skills necessary to become life-long sailors! Special activities include racing, destination sailing, and wind surfing.

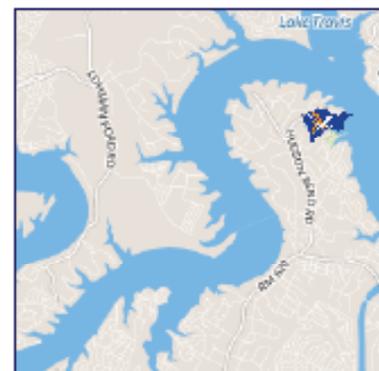


	Dates	Member	Non-Member
1	June 8-12	\$395	\$480
2	June 15-19	\$395	\$480
3	June 22-26	\$395	\$480
4	July 6-10	\$395	\$480
5	July 13-17	\$395	\$480
6	July 20-24	\$395	\$480

discounts available for multi-child and multi-session registrations!



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PBJ Summer Sailing Series

Learn to sail this summer! The Austin Yacht Club's PB&J Summer Sailing Series is the perfect introduction to sailing for kids ages 4-10. Designed for first-time sailors, the goal of our PB&J program is to get young children comfortable on the water and spark a life-long interest in boating and sailing! Our US Sailing certified instructors keep things simple and fun, teaching the basics through games and hands-on learning. Each session of PB&J includes four weekly 90 minute lessons.

	Day	Dates	Time
1	Saturday	May 30, June 6, 13, 27	9:30-11:00
2	Saturday	May 30, June 6, 13, 27	11:00-12:30
3	Sunday	May 31, June 7, 14, 28	9:30-11:00
4	Sunday	May 31, June 7, 14, 28	11:00-12:30
5	Saturday	July 11, 18, 25, Aug. 1	9:30-11:00
6	Saturday	July 11, 18, 25, Aug. 1	11:00-12:30
7	Saturday	August 8, 15, 22, 29	9:30-11:00
8	Saturday	August 8, 15, 22, 29	11:00-12:30

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Notes from your GM

by Jackie Wheelless

Lost and Found

Someone left their soft shell AYC jacket in the clubhouse. It's gray and size medium. Please call me if this is yours.

Did You Know??

The swimming pool is targeted to open each year no later than the Turnback Canyon Regatta (Memorial weekend).

This target date is due to the oak trees that surround our grounds. If the pool were to be uncovered earlier, the massive dumping of leaves and pollen would cause an intensive amount of manual labor to keep the pool clean and clear.

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Clean Marina Guidelines: The Austin Yacht Club and its members follow the Clean Marina Guidelines for our work area and other environmental related marina practices. A copy of the Clean Marina Guidelines is available at the AYC office or online at the Clean Marina website.

Gate code: all previous codes have been pulled from the gate program and THE GATE CODE CONTINUES TO CHANGE MONTHLY. Please make note of the new gate code which is printed on your monthly statements and on the website under the Member Menu OR come by the office and purchase a gate clicker for \$15.

Sea Scouts: THANK YOU to Harry Polly for relocating the rosemary bush and the century plants that used to adorn the main gate flower bed. THANK YOU to the Sea Scouts for spending March 28th at AYC working on their boats, having some sailing adventures AND for planting the new plants at the main gate! The flowerbed has a new and fresher look!

New dumpsters: Our contract with Texas Disposal went into effect on April 1. The new dumpsters are capable of being locked; however, locks will not be installed on them until further notice.

Member Cards: The last time membership cards were printed was July 2013! I'm compiling a list of new members who joined from August 2013 to present. Any members who joined AYC prior to August 2013 and who have lost their plastic member card, please email me ASAP so that you can be included in the order I place. I plan to order the cards by May 1st.

Cabins: The new beds, bed ensembles and window coverings in the cabins are getting HUGE raves! Members and non-members alike have made it very clear that they've noticed AND approve of the fresh look!

Woodpecker and Friends: With Spring and warmer weather we've seen the return of our resident woodpecker and his friends. Tom's been battling holes in the clubhouse siding and nests being built anywhere and everywhere!

Chimney Maintenance: A chimney sweep is scheduled this month to come clean the clubhouse and cabin chimneys. We'll be all set for next winter!

Probationary Members: The months of March and April have provided many avenues for the newer AYC members to either begin or complete their probationary requirements. If you're a probationary member and need assistance with activities to give you credit towards your requirements, please don't hesitate to contact Sailing Director Kate Noble or myself so we can direct you to on the water or service activities!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

In every TellTale article you read and picture you enjoy looking at, there are countless "stories behind the stories". No, we're not talking about the stories that can't be repeated in polite company. At least for purposes of this article, we're talking about the stories of all the behind-the-scenes activities that made the events even possible. In addition to the support of our excellent staff, most of this work is done by volunteers who are willing to step in and fill a gap or just make something great happen. We've decided to shine a light on just a few of those volunteers. This month's focus is on all the support provided by our New Members during the Spring Series races.

Michael Mancuso (Senior Probationary) got things rolling when he single handedly fed the Spring Series Race #2 sailors. He came in behind the J22 Circuit Stop and provided snacks for the series racers and then cleaned up the entire clubhouse with some the helping hands of Annie Frey and Linda McDavitt.

Not to be outdone, several additional probationary members volunteered to plan and deliver the Spring Series Race #3 post meal. This included:

- Mark O'Brien - Associate Probationary
- Matt Sterett - Young Adult Probationary
- Eric Barreveld - Senior Probationary
- Charles Waldron - Senior Probationary

They served up a fabulous meal of herb crusted Pork Tenderloin with a fruit chipotle sauce, roasted fresh vegetables, Parisian salad, and assorted desserts. Yum!

Michael Mancuso apparently didn't like missing out on the fun, so he came back to support the Spring Series Race #4 dinner, along with probationary members John Thurston (Senior Probationary) and Chuck Wheeler (Senior Probationary). They served up another great meal to the delight and gratitude of the sailors coming off the water. Thanks guys!

But that's not all! New Member support didn't stop in the kitchen. Bill Records recruited a number of New Members to help with Race Committee for Spring Series Race #4 and could not say enough great things about them. Just to steal a little of his thunder (see also C-Fleet Update), Bill reports that the teamwork of his race committee was as good as he's seen. Thanks go to: John Durfor, Jonas Durfor, Dave and Dana Pendleton, Charlie Pitkin, Hector Lujan, Owen Crouse, Chris Thompson, Annie Frey, Cindy Naylor, James Parsons, Jane Lanshe, Mike Singh, Jus Singh (Roadrunner and best radio operator!), and Doichin Tzolov. [I did not yet get a chance to identify the new members on this list but I want to].

Excellent job to all the New Members (and old ones too) who played a part in making it another great Spring Series at AYC! (caveat: one risk of listing volunteers is that someone is inadvertently left off this list, and if that's you, we apologize. Give yourself a pat on the back and know that we are grateful for your service!).

SEE THE CALENDAR (PAGE #26) FOR UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

J22 CIRCUIT STOP



Bill Records



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32ND EASTER LASER REGATTA





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32ND EASTER LASER REGATTA



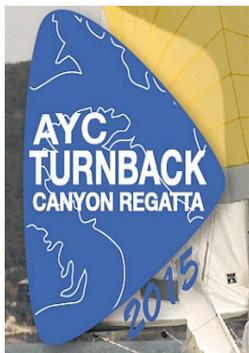
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TURNBACK REGATTA

by Steve Pervier



AYC Vice Commodore Molly Lewis and Catalina 22 Fleet Captain Steve Pervier are planning this year's Turnback Canyon Regatta, complete with racing, entertainment, tasty food, and lots of fun. Thanks to Wade Bingaman, Barry Bowden, Preston Bezant, John Grzinich, Chris Thompson, Ed Taylor, Bill Records, Stefan Froelich, Constanze Heitkoetter, Kate Noble, Jackie Wheelless, and many others who have already helped in the early development of Turnback 2015! Here's what we

envision...

Our weekend of fun starts Friday evening, with local racers and visiting sailors participating in the informal Beer Can races, Austin style, having fun and tuning their boats up while enjoying Lake Travis as the sunlight makes for great pictures. Those around the clubhouse will enjoy the view as boats head up and down the lake, finishing at the no-wake buoys enroute to the docks. Sailors from AYC, UT, our RoadRunner Fleet, and visiting skippers and crews will feast on burgers and swap stories of thrilling Turnbacks past.

Saturday morning begins with a complimentary breakfast, registration, and a competitors' briefing, before our fleets of Keel, Multihull, Centerboards, Beach Cats, and Junior Optis, Lasers, and FJs take to the water. Racing takes off on the main course towards Lago Vista, and Junior fleets compete on their own course. A second main course race will return to AYC in time for an Austin style summer party, with music, dinner, and a great party, to be held around the patio and both under and inside the clubhouse.

Sunday starts with a complimentary breakfast, followed by a single race for the main course sailors, and one or more Junior fleet races. Everyone returns to AYC, where our RoadRunner Fleet will be hosting a fantastic lunch fundraiser - which everyone has come to enjoy for the tastiest food and the time to talk about this Turnback, and every Turnback! Soon our trophies will be awarded, with cheers and applause for the winners.

Make history in 2015, and be a part of the biggest, best, longest-running regatta in central Texas. Come for the bands, the celebration, and the great racing. Savor the local flavor! Uniquely Austin. The Legend Continues!

Sign up on-line at www.austinyachtclub.net or call 512-266-1336

EASTER LASER REGATTA

by Fred Schroth

The Easter Laser regatta has now gone on long enough it has become a bit of a tradition. Most of the competitors this year weren't born when I first hosted the event. The regatta PRO from the first five years are each now running that giant sailboat race in the sky (where the sound of sailors' voices make the Angels want to cry) .

There was an incident this year I wish I could delete from my life video tape and rewind. It felt wrong when it happened, worse when the sailor and his Dad thanked me for my participation and when I read this Sailing World article I became certain. I screwed up!!

<http://www.sailingworld.com/terrystip-how-to-sail-corinthian>

The fact is the guys in the M-20s in that story were sailing in a fleet. The kid and I were sailing up to the weather mark and I tacked thinking I completed the tack with his bow clear astern. Next thing I knew his boat was crammed between mine and the buoy while rubbing on both. He started to head up and do turns. I asked if I finished the tack before he got his overlap and he said he didn't think so. I told him he didn't foul. While we were doing all this two boats rounded and headed down the run. Neither of us did any turns and, because He wasn't sure who fouled, and I Thought we had already lost enough, I didn't do any turns of my own.

The fact is, I owed the rest of the fleet the time it should have taken for me to do a 720. Based upon my ability to sail the course legally, I should have been in about tenth instead of sixth. The guys in the linked M-20 article disrespected their fellow sailors and decided to illegally stay in front of all those who could have passed while the offending boat did its 720. Just as missing a shift loses boats, hitting a mark or boat MUST cause a loss of distance. They were anything but Corinthian and just like me didn't play the game quite right. They owed the fleet a 720 of distance. The game is defined by the rules. None of us is perfect and, occasionally, even the most experienced of us accidentally breaks a rule.

On the other hand, the old guy who is running the legendary regatta can't just make up his own rules and if he does, it is quite fitting that the punishment be enduring bring thanked and having to write an explanation /apology. Fact is I sorta sailed off to the side on the run and let more boats pass but the game says "Do a 720!" not guess how long one might takers accomplish. I apologize for making up my own game. Maybe next year I can get it right. Or the year after that.

Thanks to everybody to helped run things or sailed or did both. The weather was perfect and the sailors always are. The next one is #33!!! Please come play!!

Holland 2015

by Tony Slowick



Sailing in Holland and representing the USA was one of the best experiences in my life. I made many new friends I am sure I will know for years to come. We were two days late because I was busy participating in the Rock the Rock event as part of the Texas Sailing Association in Dallas. It was a great send off as I won that event with ten 1st's and a 2nd!

When I arrived in Holland I was told that we would not practice the following day because the wind would be gusting over 50! So instead we went to a cheese factory, a wooden shoe factory and a canal cruise in Amsterdam. Very cool!

The next day we practiced in winds gusting to 42 mph. All the other countries stayed on shore and watched "the crazy Americans" practice. The planning at these wind speeds is truly incredible. The next day we practiced for a full four hours in 25 knots sustained wind! We had a practice race against Great Britain and I got 16th out of about 40 boats. I began to think I could keep up with these kids!

I got really lucky! On race day the winds dropped to 10 to 12 mph! Perfect for me. We are sailing on a lake very similar to Lake Travis with winds that are shifty and come in "puffs" down the lake. The first day I got a 21 and an 8. This placed me in 30th overall out of 231 boats and set me up for a good chance at Gold Fleet! The next day got windier to about 22 mph. The bigger kids had the advantage. I finished in the 30's and 40's. Not bad considering there were 79 boats in my flight. That evening my dad and I did the numbers and we knew it would be close to make Gold Fleet. I made it! By two boats! I was in 77th and the top 79 made it! I was also the youngest kid to make Gold Fleet! Wow!

The next day was light wind again. 10 to 12 mph. I started off getting pinned at the start and was forced to go right. Not the favored tack but I was committed and made the best of it. I ended up a disappointing 66. The next race I got penalized by the judge right at the start for skulling and had to do a 720. I went right again and this time ended up 18th to the windward mark! A bad tactical decision later in the race and I ended up 41. I ended the regatta with two 31's! Against the best Europe had to offer! I ended up 64th out of 231 boats! Not bad!

I am very proud of the way I sailed in the 30th Annual Magic Marine Regatta! I made sure everyone I met knew I sailed for Austin Yacht Club. I am so grateful to my parents for taking me and for all of Coach Kate's help along the way! And oh yeah – my parents too!



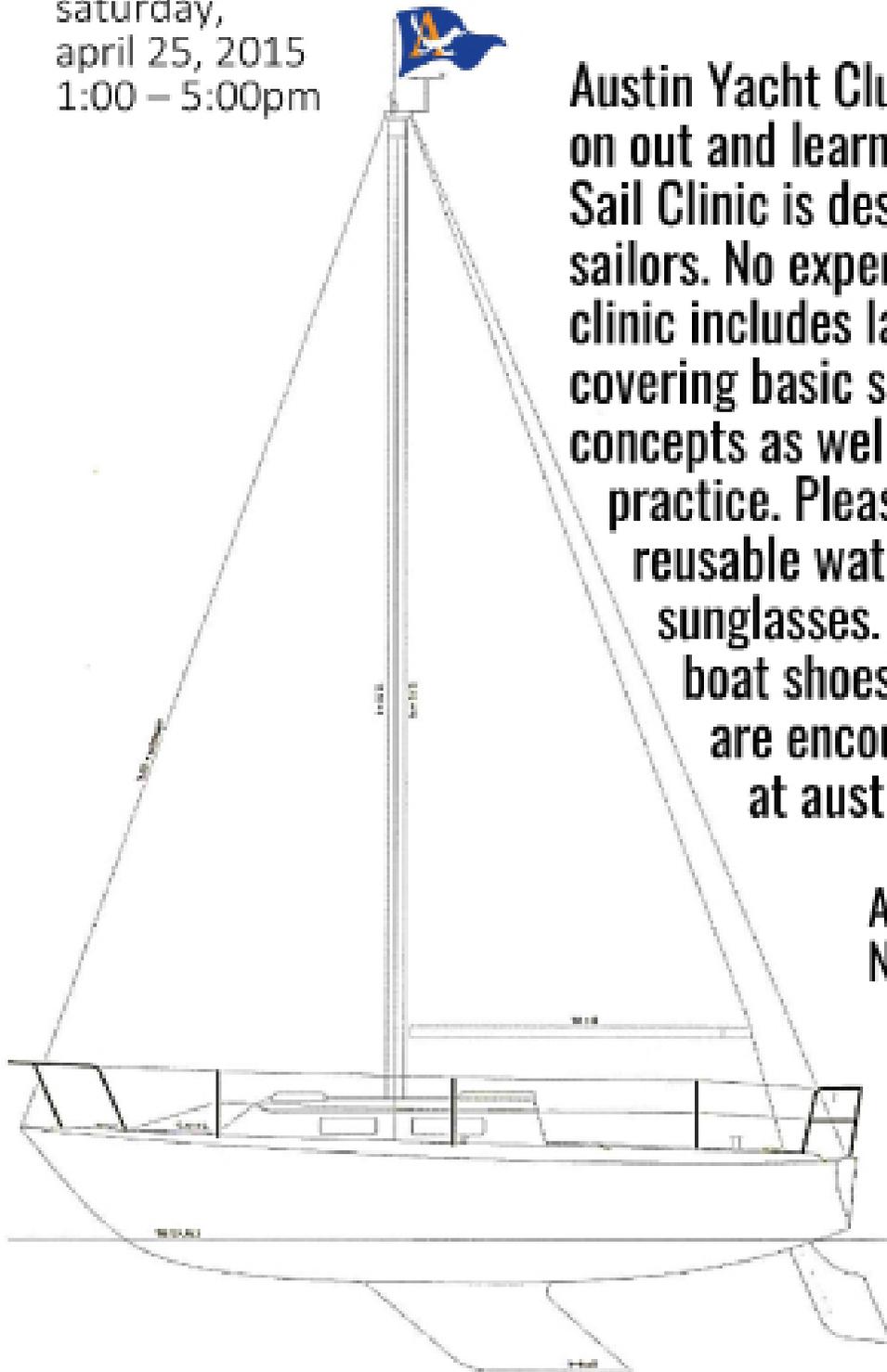
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J22 Fleet Update

by Bob Mathison



Fleet 11 sponsored the J/22 Circuit Regatta at AYC over the weekend of March 21-22 made possible by lots of volunteers and an active fleet. The weather was great with good winds and typical Lake Travis directional shifts to keep race committee guessing.

We were fortunate to sail three races on Saturday and two on Sunday for a five-race regatta. Participants from AYC included Pierre-Louis Bossart (Flying J), Rosanne Butera (Crash Course), Jerry Clifford (Short Fuse), John Halter (Project Mayhem), Bob Mathison (401 J), Linda McDavit (Bonfire), Gordon Miller (Caledonia), Patrick Reynolds (Slopoke), Renee Ruais (Bubbles), Terry Schertz (Liten' Up!), Michael Tita (Big Air), and Bruce Uphaus (Riff Raff). Frederick Lindsey (Cactus Jack) was the only out-of-town skipper, hailing from Lake Canyon Yacht Club

In the end, John Halter (AYC) took first place followed by Fred Lindsey (LCYC) second, Patrick Nelson (AYC) third, Terry Schertz (AYC) fourth, and Linda McDavit (AYC) in fifth. Each winner was presented a framed picture of their boat in action during the regatta, photographed by Bill Records.

A special thank you to all the volunteers who helped out with race committee, registration, meals, boat launch and retrieval, wet slips, and trophies: Brad and Susan Davis, Vic Manning, Bobby Crouch, Steve and Carol Frick, Hector Lujan, Nancy Nitardy, Charles Valentine, Michael Moran, Jennifer Loehlin, Kelly Thorstad, Jonas Durfor, Annie Riggs, Linda McDavit, Renee Ruais, Diane Covert, James Lanshe, Rosanne Butera, Wade Bingaman, John Parker, John Saunders, Deborah Mathison, Candace Miller and Jackie Wheelless!

The next J/22 out-of-town experience will be the HOOD Regatta at Houston Yacht Club September 19 and 20. The 2015 J/22 North American Championship will also be held at HYC beginning the week of September 30, so start making your plans now!

See you on the water.

The Ensign Fleet will provide crewed boats, fully rigged and ready to sail for all competitors. . . attend the skipper's meeting, board your boat and sail.

Award presentations will be at the End of Series meal at the AYC clubhouse. As of the writing of this article, Danny Lien (Regatta Chair) reports that we have the following Chaparrals de Mar (loosely translated, Oaks of the Sea or Old Salt) sailing this year: Elliot Bray, Eddie Calagero, Karel Dahmen, Brad Davis, Fred Ford, Doug Laws, Calin Popsecu, Cliff Price, Keith Renard and John Saunders. The remainder of the Ensign Fleet will sail with the regatta as a Family & Friends Day, but will not be scored. . . a day of fun on the water.

Carl Wiseman bought Tom Groll's Ensign #1609 and true to Ensign spirit began some serious TLC. He has replaced the teak decking and the combing and most of the running rigging. He was so anxious to get back on the water that during the TLC work he would jury rig the boat and sail in the series. He even sailed in heavy air with no cleats for the sheets. . . I think that is called getting a workout. . . go Carl.

We have one more scored Spring Series Race left for our Fleet. The standings going into our final scoring race of the Series are: With a commanding lead George Dahmen (578), Randolph Bertin (1068), Tom Groll (578) and Elliot Bray (810) tied, Jonathan Baker (324) and David Morley (739) tied, Fred Ford (972) and Carl Wiseman (1609). It felt good to bring 8 boats to the line.

A little Fleet tidbit: Kelly Groll was invited to audition for THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE game show. She has made the first round of cuts and we are anxious to follow her through the process. I have spoken with her and it is a long road that ends with an opportunity to compete on television. Good luck Kelly.

Looking forward to June, the Fleet will be doing a lot of cooking. We will be hosting the post Beer Can Burgers & Brats for the entire month of June and we will be hosting the End of Series meal for the Summer Series on June 14th. Lots of work in a short span of time, but also a lot of fun for those of us who sail a classic that is listed in the Sailboat Hall of Fame. Many of our fleet boats are over 50 years old and require constant care. . . but Ensigns are addictive. We have fun sailing them and caring for them is part of that fun. Time spent messing with boats is added to your life span. . . it's a fact. . . honest.

A little thought to take with you.

"The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails." -- William Arthur Ward

Ensign Fleet Update

by Bill Hawk

This edition of the Telltale will be put to bed before the Ensign sponsored Chaparral de Mar Regatta is sailed on April 19, 2015. The Regatta, embedded in the last Spring Series Race, invites two classes of competitors to sail. The trophy class consists of AYC racing skippers 75 years old or older and they will be competing for the perpetual trophy. The junior class consists of AYC racing skippers who are 70-74 years of age and they are competing for the "Mystery" award.

Sunfish Fleet Update

by Ed Hill

Wednesday night sailing is just around the corner so it's time to dust off your boat, block out Wednesday evenings on your calendar, and start looking for the committee boat signup sheet at the AYC Sunfish fleet page. We can't have Wednesday night racing without volunteers forgoing at least one of their Wednesday nights this summer to help run the races. I hope to see you out the first Wednesday in May to start the series.

For the sunfish sailors, this year we have a chance to sail in the 2015 Sunfish North American Championships located just 200 miles away in Dallas. Rush Creek Yacht Club is hosting the event starting June 21st with the Youth North American Championship followed by the North American Championships starting on Wednesday June 24th. Rush Creek is a great venue and too close to miss out on the racing but if you do have to miss out and want to help and maybe make a few bucks consider chartering your boat. If you are interested in chartering contact for details:

Rod Favela: rod@velasailingsupply.com or

Greg Gust: greggust@sbcglobal.net

SEA SCOUT UPDTAE

by Chris Schuttger - Skipper - SSS 681 - Old Ironsides

We had some logistics issues getting everyone together. Most folks decided that since they were local they didn't want to camp. Threw our schedule off some. We ended up with 5 Adults and 11 youth for a total of 16 attendees. Ship 911 (Georgetown) brought their MacGregor 26, Ship 681 had one of Harry Polly's training boats and between the two we got everyone ferried over to the Sometimes Islands. We attempted to launch one of our newly refurbished 420's, but lacking a boom vang, the skipper was uncomfortable sailing it in the 20 knot winds we had that day. We have since launched and sail the 420 and determined it is ready for youth!

The weather was, of course, wonderful on the 28th of March. Winds a little shifty, but steady and strong. ALL participants had a grand time rafting/tying up on the Sometimes Island (which was ALMOST an island with the recent rains!) for lunch. SOME even braved the cold waters for a dip in the lake!

Thanks from our Ship for sponsoring our event and allowing us to host other area Sea Scout Ships. It gave them a first-hand view of your facilities and activities. One mom who attended indicated her daughter is interested in learning to race. I've put her in touch with the process.

The crew also had a great time planting flowers at the AYC entrance as a service project!



Multi-Hull Update

by Steve Frick

It wasn't too long ago that Multihull Fleet racing meant JK racing against himself or John Howard with the occasional beach cat joining him. Today the fleet has grown to include 7 large multihulls (Trimarans) and several active beach cats. However, the large diversity of boats has created several problems. The fastest boat in the fleet has a PHRF of -51 (Bo Kersey's F-31D) and the slowest has a PHRF of 177 (Peter Lang's Tramp). We traditionally race long distance courses, usually about 12 miles or longer and taking about 3 hours. With such a big difference in speed, it meant that the slower boats were taking 4 hours or more to finish the course. This often meant they get to the finish and no committee boat. Even worse, by the time they got to the clubhouse, all the food and beer was gone!

Another big issue for our fleet is that the large multihulls use PHRF and the beach cats use Portsmouth. Some of the Tris do not have a Portsmouth number and most of the beach cats do not have a PHRF number. Trying to score a fleet with boats using two different scoring systems just doesn't work.

So, the multihull fleet had its first meeting in a long time. The first thing we did was elect leadership. Due to the big differences between the beach cats and the Tris, we decided to have co-captains. Philippe Bettler is the co-captain of the beach cats and Steve Frick for the Tris.

Next we addressed the large speed and rating differences. We have split the fleet into 3 groups: "A" fleet consists of the Tris with a PHRF lower than 60. "B" fleet is the large Tris with PHRF over 60 and "C" fleet is the Beach cats. All three fleets will start at the same time with A and C fleets doing the traditional long courses as in the past and B fleet doing a course about 40% shorter. The beach cats will be race with the "A" or "B" multihull fleet (depending on their PHRF rating) if less than two beach cats. If 3 or more, they will be their own class.

To address the two different rating systems, we will use PHRF. This is what the rest of the club uses and should simplify scoring for the volunteers who work so hard to get us the race results. The one exception is that the beach cats will use Portsmouth if there are 3 or more and have their own class.

Many other issues were addressed, but the most important were the Multihull Fleet taking ownership of the Club's New Year's Eve party and one regatta (Governor's Cup). Doug Casey and Steve Frick, both multihullers, have been the main organizers of the party, along with the help of other fleets and non-multihullers.

The last major issue decided on was that the Multihull will continue to sponsor the Big Brothers/Big Sisters sailing event. This has been a great event held every year organized by the beach cats. The multihull fleet gets to take out a lot of kids sailing who have never been on a boat. Always a great event with lots of smiles!

Keel Fleet Update

by Chris Thompson

Spring Series racing is almost complete. Conditions have been sketchy to say the least but participation is good and competition is spirited.

Beer Can Races and dinners will begin on April 17th and continue weekly through September 11th. The traditional menu of burgers, brats, and fixings will be available for the same prices. Only a few Volunteer cooks and helpers are still needed – contact myself or Fleet Captain Hector Lujan (KHF-admin@austinyachtclub.net) if you are interested. Check the notice board for start times.

The Keel Fleet Championship rules are up on the web for all to puzzle over. Series races and the remaining two Keel Fleet Regattas will be used to determine an overall winner for 2015 handicap racing.

The 'On the water' race scoring is moving ahead under the watch of Steve Vaughn. He is working closely with the app developer (from the UK) to adapt his system for North American PHRF scoring. Please contact me or Ed Taylor with any scoring question or issues.

Sail Fast, Be Safe!

Keel Fleet Captain's Corner

Keel Fleet: It's Your Money: How Should We Use It?

by Hector Lujan

Ideas Wanted: Your fleet donates money each year for worthy AYC purposes. However, we have no guidelines to help us decide where your money should go.

Please take a moment to offer your suggestions on funding guidelines or items to fund. Call me directly or better, share your ideas on our Facebook page at AYC Keel Fleet 2015 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/342836442589024/>

Beer Can Cook Teams Forming: Take your turn on the grill! Volunteers wanted for a Friday night cooking detail. Training provided! Call Hector at 512-963-8463.

Keel Fleet Email List: Timely News from the Fleet. Please sign up with an email address and a password so you can receive our general mailings.

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<http://www.meatspace.net/cgi-bin/mailman/listinfo/khf>

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2015 KEEL FLEET CHAMPIONSHIP

The KHF tradition of crowning a champion at the end of the year will return in 2015 with some modifications. In the past, we have had separate spinnaker and non-spinnaker champions. Now that we have adjusted the handicap rating to permit direct competition between spinnaker and non-spinnaker boats, skippers can sail as a spinnaker boat in one series and a non-spinnaker boat in the next. To accommodate that, we will have a single KHF champion based on the overall performance in a series of races using the high point percentage scoring system.

In order to qualify, a boat must sail in 50% of the eligible races. Why not require more races to be sailed? It is a long series and people are likely to have other commitments. In the past we have tried 75% which was lowered to 60% to make sure that enough boats could qualify. Setting the percentage too low would not be a true test of sailing excellence over an extended series. We think 50% is a good compromise. Under this format there are no throw outs because we want to reward consistently good sailing.

The Champion will be determined using the High Point Percentage scoring system. An example can be found on line here <http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/rules/scoring-a-long-series/>

Why do we need a fleet champion? Why not have sub fleet champions? A fleet championship is a way to honor our top sailor and something we can all aspire to. Individual sub fleets can have their own champions if they wish, using the same system as we are using for the KHF champion or another system that they choose.

All Keel Fleet Members sailing Monohull boats in the KHF fleets and designated races are eligible. Sailing in a race means being scored other than DNC (Did not compete) or DNS (Did not start).

The KHF Championship notice of competition is found on the KHF page of the AYC website. More questions? See below or contact your respective fleet captain.

1. Can I stop racing as soon as I qualify?
 - a. Yes, you are not compelled to race.
2. Is this open to one design sailors?
 - a. It is open to KHF members who sail PHRF in one of the three PHRF fleets.
3. Why are you using a percentage scoring system?
 - a. This allows comparison when different numbers of races are sailed by the competitors with a different number of boats in each race.
4. Why not include other regattas?
 - a. The KHF enjoys sailing in other regattas and it wants to encourage its members to sail in the regattas it sponsors.
5. How will you translate the low point scoring system into a high point system?
 - a. Race-Sail, The scoring system we use, can take the same results and score them either way. We will keep a separate file for the KHF champion competition so standings can be available as the season progresses.

CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING RACES

2015 Series/Regatta	Planned Races	RC Duty A Fleet	RC Duty B Fleet	RC Duty C Fleet	RC Duty Keel Fleet
Spring	5 races	1	1	1	
Summer	5 races	1	1	0	1
Dog Days	5 races	0	0	1	
Late Summer	4 races	1	1	0	
Fall Series	4 races	0	0	1	
Independence Cup	1 or more race	0	0	0	
Wild Turkey	1 or more race	0	0	0	
Total Available Races	25 Race Days	42*	22	22	
Races to Qualify	(At 50%)	21	11	11	

C Fleet Update

by Bill Records



The Spring Series has been a very unusual event this season. The lead has changed with each race. The first race put Owen Crouse in first place. In the second race, Hector Lujan out sailed the fleet elevating him to the lead. That lasted one week, for in the third race he hit the signal boat at the start and later nailed the finish pin. He took it in good spirits and later even joked about it. What is the score for double DSO? Yours truly finally got it together and won race three. John Durfor and Owen Crouse are in close second and third respectively. Who wants to win this series?

Once again C Fleet is growing. Welcome new member Cindy Naylor. She bought "Gambit", a beautiful Ranger 23 and is getting it ready to race. Cindy has been crewing on several boats and decided that it's time to be the skipper. Three other C Fleet boats are in the work area, getting ready to race. Larry Haig, AKA Papa Smurf, is finishing painting his San Juan 24 and Tom Peel is doing a long overdue bottom job on his Pearson 26. Mack Warner is getting his bottom done as well as changing his standard rig for a tall mast version. I'm sure he has informed the rating committee!

I had the pleasure of serving on the race committee for Fred Schroth's Easter Laser Regatta. This continues to be one of the best run regattas at AYC. The age of the participants does not seem to be a factor in the results. Sixty year old Bruce Martinson came down from Minnesota and won first place in the radial class, while seventeen year old Skylar Bayman dominated the full rig class. As usual, there were no protests and no regatta anywhere has better trophies! Another good job, Fred!!

On April 12th, C Fleet had race committee duty for the Spring Series. Among the volunteers who showed up were several new members who hadn't served on a race committee before, so I was a little anxious. We had more than enough people and qualified power boat drivers, so we were able to use all three chase boats. This allowed for having a driver, a radio operator, and a buoy setter on each chase boat. As a result we had quick and efficient radio communication. The amazing thing is that we were able to shorten courses for six classes at three different marks simultaneously! The teamwork of this group was as good as I've seen and I look forward to serving with them again. Thanks to you all: John Durfor, Jonas Durfor, Dave and Dana Pendleton, Charlie Pitkin, Hector Lujan, Owen Crouse, Chris Thompson, Annie Frey, Cindy Naylor, James Parsons, Jane Lanshe, Mike Singh, Jus Singh (Roadrunner and best radio operator!), and Doichin Tzolov.

Several members have asked me about the cover photo on the March Telltale. It is a photo of Pete and Tracey Blanton's gorgeous Formosa 41. They have been fixing it up and outfitting it for a round the world cruise.

And by the way, the bird in the foreground is real!



Photos By: Bill Records

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Catalina 22 Fleet Update

by Steve Pervier

Hello, Fleet 69! Lake Travis is warming, and maybe even rising a bit. Temperatures are up, and often the wind is too. Catalina sailors are preparing to put a fleet on the water for our Summer Series, starting May 3 at Austin Yacht Club! Now here's where I note the strange nature of time, seasons, and series naming - just a month ago I was writing about Spring starting, and now Summer?

As I write this, we have a C22 Fleet work day in the works for Saturday, April 25. Even if you read this after that date, you can still take advantage of our fleet resources, such as Ted with his measurement kit, perhaps Wade with his power washer, and more than one of us with a Loos gauge to tune your rig. All of those things, plus attention to running rigging, deck hardware, and outboards are part of our work day and our ongoing boat maintenance. Send email to Steve.C22.AYC@gmail.com if you have needs or can offer tools or other help.

And if you're reading this before 4/25, I have reserved a space on the concrete pad in the work area for our work day. I have been told that when we wash boats, it needs to be done on the pad so that drainage goes where it should - including elements of what we put onto the boat, and what comes off of it during a wash!

I'll put in a small commercial here! Our Turnback Canyon Regatta is on May 23-24, and it looks to be a great party as well as that special kind of distance racing this event has always included. Imagine the long spinnaker reaches and the extended tacking duels! The past few years have seen an increasing trend of participation - thanks to Wade, John Morran, and Barry Bowden, plus many volunteers, often from our Catalina 22 Fleet. It would be fantastic to get a C22 one-design fleet together for this regatta!

AYC Summer Series (5/3, 17, 31, 6/7, 14) is the series to see the C22 Fleet return for great racing, collect for post-race analysis and set the stage for future events. I've talked with Dane, Remus, Ted, Wade, Paul, George, Preston, Steve, and others about getting our Catalina 22s out on the course. I look forward to sailing with all of you, so catch me at AYC, write email, or call me (see the online AYC member directory) to talk C22 and all kinds of sailing. See you on the water!

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AYC 2015 RACE CALENDAR

Apr 25-26	J70 Circuit Race	
May 3	Summer Series 1	First Signal 1:30p RC: Keel Fleet
May 17	Summer Series 2	First Signal 1:30p RC: J24
May 24-25	Turnback Canyon Regatta	
May 31	Summer Series 3	First Signal 1:30p RC: PHRF A
Friday Night Beer Can	May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29	
Wednesday Night		
Laser/Sunfish Races	May 6, 13, 20, 27	6:00p

AYC 2015 NON-RACING EVENTS

Apr 23	AYC Board Meeting	7:30p
Apr 25-26	ASA 101 Basic Keelboat Course	8:30a - 5:30p
Apr 25-26	US Sailing Level 1 Instructor Course	
May 9	Women's Clinic	9:00a-7:00p
May 16-17	ASA 101 Basic Keelboat Course	8:30a - 5:30p
May 21	AYC Membership Meeting	7:00p
May 28	AYC Board Meeting	7:30p
Thursday FJ Training	May 7, 14, 21, 28	6:00p-8:00p

AYC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Women's Clinic - contact Sailing Director Kate Noble at kate@austinyachtclub.net

- Organize, serve and cleanup lunch
- Serve dinner (male servers needed!)

Free Sail Sunday - Sundays 1:00 - 4:00 - coach support needed - contact kate@austinyachtclub.net

Junior Practices - Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays - coach support needed - contact kate@austinyachtclub.net

Beer Can - contact Hector Lujan at hluan45@gmail.com

Series Post Meals - organization, preparation, serving and clean up - contact gm@austinyachtclub.net

Sunfish/Laser Race Committee - contact Kevin Reynolds at kevreyne@prodigy.net

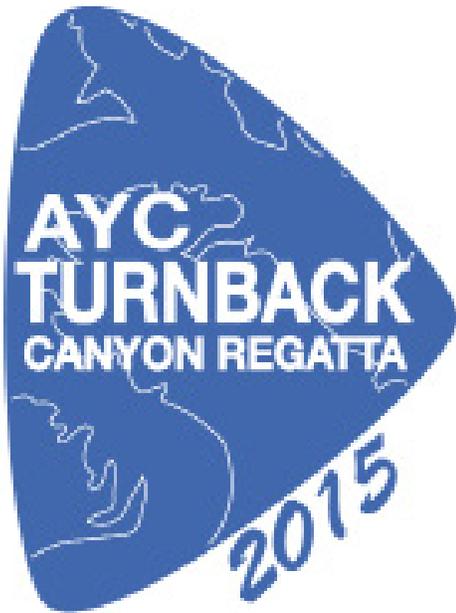
J/70 Circuit Stop - 4/25 Dinner Prep and Cleanup - contact Molly Lewis at mollyilewis@yahoo.com

Summer Series Races -

- May 3 - Race Committee is Keel Fleet - contact Hector Lujan at hluan45@gmail.com
- May 17 - Race Committee is J24 Fleet - contact John Parker at captain@j24fleet21.org
- May 31 - Race Committee is PHRF A - contact Bruce McDonald at brucemcdonald@aff.net

Turnback Regatta - contact Molly Lewis at mollyilewis@yahoo.com or Steve Pervier at steve.c22.ayc@gmail.com

- Prepare and serve breakfasts (5/23 and/or 5/24)
- Work Registration (evening of 5/22 or morning of 5/23)
- Party planning, decorating, cleanup (5/23)
- Race Committee (5/23 and/or 5/24)



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Come for the racing – stay for the party! Or just come for the party! Festivities begin at 4:30pm on Saturday



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FJ Training Series: Beginner

THURSDAY MAY 7, 14, 21 & 28

6:00-8:00 pm

Non-members: \$100 / AYC Members: \$60.00

A progressive series of four lessons designed to introduce adults to dinghy sailing.

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