



# MoonBurn Night Race is Super Cool

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                   Circuit Stop

Kudos to MoonBurn Champ Slip Kid





Dog Days #4

Photo Anne Morley

## From The Commodore by Wade Bingaman



WE are the Austin Yacht Club. Yes, AYC has nice facilities, but those facilities are not AYC. This Club is not an "it" but an "us". The "WE" are you and I and the other members around us at the Club.

WE are a volunteer run organization. The operation starts with the nine volunteers who serve on our Board. Then WE run sailboat races, have after-race meals, give out awards, support youth sailing, organize major regattas, plan fantastic parties, teach sailing, mentor new members, monitor our clubhouse and guest cabins, oversee our marina, and maintain our grounds. WE run this million dollar a year operation with only three employees and a handful of contractors.

I am constantly reminded of how WE step forward without hesitation when emergencies arise. **Danny Lien** did not hesitate when oak wilt was discovered on our grounds. Thankfully he immediately took charge of a project that will take a lot of his time. When our office needed temporary staffing, **Annie Lancaster and a load of volunteers** stepped in. Members knew what needed to be done.

Why do WE do this? I think there is something that WE feel about our Club. It is a deep sense of responsibility and love for AYC. So think about that the next time you are out at the lake having fun. What you are enjoying is what WE have done and who WE are. I am very proud to be part of the Austin Yacht Club.



John Howard exchanges burgees with Barb at Put In Bay Yacht Club

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## 2018 AYC OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Each year the Nominating Committee is responsible for collecting nominations and proposing the slate of candidates for the following year's AYC Officers. The slate will be presented to the membership for a vote at AYC's annual membership meeting in November.

Please consider whether you or someone you know would be a good candidate to serve as an AYC Officer. Nominations should be sent by September 15, 2017 to Molly Lewis ([misbell.lewis@gmail.com](mailto:misbell.lewis@gmail.com)), John Morran ([jfmorran@yahoo.com](mailto:jfmorran@yahoo.com)) or Barry Bowden ([b.bowdendds@gmail.com](mailto:b.bowdendds@gmail.com)). Please contact any of the three of us if you have questions about the nomination process.

## Vice Commodore Report by Bill Records



Our next regatta will be the Keel Handicap Single-handed Regatta on August 26. This was well attended last year and some of us who raced, called it the crew appreciation regatta.

The Centerboard Regatta, chaired by **Kevin Reynolds**, is scheduled for September 16 and 17 and volunteers should contact **Kevin**.

The Roadrunner Regatta will be October 21 and 22, featuring over one hundred junior sailors from all over the Southwest. Volunteers should contact **Jeff Brock** or **Mary Carew**, since a regatta of this size requires a lot of help.

The last regatta of the year will be the Wild Turkey, held on November 18.

### PB&J

The last two sessions of PB&J ended with graduation and certificates given out. This year's PB&J kids were some of the most impressive sailors in a long time. This should fill the pipeline to Opti One and the Roadrunner Fleet. The Roadrunners are planning a party at summer's end to meet the new kids and integrate them into the program. The success of PB&J would not be possible without the help of our volunteer Junior Coaches. They show up early, carry down the supplies and rig and derig the boats. They demonstrate sailing techniques and are always prepared to rescue sailors in distress. The 2017 PB&J Junior Coaches are: **Sharva Paralkar, Taylor Snyder, Fiona Froelich, Katie Froelich, Marcus Tita, Alexander Tita, and Nicholas Carew**. I can't thank them enough for their great service to the Club.



## Race Commander Report by Ed Taylor



### Permanent Race Committee

The PRC Representatives for the Suffering Summer Series are **Larry Ratliff** and **James Parsons**. The PRC Rep is responsible for effective communication to the Series PRO. Items discussed are sailing instructions, equipment review, scoring and planning for each Series racing. The Suffering Summer Series had a good start with the PHRF A Keel fleet for Race Committee, followed by excellent efforts from PHRF

C, J/22 and Multihull fleets.

### Race Logistics

Dog Days Series went out with a whimper and a postponement until 6:00 and canceled due to heat advisory and no wind. Awards were handed out after a great End of Series dinner. Awards can be picked up at the Club office.

Suffering Summer Series runs August 5, 12, 19 and September 2 is End of Series. First Signal will be 6:30 PM. Dinner will be served after EOS racing along with awards.

### DOG DAYS SERIES RESULTS

<b>PHRF A</b>	1st 2nd 3rd	Flyer Jack Rabbit Amazing Grace	Ray Shull Claude Welles John Burke
<b>PHRF B</b>	1st	1927	John Maddalozzo
<b>PHRF C</b>	1st 2nd 3rd	Slip Kid Banshee Blue Moon	Keith Denebeim Hector Lujan James Parsons
<b>J/22</b>	1st 2nd 3rd	Project Mayhem Bonfire Lifen-Up!	John Halter Linda McDavitt Terry Schertz
<b>J/24</b>	1st 2nd 3rd	Blue Jay Chupacabra Vang Go	Doichin Tzolov John Parker Stuart Juengst
<b>Ensign</b>	1st 2nd 3rd	Dos Locos Prickly Pear 578	Lewis Price Bill Hawk Tom Groll
<b>Multihull 1</b>	1st 2nd 3rd	Trial Run Abandoned Assets Tribology	Russ Shermer Bo Kersey Doug Casey

## Sailing Director Report by Coleman Terrell



We had a great summer season of sailing camp and PB&J. This summer flew past with a ton of great kids getting to try sailing for the first time! There has been a lot of interest in joining the Junior Sailing Program classes as well, with some outstanding Opti sailors moving into Opti 1 from PB&J as well as new Opti, Laser, & FJ sailors continuing sailing after summer camp.

The summer camps and PB&J couldn't run nearly as well as they do without an awesome group of counselors, CITs, volunteers, and instructors. Thank you for all your hard work this summer, you all did an outstanding job!

### Summer Camp Counselors

**Nikki Goodwin**  
**Tracy Hawk**  
**Ben Froelich**  
**Noah Zahm**  
**Etienne Denis**  
**Caroline Bik**  
**Will Abrams**  
**Andrew Butler**

### Summer Camp CITs (Counselors in Training)

**Maggie McElmurry**  
**Max Ross**  
**Eli Ortiz**  
**Lucy Brock**  
**Nicole Prado**  
**Sam Hollenbeck**  
**Taylor Snyder**  
**Paige Fowler**  
**Jacob Bohreer**  
**Lucas Alcocer**

### PB&J Instructors & Volunteers

**Bill Records**  
**Reagan Schuttger**  
**Sharva Paralkar**  
**Katie Froelich**  
**Marcus Tifa**  
**Mark Zion**  
**Taylor Snyder**  
**Fiona Froelich**  
**Nicholas Carew**  
**Alexander Tifa**

Thanks again for a great summer!

The fall season of the Junior Program begins on Tuesday, August 22, with the first high school practice of the fall. Parents, if you haven't registered your sailors for the fall practices, there is still time to do so!

Since the fall practices run after school, my office hours will be shifting to the following:

Tuesday 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM  
Wednesday 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM  
Thursday 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM  
Friday 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM  
Saturday ON THE WATER  
Sunday 9 AM - 1 PM

As always, you can email me or call and leave a message in the office if you need to get hold of me.

As I'm writing this, three of our AYC sailors are competing in the Sears Cup in New Jersey! Please wish **Taylor Snyder**, **Lucy Brock**, and **Julius Heitkoetter** well as they represent AYC in this regatta!

## August New Members



**Bob Gross (Senior)**

Bob has been sailing since he was a kid. He purchased his first Sunfish when he was 12 and has owned numerous Sunfish, two Hobie Cats, a Catalina 22, and a C&C24 since then. He currently owns a Sunfish. He has been racing since the early 90s, including numerous Catalina 22 National Championships. He was previously a member of LCYC, and was active in establishing the junior training program there. In fact, Bob was Coleman Terrell's first sailing coach! Bob has raced as a visiting skipper at AYC for many years, and most recently has been sailing with John and Claudia Bartlett on their J80 in series races and regattas. He has recently relocated to Austin from San Antonio and is looking forward to participating in more activities at AYC as a new member.



**Christopher Carrigee (Associate Probationary)**

Christopher and his daughters have recently taken sailing lessons and are interested in joining AYC in order for the whole family to learn more about sailing and racing. Christopher anticipates that he may eventually want to purchase a sailboat, and is interested in exposure to as many boat types as possible.



**Jeff Blackburn (Senior)**

Jeff sailed small boats as a youth with the Boy Scouts. He recently has gotten back into sailing as an adult. He recently purchased an abandoned Hunter 26.5 and has completely refurbished her. The boat is currently stored at Sail and Ski and he takes it out at least weekly. He does not have a lot of racing experience but has participated in Friday night Beer Can racing, and really enjoyed it. He is looking forward to more training and learning more about racing, and is interested in making sailing a family sport and being part of a place where his two year old daughter can grow up sailing.



Photo Anne Morley

## MoonBurn Night Race Recap

by James Parsons



The 2nd year of the MoonBurn series was a great success.

We had 31 boats take part in total. Every year MoonBurn exceeds my expectations, and I'd like to thank everyone that has taken part. I had some fun moments being PRO in races #1 and 2, watching so many boats sailing at sunset, and also the surreal experience of driving by so many navigation lights.

### Volunteers

MoonBurn has been a collaborative effort between several volunteers and catalysts, and there is no way I could have done it all on my own. All of the Keel Fleet Board has been instrumental in helping shape it, and I want to thank you all. **Chairman Bob Goldsmith, Secretary Karen Bogisch, Treasurer John Maddalozzo, A Fleet Ray Shull, B Fleet John Thurston, and C Fleet is yours truly.**

Our Friday night cooks were invaluable getting there earlier than normal for a Beer Can. And those that helped put out on the RC boat. I'm possibly forgetting someone, but they include **Race 1: Russ Shermer & his daughter, John Madalozzo, Cass Meyer, Jim Pearce, and yours truly as PRO. Race 2: A bunch of RC virgins that came to the rescue – Emilie Lynch, Amy Gunkler, Andrea Bell, Mike Wuameffe, and yours truly as PRO. Race 3: Stu Juengst (PRO), Pat Caughey, and their merry crew (Stu and Pat also cooked for Race 4!). Race 4: Karen Bogisch (PRO), Bob Goldsmith, Jeff & Marilyn Jackson, Bill Records (photos!), Gaines Bagby. Scoring was done by Chris Thompson and Karen Bogisch.**

Thank you to **Amy Gunkler** for getting the after party set up and sourcing the food, and **Melissa Thoreson** for picking up last minute supplies for dinner.

### Origins of MoonBurn

After getting my first boat, I quickly discovered that summertime had a favorable time to sail, and an unfavorable time. Here's how I summed it up with my friends.

Why I don't like sailing during summer days:

- + No wind
- + Powerboats galore
- + Heat
- + Sunburns

Why I love sailing during summer nights:

- + Gentle winds
- + No powerboats
- + Great temperatures
- + You can't get a moonburn

The last word stuck for the name of a new series. I asked **Chris Thompson** if he thought I could get people to come out if I created a night race. His response was basically "if you build it, they will come". So, here we are, wrapping up season 2! I am thrilled to have found a way to help other skippers enjoy the amazing sailing at night in Austin.

Next year, we are hoping to expand the series, get fleets to volunteer for RC duty, and still have a throwout race. Also, more fun events are on the horizon!

### Overall Results

Last year A Fleet dominated proceedings, with **Ed Taylor** winning each race. This year, we had 3 C Fleet boats in the top 10!

### Overall Keel Boat Final Standings

	Skipper	Boat Type	Boat name	Fleet		
1	Denebeim,Keith	Pearson 26 OD	Slip Kid	C	7.5	
2	Taylor,Ed	J/80	Air Supply	A	9.0	
3	Brinkmann,Johannes	J/80	Farvfrumwerken	A	11.0	
4	Carson,Kurt	J/29	Jus knot rite	A	13.0	
5	Maddalozzo,John	CAPRI 25	Onery	B	13.5	
6	DeSalvo,Dave	SB20	S/V DeSalvo	A	14.0	
7	Parsons,James	SJ24	Blue Moon	C	22.0	22.0
8	Parker,John	J/24	Chupacabra	B	22.0	22.0
9	Caughey,Patrick	Catalina 27 TM	Prime Time	C	23.0	23.0
10	Grothues,Brian	C22	Arrrgh	D	26.0	26.0



I was thrilled to see that 1st overall went to a fellow C Fleet boat, Slip Kid. The crew included **Keith Denebeim, Coleman Terrell, Chris Thompson, and Rochelle Orbeta.**

They started things off with a bang with a 1st place overall, then 4th in the 2nd race, and 5th in the third race. Going into the last race **Keith** was 1 point behind defending champ **Ed Taylor** on Air Supply who also had a 1st and 3rd (and momentum with a win in race 3). **Ed** finished 5th in Race 4 (and 3rd in A Fleet), while **Keith** had a 2.5 (tied with **John Maddalozzo's** Ornery), putting them at 7.5 for Slip Kid and 9 for Air Supply.

### Fleet Results

A Fleet had 4 of the top 6 boats overall. **Ed Taylor** was the top A Fleet boat, and won race 3 overall. 2nd in A Fleet (and 3rd overall) was **Johannes Brinkman**, and 3rd was **Dave Desalvo** on his SB20. Honorable mention goes to **John Burke** on Amazing Grace for winning the final race.

B Fleet had 2 in the top 10. **John Maddalozzo's** Ornery beat out **John Parker's** Chupa Cabra for 1st in a tight competition going into the final race. They were 5th and 8th overall, respectively. **Maddalozzo** won each of the last 3 races to close the door in style, while **Parker** won the 1st one. 3rd place was **Bob Goldsmith** on Zydeco.

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C Fleet had a tight race for 2nd to 5th. First was of course **Keith**, who won all 4 races. 2nd was Blue Moon with a new owner, being **yours truly**. We missed out on beating **Keith** by 19 seconds in Race #3, and managed a 7th overall which we are pretty thrilled about. 3rd was an up and coming racer, **Andre De La Reza** on Los Monos (the top boat with a monkey theme at MoonBurn, and all of AYC). Honorable Mention to **Pat Caughey** in 4th, but thanks to volunteering was our 3rd C Fleet boat in the overall standings (at 9th).

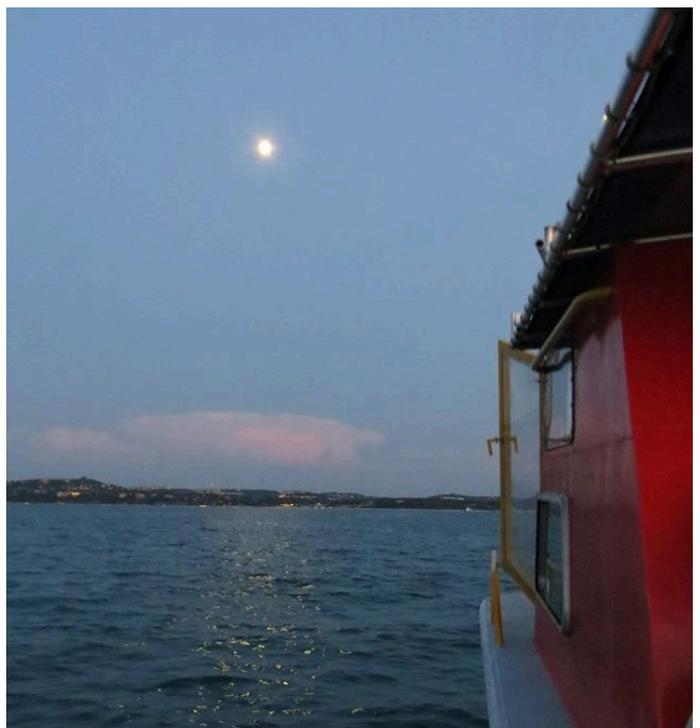
D Fleet saw one boat take place, but this boat also won the overall for Race #2. **Brian Grothues** and the Catalina 22 Arrrgh crew. They finished 10th overall. **Brian** also gets honorable mention for being the only over early boat, when he mistook his Catalina for his Laser in Race #1 (and they were the only boat on the line).

The Multihulls had 6 boats take place overall. First place was **Doug Casey's** Tribology, 2nd was **Russ Shermer** (winning the tie breaker thanks to volunteering for Race #1), and 3rd was **Steve McLelland's** Kai Uli.



Thank you again to everyone. We have already started planning for MoonBurn 2018 to make it bigger and better. We may be purchasing a powerful light so that the RC boat can be seen from further than it was in the last race. 😊

Fair winds and no sunburns!



MoonBurn Photos Marilyn Jackson

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# MoonBurn Night Race



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# Dog Days Series



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# Dog Days Awards



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Photos Sandra Helin

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# Endless Summer Junior Series

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Photos *Bill Records*

**Look Ma – No Rudders!**



# Women's Sailing Clinic

Saturday, September 30, 2017

9 AM - 6 PM

**The Austin Yacht Club is excited to offer it's 3rd Women's Sailing Clinic of 2017.**

All skill levels welcome  
All women instructors  
Boats provided

Registration - online at [www.austinyachtclub.net](http://www.austinyachtclub.net)  
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- **New and old friends**
- **Continental Breakfast**
- **Lunch**
- **Cocktails and Appetizers**



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## **REGISTRATION OPEN FOR FALL SEASON OF JUNIOR SAILING PROGRAM**

Registration for the Fall Season of the AYC Junior Sailing Program is now up on the website. Please visit the Junior Program tab on the AYC website to register your sailor.

Please contact Coleman Terrell at [coleman@austinyachtclub.net](mailto:coleman@austinyachtclub.net) if you have any questions regarding the registration process or the Junior Sailing Program in general.

## Roadrunner Fleet Update

by Mary Carew



July and August are incredibly busy months for the Roadrunners. Many racers competed at the Texas Youth Race Week/Junior Olympic Sailing Festival in Houston. **Tony Slowik, Lucas Tenreiro and James Brock** qualified for the 2018 USODA Team Trials. **Lucy Brock and Julius Heitkoetter** placed first at both events in the C420 and finished with a gold medal and first place overall. **Keen Cabrera** got an honorable mention on the Green fleet line for adhering to the

check-in and check-out process: the Regatta chair loved that he was so safe!



Lucy Brock & Julius Heitkoetter take gold at the TX Youth Race Week/Jr Olympic Sailing Festival  
Photo credit Constanze Heitkoetter



Oliver Hurwitz & Ethan Froelich / 10th overall and 2nd in the U17 at C420 North Americas  
Photo credit Stephanie Froelich

Many of our racers continue to race all over the country. **Fiona and Katie Froelich, Jamie Brock, Lucas Tenreiro, and Tony Slowik** all raced at USODA Nationals in Norfolk, Virginia with 310 boats in the competition. Three Austin sailors made it to 100 boat Gold Fleet, including **Jamie Brock** (making his first Nationals Gold Fleet and ending up 25th in blue fleet and 51st overall), **Tony Slowik** (6th in red fleet, 7th overall) and **Lucas Tenreiro** (2nd in blue fleet, 11th overall). Amazing results!

**Ethan Froelich** raced the C420 Team Racing Nationals and finished 2nd in the U17 Fleet and 10th overall of 128 boats. Austin was represented in three boats in the c420 Regatta in Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts. Out of 167 boats, **Ethan and his skipper Oliver** took 46th place while **Lucy Brock and Julius Heitkoetter** came in 68th place. **Taylor Snyder** also sailed with **Andrew Vandling** from Rush Creek Yacht Club and ended up in 149th after three days of sailing and dealing with a strong current. **Lucy, Julius and Taylor** are heading off to the Sears Cup next. Meanwhile, **Lucas Tenreiro** is off to the CORK Optimist International Regatta in Canada. We look forward to hearing more about these events when they get home!

In the meantime, Endless Summer (photos on page 16) has continued at home and it is really nice to see some of the newer sailors participating. **Kevin** has steadily improved over the series and it was also nice to see **Jack** a few weeks ago. Thanks also to the many juniors who helped out with the PB&J classes.



Nicholas, Kevin & Jack / Endless Summer Photo credit Mary Carew

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## Catalina 22 Update

by Steve Pervier



The Catalina 22 Fleet has mostly been chilling during this hot summer (more than average 100 degree days and counting), and skipping the Suffering Summer Series so far. Beer Can and especially MoonBurn races, where **Brian and Margarito** have done very well, offer temperatures a bit cooler. I tell people to drink lots of water, and also pick up a bucket of lake water and pour it on themselves, clothes included. Scoop from fore to aft unless the competition is watching!

This works even in bright sun, 90+ air and with lake water in the high 80s. We're looking forward to better conditions in the Late Summer Series, which begins September 9. Who's racing?

Since I am already talking about numbers . . . Question: what wind speed in MPH does a Beaufort Force represent?

Answer: Though there are small variations in tables of Beaufort categories, and also sometimes these tables are expressed in knots, I made up an approximation years ago that I've used ever since. It gives a number close to the lower limit of the Beaufort Force category in miles per hour. To get the upper limit, just do the same approximation for the next Beaufort Force.

Take the Beaufort Force number (such as 2), add one (making 3), square it (9), divide by two (4.5), and throw away any fraction (4). So . . . Force 2 begins at 4 mph. Likewise, Force 3 begins at (3, 4, 16, 8) 8 mph, so the range of Force 2 is 4 to 7 mph. This calculation is within 1 mph from Force 0 to Force 8, then it quickly goes high. Most of our sailing is within the good range of my approximation.

How is this useful? If you sail in some parts of the world (Britain, parts of the Caribbean, etc) you may hear or read wind forecasts in Beaufort Force numbers. You can also use the observations I read in a sailing book once: "Forces 1 and 2, Ripples. Forces 3 and 4, Waves. Forces 5 and 6, Whitecaps". This set of observations is best for more open water than Lake Travis, as we get white breaks a Beaufort category lower.

Regarding knots and mph, a nautical mile (1852m) is longer than a statute mile (5280ft = 1760yd = approx 1609m) by about 15%, so to go from mph to knots you can try multiplying by 7 then dividing by 8. The accurate conversion, 1.150779 . . . mph/knot is coincidentally close to the ratio of distance for a minute of longitude to a minute of latitude at AYC (30.42N), matching precisely somewhere around the north end of Galveston Bay.

To recap my approximation: (Beaufort Force + 1) squared, divide by 2, drop any fraction = approximate wind speed in mph at lower limit of that Beaufort category.

References, some Beaufort Scale tables showing wind velocity in mph:

<http://www.weather.gov/mfl/beaufort>

<http://mrcirl.org/whale/Beaufort.pdf>

<http://www.rmets.org/weather-and-climate/observing/beaufort-scale>

OK, let's dream of cooler temperatures, good Beaufort categories, and great racing to come later this year. Meanwhile . . . stay cool, and if you're on the lake, stay hydrated – inside and out!

## Sunfish and Laser Wednesday Night Racing

by Paul Jensen and Steve Ehlers



Wednesday evening racing continues to be good this year. For July 5, **Louise Miller and Fred Schroth** did a great job on RC, and provided entertainment along with getting in 7 races. We had close to a dozen Fish on the line. Couldn't be much better!

For July 12, **Doug Kern and Chris Bataille** handled RC with aplomb. Winds were 5-10 for most of the evening but dropped to below 5 towards the end. We did get in 5 races.



July 19 provided a more varied night of racing-- anything from 5 to well over 10 knots. Thanks go to **Gray Rackley with Ravi Subramanian and Spencer Conklin** backing him up on RC. They were able to get 6 races in for us. This was Sunfish Championship night and there were 13 Fish in the hunt.

To carry the "varied" theme forward, July 26 provided an extra helping. Most of the evening had southerly winds in the 5-10 kt range, but during what turned out to be the last race, a squall came through bringing winds in the 20-25 kt range. Several sailors in both fleets got to swim. **Bonner Cordelle, Erich Schwarz and Eric Faust** did a great job on RC. They had their hands full running races for Laser championships and helping boats back to the dock. **Matt Romberg** won the Laser championship for the night, but **Fred Schroth** won the last race in the squall, partly by staying upright. The Sunfish fleet had a great Potluck dinner with **Pat Manning** bringing some fantastic chicken enchiladas. Not a bad evening.



Photo credit Charlie Arnold

## J/24 Fleet Update

by Stu Juengst



The Texas Circuit took a break in July, with no stops scheduled. We'll be back at it on August 21 with a stop in Corpus Christi.

**Doichen Tzolov** and Team Blue Jay finished out the Dog Days series in style with a 3, 1 to win the series with 7 points to **John Parker's** 12. Nicely done!

### Suffering Summer Series

Five J/24s came out for the beginning of the Suffering Summer Series: Chupa Cabra, Vang Go, Blue Jay, Clairvoyant, and Superman. Team Vang Go took the first race, leading wire-to-wire (but it was only a W1 course). Team Chupa Cabra did the same thing in race 2 (also a W1). It looks like **John Parker's** crew for the Corpus Christi circuit stop is coming together!

## A Fleet Update

by Ray Shull



The last month saw quite a few A-Fleeters race in the Dogs Days Series and the Moonburn Series. Several A-Fleet boats also made frequent appearances in the traditional Beer Can racing and we've seen the debut of the "newest-to-AYC" J 80 on the lake.

The Dog Days series started with four J 80s, the J29-Imagine, the SB 20, and the Tripp 26-Rush, for a total of seven racers. The close racing of the previous series continued with the first four finishers in the first race crossing the line within a minute of each other and Flyer taking the win. In the second race Amazing Grace led the fleet around the course and took first place with the others just behind.

On the second race day eight boats raced, with an additional J 80 (bringing the total J 80s to five), the VX One, the SB 20, and the J 29 Jus Knot Rite. The winner of the first race, Flyer, finished just ahead of Jack Rabbit, with Speed Racer, and Jus Knot Rite close behind. In the second race it was close competition again, with five boats finishing within one minute of the winner, Jack Rabbit. This race brought numerous overlapped mark rounding, tight crossings, and someone always nearby to pass you if you didn't keep your boat speed up and execute your tacks and jibes well. Four boats finished within 12 seconds of each other with several passes occurring on the last leg of the second race.

On the third race day A-Fleet was represented by seven J 80s, the Tripp 26-Rush, and the J 29-Jus Knot Rite for a total of nine boats for both races. This race day saw the AYC debut of the J 80, #119, owned by **Pat Hitchins**. The first race was won by Speed Racer, with Jack Rabbit and Amazing Grace right behind. In the second race Amazing Grace won in yet another tight contest. The first six boats finished this race within only two minutes of each other. This level of strong competition is becoming the norm for A-Fleet these days, with a premium being placed on good starts, keeping clean lanes upwind, and following the puffs downwind. It's becoming common to come



Photos courtesy Anne Morley



into the leeward mark with three boats overlapped and lots of calm, low-keyed conversations pertaining to who has right-of-way at the mark.

The final race day was scheduled for a day which experienced severe heat advisories, little-to-no wind, and was at the end of a week with daily temperature highs exceeding 102 degrees. The race committee wisely postponed early to encourage everyone to stay in the shade ashore. After watching the poor conditions remain unchanged for over an hour, the decision was made to cancel the racing for the day. As a result, the standings entering that day became the final standings, with Flyer, Jack Rabbit, and Amazing Grace finishing the series in that order.

The MoonBurn series was started back in May and finished August 4. Ten boats participated in A-Fleet, making it the largest fleet in the series. Air Supply, Farvrumwerken, and the SB 20 finished 1-2-3 in the series in A-Fleet, demonstrating a fine ability to find marks in the dark, navigate non-traditional courses, and maintain good speed without the usual visual input data that we're all accustomed to using. Race one was won by Flyer, race two by Air Supply, race three by the SB 20, and race four by Amazing Grace. Air Supply, Farvrumwerken, and Jus Knot Rite also finished 2, 3, and 4 respectively in the overall rankings for all keel boats with Air Supply just barely losing the overall to a Pearson 26.

Congratulations to J 80 #119, and the Extreme 25 as they both made their appearance in A-Fleet last month. The Extreme 25 had been seen practicing a few times and then it participated in a Beer Can race in late July. **Pat Hitchins** brought out his J 80 for the last race of the Dog Days Series and raced it well in both races. We also saw several guest skippers in the races last month, with several well known AYC'ers giving A-Fleet a try. We also have heard a reliable rumor that there will be another J 80 joining our ranks in the next few weeks. More info on that next month. It's great that the awesome competition that A-Fleet is experiencing on the water is resulting in a lot of interest from other sailors.

## Ensign Fleet Update

by George Dahmen



The heat of dog days was uneventful for the Ensign class. Beer can races and swimming in the lake were good choices for the 100 degree heat. The series races were sparsely attended. **Lewis and Erick** sailed the only two Ensigns in the series with **Lewis** taking the honors. The Ensigns had Race Committee and were blessed with shifty winds and a heat index bringing the temperatures above 100. It was a good thing that **PRO James** along with **Tom Groll** listened

to the voices in the back of their heads (or did they come from the back of the boat) as they postponed the start and squared up the line.

In search of cooler waters, **Tom Groll** has trailered his boat to Cedarville, Michigan to compete in the Ensign Class National Championship. Crewing with Tom are **Frans Dahmen, Jonathan Baker and Boyd Bluestein**. I figure they will have close to 900 lbs on the boat so if it blows at all **Tom** being the sailor he is might just win the whole enchilada.

**Ann Kitzmiller and George Dahmen** are also sailing in the National Championship. They will be crewing for **John Cutler**, a HYC (Houston) member, and current commodore of the Ensign Class Association. The team got together last June 24th in Houston to sail the Leukemia cup. Only five Ensigns sailed the four races under a full range of conditions. The **Cutler** boat took three bullets and a third to win the event. Based on that history, I feel they will be a boat to be reckoned with in the Nationals. AYC is well represented in the Ensign Nationals. We will send updates and pictures as the Championship progresses. Some AYC Ensign sailors have sailed multiple national events and I highly recommend them. I have seen many parts of the country sailing in these events that I would never have seen had I not competed...an added plus, they were all pleasantly cool.

**Jonathan Baker, George Dahmen and Anne Morley** have discussed the annual Moonlight Sail and have decided on a Beer Can type event with a potluck picnic at the Rylander Pavillion.

Some of the younger crews are looking forward to the traditional water fights. The dates under consideration are September 9 or the next full moon in October. Fleet members give us your input. Fair sailing my friends.

## Shooting Star Raftup Aug 26

Meeting: AYC ~ 17:00  
Destination: Arkansas Bend  
Beers: Show up at 18:30  
Bring: Swimsuit, Dinner.   
Optional: Sleeping/camping gear.

## C Fleet Update

by James Parsons



Dog Days saw **Keith Denebeim** take home 1st in both the Dog Days of Summer Series and MoonBurn Series. **Keith** also won the overall for MoonBurn, which is no small feat against the A Fleet boats.

My new boat, Blue Moon, got 3rd in Dog Days, and 2nd in MoonBurn (7th overall).

**Hector Lujan** got 2nd in Dog Days, after a win in the 2nd race.



We also had a fun sail and overnight stay at Pace Bend, organized by **Kristen Pajeres** (who originally came out to AYC as one of ~200 that saw me posting January 2016 and went to **Jorge's** AYC Racing School)

The boats were supplied by myself (one of the last sails of the Pirate Unicorn), **Pat Caughey's** C27, **Heath Phillips' SC 21**, and **Graham Marshall's J24** on July 22nd. It was a great time, a great night, and we had some great swims. On the way back we may have encountered a storm which may have involved lightning hitting someone, a torn sail, a 4 boat towing train, 50 knot winds, and spottings of swans and blue ducks.

### Shooting Star Raftup

Come and join us for an evening on the lake with nearly no moon. Shooting stars in the summer don't need a meteor shower to appear when the moon is away.

The plan is a quick meeting at 5pm to answer any questions and give quick anchoring/rafting up tips. Then head over and the beer starts at 6:30.

Bring dinner, swimsuits, and plenty of fenders. Feel free to spend the night (camping equipment or on the boat) or come back when you want.

A quick note on safety. If another skipper makes a safety request, please respect it. They may be seeing something you aren't.

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Wednesday - Sunday 9:00A - 5:00P  
CLOSED MONDAY AND TUESDAY

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New Year's Day	January 1
Easter Sunday	April 5
Independence Day	July 4
Thanksgiving Day	November 26
Shopping Day	November 27
Christmas Day	December 25

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## AYC 2017 RACE CALENDAR

Aug 16	Endless Summer Junior Series 5:00p start
Aug 16, 23, 30	Sunfish/Laser Races 6:00p start
Aug 18, 25	Beer Can Races 6:30p start
Aug 19	Suffering Summer Series Race #3 5:00p start RC: J/22
Aug 26	Single-handed Regatta 9:00a - 4:00p
Sep 1, 8, 15	Beer Can Races 6:30p start
Sep 2	Suffering Summer Series Race #4 EOS 5:00p start RC: Multihull
Sep 6, 13, 20, 27	Sunfish/Laser Races 6:30p start
Sep 9	UTST Alumni Regatta 9:00a - 4:00p
Sep 9	Late Summer Series Race #1 1:30p start RC: B Fleet
Sep 16-17	Centerboard Regatta 8:00a - 5:00p
Sep 23	Late Summer Series Race #2 1:30p start RC: J/24
Sep 30 - Oct 1	J/24 Texas State Championship Circuit Stop

## AYC 2017 NON-RACING EVENTS

Aug 20, 27	Free Sail Sunday 1:00p - 4:00p
Aug 24	August Board Meeting 7:30p - 9:00p
Aug 25-27	Sea Scout Ship 681/Troop 234 Raft Up
Aug 26-27	Keel Fleet Raft Up
Sep 3, 10, 24,	Free Sail Sunday 1:00p - 4:00p
Sep 3	French Sailors Sailing Meet 5:00p - 11:00p
Sep 9 - 10	Boy Scout Sailing Event
Sep 10	ASA 101 Course 9:00a - 5:00p Day 1
Sep 17	ASA 101 Course 9:00a - 5:00p Day 2
Sep 23	Learn to Sail - Beginner, Intermediate 1:00p - 5:00p
Sep 28	September Board Meeting 7:30p - 9:00p
Sep 30	Women's Clinic 9:00a - 6:00p



## 2017 Perpetual Award Nominations



Recognize those that have made a difference this year at AYC!

Drop your nominations into any of the ballot boxes in the AYC Clubhouse or office or by mail, or by emailing the awards committee at [nominations@austinyachtclub.net](mailto:nominations@austinyachtclub.net). Deadline is October 15.

**Jimmy B. Card Memorial Trophy:** This Award honors the Club senior member new to the sport and recognizes 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 & Why: \_\_\_\_\_

**Max White Memorial Trophy:** This Award honors the Club senior sailor for outstanding service to the club in the past year. The recipient is an individual who has given freely and unselfishly their time and talents over and above what might otherwise have been necessary or expected of them.

Nominee & Why: \_\_\_\_\_

**Jessie McIlroy Smith Bowl:** This Award honors the Club junior or senior sailor who has made an outstanding contribution or achievement in yachting or racing beyond the club level or normal club activities such as significant application of sailing skills in a rescue, ocean crossing, yacht construction, etc.

Nominee & Why: \_\_\_\_\_

**Corinthian Woman Sailor Trophy:** This Award honors the woman sailor who exhibits the Corinthian traits of exhibiting good sportsmanship, enthusiasm, & participation, thereby making an overall contribution to the enhancement of the sport of competitive sailing.

Nominee & Why: \_\_\_\_\_

**Liz Bauman Memorial Trophy:** This Award honors the young woman who, though not necessarily the most accomplished, demonstrates Corinthian traits of cooperation, discipline, willingness to learn, and good sportsmanship that are the goals of the junior sailing program.

Nominee & Why: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ron W. Harden Memorial Trophy:** This Award honors the young man who, though not necessarily the most accomplished, demonstrates Corinthian traits of cooperation, discipline, willingness to learn, and good sportsmanship that are the goals of the junior sailing program.

Nominee & Why: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ol' Salt of the Austin Yacht Club:** This Award honors 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 & Why: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bill Records RoadRunner Fleet Trophy:** This award honors the club member who has gone beyond expectations to serve and volunteer on behalf of the RoadRunner Fleet. The recipient is an individual who consistently, and over a long period of time, acts as a pivotal leader and contributor, furthering the advancement of the program development.

Nominee & Why: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT EMAIL OR PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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