

AUSTIN YACHT CLUB

TELLTALE

December 2016



Happy Holidays to One and All



Photo *Bill Records*

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Ron W. Harden Memorial Trophy

LUCAS TENRREIRO

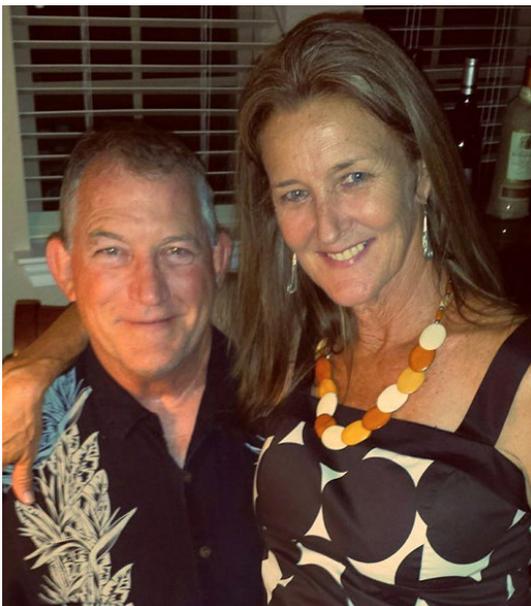
To the most improved male junior sailor. This trophy is given annually to a young man who, though not necessarily the most accomplished, demonstrates those traits of cooperation, discipline, willingness to learn, and good sportsmanship that are the goals of the junior sailing program.



O' Salt of the Austin Yacht Club

JOHN GRZINICH

To the Club senior 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.



Corinthian Woman

CAROLYN WILSFORD

To a woman sailor exhibiting traditional Corinthian traits. This trophy is given annually to a woman who is an individual or family member who has exhibited good sportsmanship, enthusiasm, and participation, thereby making an overall contribution to the enhancement of the sport of competitive sailing.



Jesse McIlroy Smith Bowl

LINDA MCDAVITT

To the Club junior or senior sailor who has made an outstanding contribution or achievement in yachting beyond the Club level or normal Club activities. This award is intended to recognize a Club member for outstanding service to yachting or yacht racing beyond the Club level or to recognize an individual's accomplishments that are not within the normal scheduled activities of the Austin Yacht Club such as significant application of sailing skills in a rescue, ocean crossing, yacht construction, etc.



**CONGRATULATIONS
2016 PERPETUAL
AWARD WINNERS**

From The Commodore

by Molly Lewis



For my last article as Commodore of AYC, the main thing I want to say is Thank You.

Thank You to the nominating committee that invited me to step into the Commodore track at AYC, and to the membership for being very supportive and encouraging. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to serve the Club in this role and I have learned so much. Looking back, I think it's been a good year. But as I've told a couple of people,

now that the year is done, I'd sort of like the chance to go back, knowing and understanding what I do now, and do a few things differently. But don't worry – I don't really want to. I think instead, I'll just enjoy getting to join the ranks of those who can tell future Commodores what they should be doing differently. I'm really saying that last part tongue in cheek. As a Commodore, I have found the advice of past Commodores to be invaluable, which takes me to my next Thank You

Thank You to the all the past Commodores, and in particular **Barry Bowden** and **John Morran**, who I worked mostly closely with leading up to me stepping into the role – you have all been excellent role models, helpful sounding boards, and great advisors.

Thank You to the Boards of Directors leading up to 2016 who did the hard work to get us on solid financial footing, and developed and implemented policies and guidelines for how to conduct the business of the Club. You cleared a smooth path for us to follow.

Thank You to the 2016 Board. I have an incredible amount of respect for every single individual on this Board. Everyone enthusiastically embraced their jobs and put in all the hard work throughout the year to make 2016 successful. I have really enjoyed the way we have worked together as a team to make decisions, set priorities, work through challenges, and even resolve differences of opinion and/or differences in style from time to time. It often takes a while for a team to become highly functioning, and I'm sure that with more time, the 2016 Board would have gotten even better. But, from an admittedly biased perspective, I think this team got to that point pretty quickly – thanks to the fact that every person on this Board has the best interest of AYC at the forefront, and recognizes that in each other, which sets a great foundation for coming together to serve the Club.

Thank You to our incredible staff. I think most people at the Club recognize what a jewel we have in **Jackie Wheelless**, but those of us on the Board really appreciate that on a whole different level. She is incredibly proactive – often reminding us what we need to pay attention to and helping us figure out how to get things done. And she is very responsive, reacting calmly and helpfully to some of our panicked, or last-minute, or sometimes just frustrated-with-the-situation requests for assistance. I couldn't have done my job without her (or at least it would have been a lot harder). And thanks also to **Tom Cunningham**. I don't think we could ask for a Groundskeeper who truly cares about AYC more than **Tom** does. While he may not like to admit it, **Tom** thrives on helping us. And he does a great job with that. Time after time this

year, like always, he was there when we needed him, and often well before we even realized that we did. Finally, I am very proud to have been part of bringing on **Coleman Terrell** as our Sailing Director when **Kate** resigned, and hiring **Gracie Bulgerin** as our Assistant Coach. I am so excited to see what **Coleman** is doing with the junior training program, and I look forward to seeing both him and **Gracie** continue to grow in their respective roles – and seeing our sail training programs evolve and grow along with them.

Thank You to the AYC members. First, Thank You for all of the time you have volunteered to make things happen this year, from office/IT assistance, to long-range planning, to social event organization and legwork, to serving on race committees, to suggesting and implementing new (or bringing back old) racing events like the Moonburn Series and Single-Handed Regatta, to planning or helping with sail training events, just to name a few. Volunteers make this Club run, and volunteering makes being part of this Club more enjoyable. Thank You for recognizing that. And Thank You for participating in the events that you and fellow-members have organized. As a Board member and even sometimes as a volunteer, it's possible to get more focused on the "business" and "work" of the Club than its "mission", which is to enjoy and promote the sport of sailboat racing. Simple. And fun. And in 2016, I saw AYC members enthusiastically embrace this mission. It's why we are all here. Thank You for continuing to make this fun.

And finally, I have a very personal Thank You. Thank You to my incredible husband, **David Lewis**. He is the one who introduced me to sailing and racing and for as long as he was physically able to race, it was a sport we spent many hours doing together (and loved doing together, which I guess is a little unusual for couples, so lucky us – we've got some really great memories from all those races)! So, thanks **David** for teaching me to sail, and for being so encouraging of me continuing to race, even now that you are no longer able to sail like you used to. And thanks to **David** for cajoling me into stepping into my first volunteer role at AYC, which I fought for as long as I could, but it turned out I loved. And thanks to **David** for encouraging me to serve on the Board when an opportunity became available and for believing in my ability to serve as Commodore, when I myself was pretty skeptical. And of all the Past Commodores, no offense to any others, he was my favorite one to consult (and vent to). He has been an incredible support this year and I owe him the biggest Thank You of all (and thanks to the rest of you for letting me take up Telltale real estate to say that).

I hope you all have a great holiday season and I look forward to seeing you all around the Club in 2017!

Race Commander Report by Ed Taylor



Thank you to all those helping out on all Regatta Race Committees including those Permanent Race Committee members: **Kurt Carson, Bob Mathison, Vic Manning, Bill Records, Chris Thompson, John Parker, Larry Raliff, Jim Casto, and Karen Bogisch.** The 2017 Permanent Race Committee is looking for members to join and learn everything there is to conduct a race. Training and advice will be offered.

Fall Series Overall Results

Class A

1	Flyer	Ray Shull
2	Speed Racer	Claudia Bartlett
3	Air Supply	Ed Taylor

Class B

1	Aphaia	Dane Ohe
2	Capri 25	John Maddalozzo
3	Fast Break	John Thurston

Class C

1	Café au Lait	Bill Records
2	Slip Kid	Keith Denebeim
3	Three Hour Crewz	Chris Thompson

J/22

1	Lite'n Up	Terry Schertz
2	Bonfire	Linda McDavitt
3	Bubbles	Renee Ruais

J/24

1	Blue Jay	Doichin Tzolov
2	1997	Stephen Burke
3	Stray Dog	

Ensign

1	578	Tom Groll
2	1770	Randolph Bertin
3	588	George Dahmen

Catalina 22

1	5792	Brett Wilson
2	7619	Steve Pervier

Multihull 1

1	Swallow	John Kuc
2	Tritium	Steve Frick

Multihull 2

1	Trial Run	Russ Shermer
2	Boolean Knot	Ryan Verret
3	90	Jim Casto

Wild Turkey Regatta Results

Class A

1	Air Supply	Ed Taylor
2	J/70 #50	Bruce McDonald
3	Amazing Grace	John Burke

Class B

1	Twilight	Grant Wolf
2	Capri 25	John Maddolozzo
3	Crash Course	Rosanne Butera

Class C

1	Warley	Mack Warner
2	Blue Note	John Durfor
3	Slip Kid	Keith Denebeim

Multihull

1	240	Mike Beurlein
1	Boolean Knot	Ryan Verret
2	Hobie 16	Evan Walters
3	Neko	Owen Crouse

The 2016 sail racing season is complete with an increase of 21% in overall boat attendance of all Regattas and Series Races. Congratulations to all competitors and let's make 2017 even better!



Class A Winner – Wild Turkey: J/80 Air Supply, L-R Ed Taylor, Alan Standard, Tom Fuller and Steve Vaughan

Building and Grounds Report

by Chris Thompson



It has been a medley of both planned and unplanned projects for Building and Grounds at AYC this year. Having some concept of what I was getting myself into, I was not totally taken aback by the task at hand, but it has still proven a rewarding challenge. With a vintage facility such as AYC, you learn to plan for something to go amiss, be it ancient plumbing fittings for which no replacement exists or the weather peeling off decals from a freshly painted sign. And of course the flood drill.

With respect to the ongoing bath house remodel, painting is mostly complete, the contractor has completed demo of the old showers and is working to upgrade the plumbing fixtures and drains; ceiling tiles and insulation are nearing completion. Tile walls and floor will be installed in the showers along with new shower curtains. Completion of these tasks will be proceeding through the end of the year. New toilet and urinal partitions are on order. Upgrades to the counters, mirrors, and sinks will be addressed in the coming year.



New improved showers – Rustic look is in (I'm kidding)



Shower drain repairs underway

The new water heaters are now firing on all cylinders after replacing the LP gas line. Impingement on the undersized plastic gas line caused the pressure to drop below what was needed for the furnace or water heaters to operate. Huge thanks to **Tom and John Kuc** for manning the trencher. It took about 6 hours to cut the trench through rock, asphalt and tree roots. The new line has been installed to proper code for buried LP gas lines by our LP supplier. We also trenched for the RV electrical outlet installation for cabin 1.



Tom and JK doing the hard work



Old gas line "bandaid" and tree roots cut from trench

I look forward to maintaining the momentum as B&G Commander and rolling into the new year ready to help keep AYC the great place it is. Thanks to all the volunteers, staff, and Board for your support and assistance. Fair Winds!

Sail Training Report

by Bill Records



At the beginning of the year the Sail Training Committee had high hopes and submitted a very ambitious budget. At the end of the year, expenses came in under budget while revenues were up around \$13K, for a net profit of around \$54K! These were very good numbers considering that 2016 was a transition year. Sailing Director **Kate Noble** resigned in March to take a job in Annapolis, MD. Assistant Coach, **Coleman Terrell**, was hired to replace **Kate and Gracie**

Bulgerin was hired as Assistant Coach. The changes went very smoothly due to **Kate** working very hard to prepare **Coleman** for his new position. **Coleman** stepped up and performed admirably and ran the summer camps without a hitch. I think that the 2016 camp staff was the best we ever had.

In 2016 we increased the emphasis on adult training, offering more clinics and private lessons than before. We used the learn to sail classes to promote membership. The FJ Learn to Sail classes have become very popular and we hope to offer women's FJ classes next year.

The Junior Program has grown to its highest level ever. We had 14 kids registered for Opti 1 this year, the most ever! 11 kids registered for Laser practice, the most ever! Our Juniors are traveling in large numbers and winning lots of trophies at TSA regattas.

All of this success is the result of excellent coaching by **Coleman and Gracie**, and dedicated parents and volunteers. Whenever a project or task is proposed, everyone pitches in and things get done. I have never worked with a better group of people and I can't thank them enough. My time serving as Sail Training Commander has been very rewarding and I have enjoyed every minute of it. I am confident that the future of sailing education at AYC is in good hands with **Carolyn Wilsford** and I hope everyone will give her the support she deserves.



Photos Bill Records

Guess who I ran into on a recent boondoggle to Hawaii! – Roadrunners **Ella and Ava Pitkin**. We took them sailing on a catamaran. Fun!

Also visited Nawiliili Yacht Club. Check out the burgee exchange photos on page 34.



In Memory of ...

Notes from Your GM

by Jackie Wheelless



From Jackie's Heart ...

The subject of my sharing this month is about the extraordinary outpouring of caring and kindness I've received from the Board, the staff, the members and the extended support family of Austin Yacht Club during the past several weeks.

Over the past several years I've had the opportunities and pleasure to applaud, in print, the generosity of the many members dedicated to helping the Yacht Club and its staff in so many ways: the volunteers who make this Club so special, the money provided by the AYC Fund to assist in so many beneficial projects, the scholarships that make it possible for young sailors to learn the art of sailing; and the staff who help member's ideas become realities.

Those, and many more, are manifestations of the members of this Club's generosity, but never did I think I would be the recipient of its overwhelming beneficence.

About seven weeks ago I took my husband **Paul** to the hospital for some blood work. Within an hour our life was flipped upside down. He was admitted to the hospital, tested and diagnosed with leukemia. The word got out that I was going to be out of the office for an extended amount of time.

Paul's and my family and friends rallied to our side and so did the Austin Yacht Club. **The Board of Directors, Tom Cunningham, Coleman Terrell,** countless members in Austin, and some who have moved away, rose to the occasion with flowers, cards, words of encouragement and practical help (providing me with a laptop so I could stay in touch and work on member inquiries, stepping into the office and answering questions and phones, taking on tasks such as opening mail, making cabin reservations, taking payments to the accountant's office, answering text messages at all hours of the day and night, watering the plants, checking in on us daily via email or text message) and, last but not least, assuring me that everything was o.k. at AYC and that everything would be o.k. with **Paul**.

For this unexpected and scary medical episode in our life, **Paul and I** owe an enormous debt of gratitude to so many who unselfishly gave of their time, love and support to allow us time to concentrate on taking care of **Paul**. His leukemia is in remission and we are doing follow up treatments to assure that it stays that way! There are so many of you we are indebted to, I dare not name you for fear of overlooking someone. To each and every single one of you, **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**

You don't realize how much you depend on other people until you need them. People say that the people of the South are so willing to help. The words "Southern hospitality" are synonymous with Austin Yacht Club. This latest example of the AYC community's kindness and generosity will never be forgotten. One of my new year's resolutions is to "pay it forward" whenever I get the chance.

I wish you a very happy, healthy and peaceful new year, and look forward to sharing a great year of sailing and friendship with you.

Sailing Director Report

by Coleman Terrell



I don't have too much to say about the month of December when it comes to sail training, because this is the only month of the year we don't have any events. So this is my chance to plan ahead for next season and get everything ready for our preseason practices beginning in January. I am excited to welcome **Carolyn Wilsford** as our new Sail Training Commander and we are off to a fast start in planning our sail training events for next year!

I would like to congratulate **Katie Froelich and Lucas Tenreiro** on receiving the awards for the Most Improved Girl and Most Improved Boy youth sailors this year. It has been so much fun to watch them improve their skills and confidence this year while consistently demonstrating great sportsmanship and a tremendous love of sailing.

Racers, don't forget to sign up for Laser and Opti III preseason practices starting on January 7th!

News from the Roadrunners

by Eli, Ethan and Lucas

Lessons I Have Learned Through Sailing by Eli Ortiz

In August of 2015, a lot of things in my life changed as my family and I moved from Corpus Christi to Copperas Cove, a small town outside of Fort Hood. Despite all the changes, one thing stayed the same: my sailing. Before we moved, my



Eli Ortiz and his Mom, Andrea Garcia

mom contacted the Austin Yacht Club to see if they would be willing to add me to their team. I had been sailing with the CCYC race team for two years and had competed against the AYC team many times so I knew they were a good team with good people.

Luckily, **Coach Kate** told my mom that I could definitely join, but I did need a membership interview first. I admit I was a little nervous, but when I walked in **Jeff Brock** recognized me and seemed happy to have me join the team. I was relieved and excited because I wouldn't have to give up the sport I loved so much. Unfortunately, there was one big problem; I did not have my own boat. As much as my mom and family would love to buy me a boat, it is not something they could ever afford so I had always rented my boats from CCYC.

AYC, as you might know, does not have this option which meant I could practice, but I couldn't travel to compete. This was disappointing because I really wanted to be ranked in the 2016 competition year since I had narrowly missed in the years before. We searched for solutions, but we couldn't find one until **Coach Kate** sent out an email about an AYC scholarship boat. I applied and allowed myself to feel a little optimistic. If I received the scholarship, I could try to reach my goals of being ranked

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and participating in Race Week in Laser. I cannot describe the excitement and relief I felt when we were notified that I had been selected. All my goals were within reach now.

Having ended the season in 9th place and having competed in the Laser 4.7 for Race Week, I can honestly say that I have been lucky. When I attended Learn to Sail at CCYC three years ago, I never would have thought I'd be in this position today. I owe much of my success to my great coaches: **Hunter Farris and Ben Moreno of CCYC and Coach Kate and Coleman Terrell of AYC**. I am also grateful to the Roadrunner Racing Team for accepting and always helping when I need it. I also need to give a huge thank you to the Roadrunner Parents, especially the **Froelichs, Heitkoefers, Brocks and Mrs. Butler** for always making sure my boat got where it needed to be and helped when I had an inevitable, seconds before launch boat repairs. I am lucky to count myself a sailor among these wonderful people and team and I look forward to many years competing with them. Lastly, I would like to thank my mom because without her, none of this would be possible. No matter how hard times get, she always makes sure I am able to sail and puts my passion before everything else. She has driven countless hours, scrounged sailing from everywhere possible, and has continued to be my biggest supporter and cheerleader. She is awesome, so thank you mom.

My mom always told me that when I was little and we visited family in Corpus Christi, I would beg her to take me to see the sailboats docked at the piers. She said I would always point to the boats and say that I would be a sailor one day. At the time, it seemed far-fetched for a kid from a single parent, non-sailing household, but here I am today. I am not only a sailor; I'm ranked sailor on one of the best teams in Texas. To say that I am lucky and thankful would be an understatement; but, know that as a thank you to everyone who has helped along the way, I plan to be the best sailor I can be. I will always hold the lessons I have learned through sailing and my passion for the sport close to my heart.

Bird Island Basin Windsurfing Regatta by Ethan Froelich

Over Thanksgiving break the **Froelichs, Heitkoefers, and Millers** headed to the Laguna Madre for windsurfing and dinghy sailing. The wind was



Photo Yseult Marc

Ethan windsurfing at Bird Island Basin

sometimes gusting in the 30s and temperatures were in the 70s – amazing for November! Our Thanksgiving feast included beachside fried turkey, smoked brisket, and several Candace-created casseroles. **Julius, Ethan, and Stefan** were in the right place and the right time and entered the informal windsurfing regattas. On Friday there was the Poker Run. At each leg of the race you jump off your board, pick a card from the deck, and sail on to the next mark. Best hand wins. . . .

and **Julius Heitkoetter** won! Then there was a two-day Slalom Regatta the trio entered against racers from Dallas and Corpus Christi.

AYC used all their TSA and home regatta experience to their advantage and nailed every start. **Julius and Ethan**, because of their lighter weight, were on



Photo Stephanie Froelich

6.0 sails, while the men were on sails up to 11.0. So, while they never really had a chance at winning the entire event, **Ethan** did pull off an overall third place and **Julius** became so addicted he bought his own windsurfing kit before heading back to Austin.

Julius wins the Poker Run; buys windsurfing kit

AYC Will Represent in Palamos, Spain by Lucas Tenreiro/Stephanie Froelich

As a result of the excellent placing at the 2016 Allstate Sugar Bowl/USODA Midwinter Championship in New Orleans over Thanksgiving week, **Lucas Tenreiro** has been invited by the US Optimist Dinghy Association, to represent the USA at the 2017 XXVIII Trofeo Vila de Palamos in Spain, next February. He is honored to represent Austin Yacht Club and the USA.



Photo Gus Tenreiro

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2016 Annual Meeting



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2016 AYC Board L-R: Molly Lewis, Commodore; Bill Records, Sail Training Commander; Chris Thompson, Buildings & Grounds Commander; Joe Roddy, Harbor Commander; Ed Taylor, Race Commander; John Howard, Treasurer; Annie Lancaster, Secretary; Barry Bowden, Immediate Past Commodore; Wade Bingaman, Vice Commodore



Staff: Tom Cunningham, Groundskeeper, Coleman Terrell, Sailing Director (Missing: Jackie Wheelless, GM and Gracie Bulgerin, Assistant Coach)

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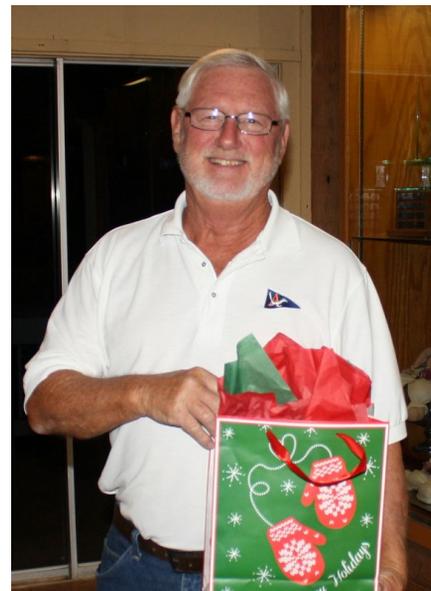
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John Howard, Treasurer



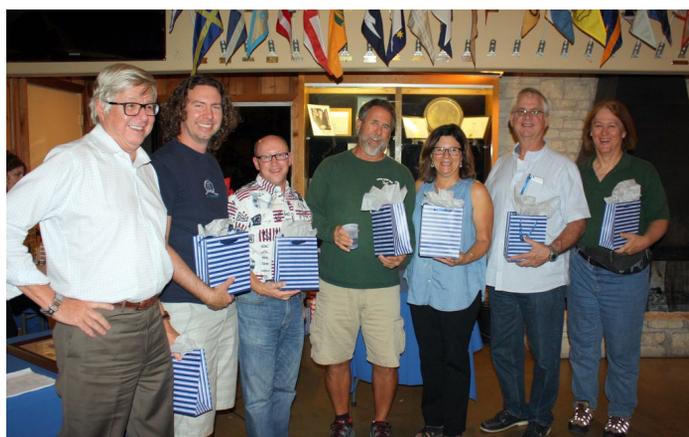
Commodore Molly Lewis with Immediate Past Commodore Barry Bowden



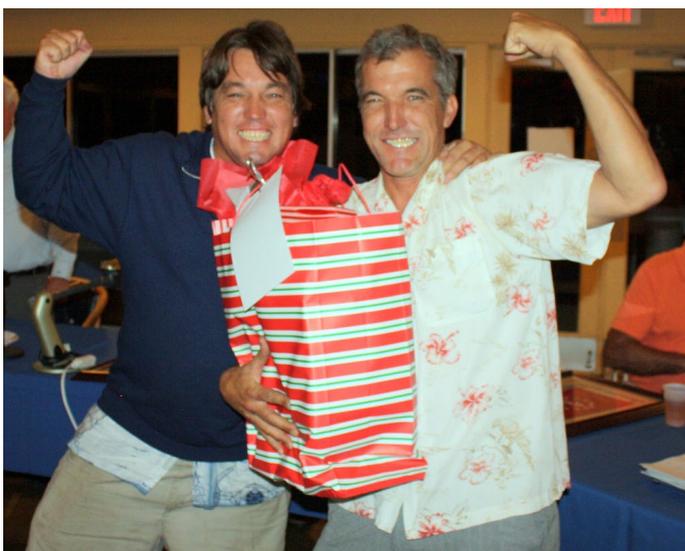
Vic Manning, Harbor Big Jobs Award



Endless Summer Regatta. L-R: Jeff Brock, Stefan Froelich, Steve Ward, Bill Records, Charlie Pitkin



Fleet Captains, L-R: Bob Goldsmith, James Parsons, John Thurston, Steve Frick, Laura Miller (accepting for Anne Morley), Bob Mathison, Steve Pervier (Missing: Anne Morley, John Parker, Jim Casto, Keith Lackey, Ed Hill, Bob Musselman)



Roadrunner Regatta Chairs Jeff Brock and Stefan Froelich



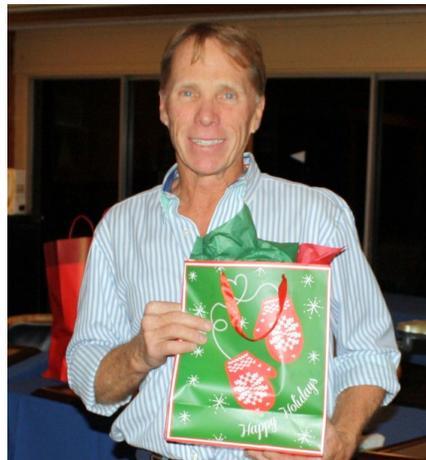
John Kuc, B&G Big Jobs Award

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2016 Annual Meeting



Photographers Bill Records, Cheryl Pervier, Bob Mathison (accepting for Deborah) (Missing: Bruce McDonald)



Special Clinics, John Bartlett (Missing: Scott Young)



John Howard, Treasurer, and Jan Thompson



Laura Miller accepting for Anne Morley, Ensign Fleet Captain



Long Range Planning Committee Chair Vic Manning (Missing: Brent Schwan and Bruce McDonald)



John Thurston, Single-Handed Regatta Chair

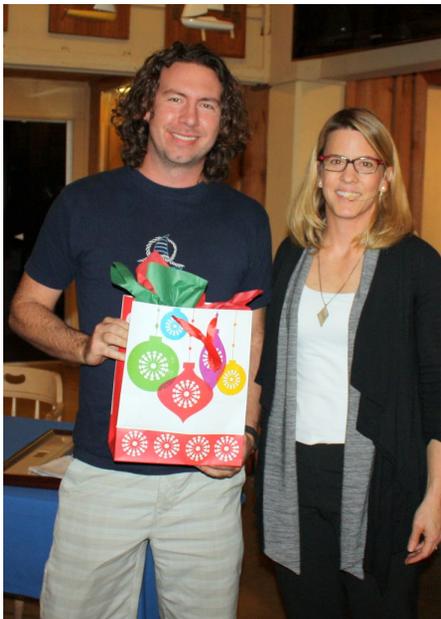


2016 Race Committee, L-R: Vic Manning, Bill Records, Ed Taylor (Chair), Karen Bogisch (Scoring), Bob Mathison, Chris Thompson (Missing: Jim Casto, Elliot Bray, Kurt Carson, Larry Raliff, John Parker)



Awards Committee, L-R: Candace Miller, Stephanie Froelich, Molly Lewis (Chair), Jan Thompson

2016 Annual Meeting



Moonburn Series Chair James Parsons



AYC Fund Board Chair Johannes Brinkmann (Missing: Ravi Subramanian, Kelly Hawk, Deb Rackley, JoAnn Welles, Bonnie Lackey, Terry Schertz, David Grogono)



Roadrunner Board Chair Stefan Froelich, and Jeff Brock (Missing: Constanze Heitkoetter, Sarah Jayawant, Elisha Krempetz, Paul Carew, Gus Tenreiro, John Abrams)



Membership Committee, L-R: Jeff Brock, Harry Polly, Barry Bowden (Chair), Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás, Vic Manning (Missing: Russ Shermer and Larry Ratliff)



Sail Training Committee, L-R: Bill Records (Chair), Steve Ward, Charlie Pitkin, Vic Manning (Missing: Jennifer Loehlin, Jeff Brock, John Grzinich, Jane Lanshe, Kelly Hawk, Harry Polly, Carolyn Wilsford, Linda McDavitt, Claude Welles, Brad Davis, Preston Bezan)



Beer Can Races, Bob Goldsmith and Karen Bogisch



Buildings and Grounds Committee Chair Chris Thompson, and Doug Casey (Missing: Bob Gallant, Jon Fitch, Cindy Naylor)



Harbor Committee Chair Joe Roddy, and John Saunders (Missing: Fred Ford, Evan Walters)

2016 Perpetual Awards



Jimmy B. Card Memorial Trophy
JAMES PARSONS

Though not new to sailing when he joined AYC, James was new to racing and he has embraced the sport with joy and enthusiasm. Not only has he become a more competitive sailor in the short time he has been a Club member, he has become a sailing mentor, a fleet organizer, an event coordinator, and a crew recruiting magnet. In the past two years or so, James has attracted a roster of about 70 people from outside the Club who are interested in sailing. James teaches them to sail, even as he is learning how himself, on his Pearson 26 aptly named Pirate Unicorn. He has become a “crew match guru” – if you are in the market for crew, call James and he’ll fix you up with willing and able crew who, at the very least, can act as ballast.



Aside from sailing and recruiting possible new members to AYC, James has amazed his fellow sailors with other accomplishments. He took over as C Fleet Captain organizing the members, initiating a communication system, and thinking up new and fun events for the fleet. He hatched the idea for a summer “Moonburn Series” for those who wanted to experience night sailing and then put in the hard work to make it happen. The event was successful and is likely to become an annual happening. Thank you, James, for all your hard work, your humor, and your zest for life.



Max White Memorial Trophy
KAREN BOGISCH

Karen has been a senior member of AYC since 2007, but has sailed and crewed here since the mid 90s. During that time, she has given both her time and extraordinary talents to serve AYC. Folks may not know this, but Karen is an energy attorney and a partner in her law firm. She volunteered countless hours and her expertise to assist AYC in obtaining rights to the bottom of the lake, without which we would not have been able to sail during the drought. Ask her to share her Sopranos’ themed anecdote regarding their meeting with the parties that were attempting this “land grab”.

Currently, Karen is one of the Keel Handicap Fleet Board members and is renewing her term as Secretary. She has helped manage the Beer Can dinners throughout this past summer and assisted in organizing the Keel Fleet regattas.



As a member of the Permanent Race Committee she has taken on the task of learning the computer based scoring systems and is a very prevalent volunteer for Race Committee duties for all the Club’s sailing events.

Besides volunteering her professional talent and skills, Karen is an enthusiastic sailor. She loves AYC, something that is apparent in the tremendous gift she has and continues to bring to AYC.



Jesse McIlroy Smith Bowl
LINDA MCDAVITT

Linda McDavitt – what can we say?! Throughout her decades-long sailing career at AYC, Linda has garnered numerous sail racing championships in local, regional, and national events, including the AYC Women’s Team Championships nine times between 1976 and 2001. Linda was on the winning teams in the Women’s National Team Championships in 1986, 1988, 1994, and 2001. She has competed in many national and international events and has always, without fail, represented AYC with dignity and humility. In addition to all her past sail racing accomplishments, Linda surpassed herself and all the rest of us by circumnavigating the globe this past year in the 2015-16 Clipper Round the World Yacht Race, an endurance race like no other – 40,000 miles, six continents, on the intrepid ClipperTelemed+. Linda did this at the tender age of 68, the oldest woman to participate in this 20-year old yacht race. As part of the Clipper Race, Linda also participated in one of yacht racing’s jewels, the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht race. And ClipperTelemed+ held its own in that difficult and challenging competition. All in all, it was a phenomenal accomplishment.



Though Linda has been a celebrity at AYC for decades, she became the racing world’s darling as she went on her journey, faced with national TV and media cameras, and interviewed multiple times by journalists from town newspapers to NBC’s TODAY show hosts; always with grace and humor. The iconic images of Linda at her favorite place on the yacht – the top of the mast – have become ingrained in the racing world’s eyes and heart. Yet, in spite of her celebrity status and incredible accomplishment, Linda returned to AYC, volunteering to fix food for regattas, continue her mentoring of new and old sailors alike, and happy to share her stories with us. We’re incredibly proud of you, Linda, and happy to call you one of our own.

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Corinthian Woman
CAROLYN WILSFORD

Carolyn is not new to sailing nor to the Club. She started sailing at AYC with her husband, James, in their Ensign, and since then, crews with others, teaches beginning sailors, helps with social committee, and is a friend to all who meet her. Carolyn is the embodiment of the Corinthian woman. She exhibits traditional traits of good sportsmanship, enthusiasm, and participation. In fact, a good friend of Carolyn's has said she is so enthusiastic that, when she joins the Board next year, someone will have to restrain her to keep her from becoming a whirling dervish.

Carolyn is no stranger to sailing challenges when opportunity presents itself. If you look in the section in the directory that lists AYC Sailing Accomplishments, you will see Carolyn's name as part of the winning team in the 2001 Woman's National Team Championship. When one of the team members of the original AYC team was unable to go to the Nationals, the team tapped Carolyn's shoulder. In spite of her then novice racer status, Carolyn jumped right in, spending great amounts of her time learning to fly the chute, and became part of the winning team at the Nationals that year. She can't help it – she has the spirit of a champion and the desire and enthusiasm to help other women achieve the same.



Liz Bauman Memorial Trophy
KATIE FROELICH

At nine years old, Katie could almost be considered a relative ol' salt at AYC, having already raced for nearly half her life. She started sailing when she was five and advanced to TSA youth sailing events when she was six years old, events in which most other sailors are 8 to 15. Katie's sailing experience and accomplishments put most of us to shame. She has sailed twice at both USODA Gulf Coast Championships and Texas Youth Race Week. She has raced in 42 of the last 45 TSA regattas, in several USODA regattas including US Nationals, and most of the AYC regattas. Katie keeps getting better. In fact, she earned a bullet in the first FJ race at the 2016 AYC Fleet Challenge and is the number one female sailor in the State of Texas for her age group! She practices hard and accomplishes much.

In addition to all of her sailing accomplishments, perhaps the most fitting for the Liz Bauman award is the recognition Katie has received for her sportsmanship. She has received four TSA Sportsmanship awards at four different regattas and consistently displays sportsmanship traits we should all aspire to; she always offers to help other sailors and ALWAYS thanks the race committee after a race or regatta.

When harassed by older boys, her response was to sail past and shout, "What? What? I can't hear you – I'm sailing too fast!" Katie is a joyful young woman who finds great joy in sailing and watch out – she's coming up on your starboard side . . .



Ron W. Harden Memorial Trophy
LUCAS TENRREIRO

11 years old, in 6th grade, and sailing for only 18 months, Lucas has become an accomplished junior sailor and a rising star locally, nationally, and internationally. Once he began sailing he improved quickly, sailing first in Opti I locally at AYC, then onto Green Fleet and participating on the circuit. It wasn't long before he was sailing in the Championship Fleet where he finished 2016 with an overall ranking of 5th in his age group for the entire State of Texas and is a three-time National Team Trial Qualifier. If those accomplishments in such a short time are not jaw-dropping enough, in February of this year, less than a year after he started sailing, Lucas sailed in the advanced Optimist Timoneles Fleet at the Semana Intenacioanl del Yachting in Argentina. And so began his international sail racing career! During the race in Argentina, Lucas faced some substantial challenges; strong wind and steep waves swamped him a few times but he never gave up, he never quit.

Though Lucas has innate abilities that show up in his sailing, his accomplishments didn't come easily. He worked hard, putting in the time and the effort, practicing on Lake Travis three to five times a week with his Dad. Lucas is an awesome sailor and a true AYC Roadrunner, destined for great things.



2016 Perpetual Awards



Bill Records Roadrunner Fleet Trophy
JEFF BROCK

Jeff has indeed gone above and beyond to grow and support the Roadrunner Fleet. It is in great part because of Jeff's efforts that the Fleet, in just three short years, has become the fastest growing youth sailing team in Texas and its sailors are being recognized as some of the fastest, not only in Texas, but nationally – and in some cases, internationally. Jeff was co-chair of the Texas Sailing Association these past two years. He serves on the Roadrunner Fleet Board as Sportsmanship Chair and has done so since its inception. He coaches youth here at AYC and serves as travel coach whenever the Fleet goes to out-of-town regattas and other sailing competitions. He has an amazing ability to connect with the youth he coaches and counsels and has a talent for communicating with parents, too. Jeff is always there, supporting, towing, driving, coaching, and co-parenting whenever he can and wherever he is. He is crazy about the Roadrunner sailors AND their families. It says everything about Jeff that the entire Fleet, sailors and parents alike, cannot say enough good things about this gregarious, fun, loving Dad, coach, and mentor. He is a good friend to have and a great role model for our youth.



O' Salt of the Austin Yacht Club
JOHN GRZINICH

John is affectionately known to some as Grz – or Captain Grz on his personal blog. Those of you who don't know John haven't been paying attention. John's sailing history dates back at least to when he lived in Queens and sailed the Hudson River and nearby waterways. When he joined AYC, he became part of the Catalina 22 Fleet and has sailed competitively ever since. Just this year, he won the Silver Fleet at the Catalina Nationals, and he wants to continue to campaign his boat. But John's love of sailing isn't limited to racing. He volunteers at the Club and fleet social events and can often be seen entertaining a boatload of folks on his Catalina at July 4th raft-ups, on day trips, and on sunset cruises. And, he's an intrepid member of the SOT's – the "Sailing on Tuesday" group.

AYC has benefited from having John as a member in ways too numerous to mention. Teaching comes naturally to him; he served on the AYC Board as Sail Training Commander and continues to teach and to train sailors who want to learn or to improve. In addition, John's knowledge and experience as an IBM engineer have been crucial to keeping the AYC website up, running, and continuously improving as the Club's needs change. As Club webmaster for many years, John is our go-to person for all things computer. He devotes untold hours to keeping us connected and up-to-date with online technology, and his ideas and abilities about how to use that technology have been invaluable. John is a great guy, a dedicated racer, and has been a jewel for AYC. Thank you, John.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU ...

Preston Bezan donated his talented design skills and time for the second year in a row, and designed the poster of our annual Perpetual Award winners. If you need graphic design work, please consider Preston Bezan who can be contacted at bezanster@gmail.com.



Chere McAtee with Chere McAtee Ceramics put her heart and soul into the Perpetual Award creations: beautiful ceramic platters that were personalized with images of the award winners' boats. Chere also worked for months to produce 110 sailboat drinking glasses and 24 AYC logo mugs distributed at the Annual Board Meeting to AYC volunteer members and those receiving special recognition.

You can contact Chere at cheremcatee@gmail.com or Etsy: <https://www.etsy.com/shop/ChereMcAtee>.

Check out her facebook page to view the different stages of the AYC awards in the making: <https://www.facebook.com/ChereMcAteeCeramics/?fref=ts>.

2016 Annual Banquet



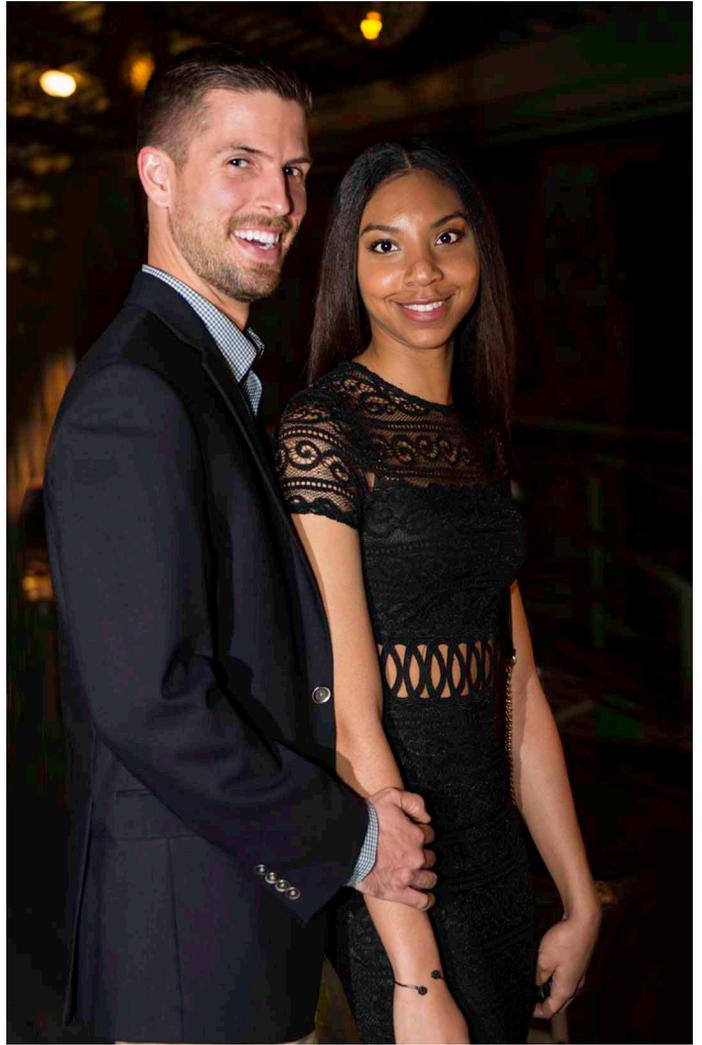
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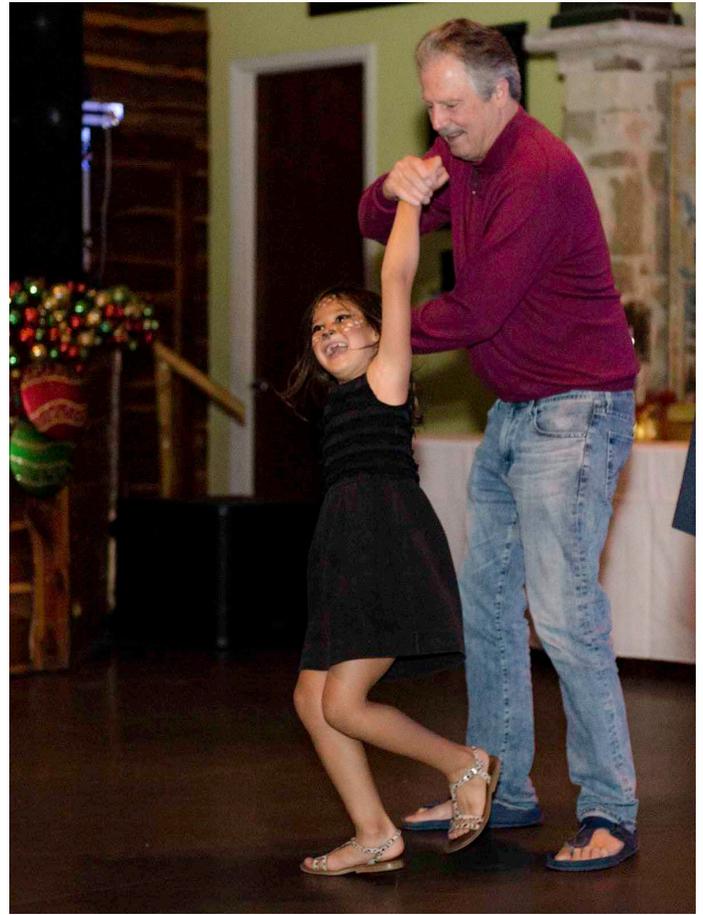


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Bernstein Brinkmann Fleet Challenge Award: A Fleet, represented by Claudia and John Bartlett



UT Sailing Team Scott Young Award recipient Aaron Comen



Lifetime Membership Award recipients Vic and Pat Manning

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Awards Presentation



Winner of the Coveted Blue Duck Award: Stefan Froelich

Story by Jeff Brock

Okay here's the picture: Two coach boats, one red and one green, side by side in the middle of Kemah channel, steaming in circles, unable to stop. The red one is billowing columns of smoke tall enough to signal the Navy. Traffic in the channel is backed up for miles. Thousands of tourists on the shore are gasping and fainting with suspense. I swear there were Coast Guard helicopters with rescue divers splashing down all around.* How this missed the national news I'll never know. How did **Stefan** and his intrepid crew land themselves in this predicament?

Having coached from our old coach boat – the Crazy Ivan – for a few years now, we know a few things. Like he (Ivan is a he) will only break down one out of every five regattas, and usually only in Galveston, Corpus, Pensacola, or Fort Worth. And if the boat is actually on fire, you should think about jumping off it. So we're smart now, and we knew last June that when the Ivan and our brand-spanking-new coach boat – the Red October of course – had to make the trip through the Kemah channel it was best to travel in company.

So, the Red October and the Crazy Ivan set sail up the Kemah channel. But these boats had a surprise in store for us. They tricked us. It wasn't the Ivan that started bellowing thick black smoke this time – it was the October! No big deal – we're veterans at this. Just turn it off and wait a bit – our friends are used to towing us home.

But wait! She won't turn off! She won't stop! But we've practiced for this too. We've been there when the coach boat won't stop and we have to do personnel transfers at speed – so do it! The two boats circle side by side at speed in the middle of the channel, all the youth on the Ivan, and Stefan to the rescue on the October!

He's been here before, he knows what to do. He RIPS off the engine cover and glares down at the angry beast. To better intimidate his opponent, he RIPS off his shirt and beats his chest mightily. Tourists swoon on the boardwalk. Using his bare feet, he chokes the engine at the carb and laughs as the engine sputters. But the engine won't die! It's still turning over! Unfazed, our hero RIPS out the spark plug wires – I swear he ripped them out with his teeth and then flung them in the ocean. Surely his opponent is vanquished! But NO! The engine ticks on. This is a boat possessed, that refuses to die.

Smoke is still boiling out of the engine, now reaching the upper stratosphere and affecting climate change models around the globe. The boat is still circling the Kemah channel, with bets being made throughout Houston as to who will win – the boat or Stefan. Our hero, realizing brains and not brawn will win this battle, knows he must drown the beast, starve her of air. And he succeeds. Using engineering skills MacGyver himself would envy, he manages to use nothing but a fire extinguisher, some duck tape, a rule book, some Opti sail ties, and a 8 lb Danforth anchor to finally get this boat to submit. And the boat does.

The crowd, breathless and silent up until now, erupts in cheers. Strong men are crying. Young children gaze in hero-worship. As the Ivan, manned by teenagers and Opti sailors, tows the October home, Stefan stands in the bows, waving to the crowd, vowing that he will return again another day.



*Absolutely most of the details and facts in this article are exaggerated in the slightest. Some of them might even be true.

Roadrunner Holiday Party



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Roadrunner Holiday Party



Photos by Bill Records



J/24 Fleet Update

by David Broadway



It has been a busy 2016 racing season. Most notable, the fleet has grown by 3 boats with **Doichin Tzolov** and **Eric Meiske** on "Blue J", **Chris Renner** with hull #69, and the return of **Larry Parks** with "My Joy"!

The Fall racing concluded with the Lake Canyon YC Circus, the final stop of the 2016 J/24 TX Circuit Regatta. **Natalie and Bob Harden**, AYC crew **Rachel Loziuk**, **Reed Cleckler**, and **Chris Rousseau** set a new Circuit record of seven straight 1st place regatta

finishes! Team Giggles is qualified for the J/24 World Championship event in September 2017.



Team Giggles, photo courtesy: Natalie Harden

The Circus event also determined the final season standings for several AYC boats. With strong, gusty breeze on Saturday, the Superman team had success with the little jib in the first two Saturday races, finishing 6th for the event and moving into 5th overall on the season. Complementing returning foredeck **Macie Walker**, newbie sailors **Dan Fingerhut** and **Odeta Pine** made a huge contribution to the success of **Laura Miller** and **Dave Broadway's** team.

John/Meiling Parker's ChupaCabra team had a strong 4th place Circus finish to leapfrog three boats and finish in 6th place overall. **Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás' 3 Stray Dogs** finished 7th, **Stu Juengst's Vang Go** 8th, with **Chris Hammel's Sforzando** in 10th. **Brandon Fury** contributed to the Sforzando success, and he will be fielding a UT Sailing Club Jolly Bevo entry on the 2017 Circuit.

With 26 total Circuit season participants, AYC entries held 6 of the top 10 places and are the core of the J/24 TX Circuit Regatta!

Plans are in the works for 3 AYC J/24s on the start line at the 2017 J/24 Midwinters in Melbourne FL in February. The 2017 J/24 North American Championship will be hosted at the Houston YC in May. With 8 Circuit events planned, it will be a robust 2017 Road Warrior season, in addition to increased AYC Series racing participation with the aforementioned 3 new boats in the fleet! The Frostbite series will see a whirlwind of activity as the various teams gear up for the 2017 season!

Ensign Fleet Update

by Carl Wiseman



Well, well, well, here we are at the end of 2016.

It has been a great year for the Ensign Fleet with new members and boats, not to mention the high participation rate for the races. There were some major boat renovations and some excellent collisions, all bringing tears to the eyes of the major boat repair shops in the area (or more accurately to say – just one shop).

On top of that, we hosted the Ensign Regionals and the Chaparral de Mar – two highly successful regattas with lots of Ensigns crowding the lake.

With the national debt approaching 20 trillion dollars, the Ensign financial team led by **Fred Ford** not only balanced our budget, but also created a budget surplus. D.C. politicians are falling out of the trees trying to understand how we were able to accomplish this. More on finance reform will be presented at our annual meeting late next month.



Top notch equipment like this no-spill beer holder keeps the Ensign Fleet one of the most competitive in the Club!

Quick Recap of 2016 Race Results

Three skippers (on two boats) dominated the racing this year. **George and Frans Dahmen** sailed Styf Kop (knowing the Dahmens, everyone is afraid to even ask for the translated name – just assume it is bad) to series wins in the Frostbite and the First Summer series. They also placed well in the regionals. However, **Tom Groll** took the honor of most prolific sailor,

by winning the Spring Series, the Fall Series, and the Ensign regionals. Lastly, concurrent with the long anticipated 2020 Presidential Primary Kickoff, **Tom** swooped in with a victory in the Governor's Cup.

Jonathan Baker took the Late Summer Series by winning all of one race, but it was a very emotional victory for him. Normally, trying to find wind during the Dog Days series is like trying to find an old person at a Social Security Center, however, there was wind this year and **Bill Hawk** won several races and decimated the field. **Bill** also did well in the regionals, and received the prestigious Ensign Remodel of The Year award.

All in all, a great year!

Make a special note to attend the annual meeting in January. And, don't forget, absentee sailors may be unanimously awarded the Fleet Captainship!



2016 Ensign Remodel of the Year award goes to Prickly Pear – who would have thought that Martian green would win the coveted title this year

Keel Fleet Update

by Karen Bogisch



Wild Turkey Adventures

The Wild Turkey Regatta was originally scheduled to take place the Saturday after Thanksgiving. However, the Keel Fleet board elected to reschedule it to December 4th in order to honor **Bill Howard**, one of AYC's founding members, whose memorial service was taking place during the time of the regatta.

As December 4th drew near, the weather was forecasted to be rainy and cold, but the regatta chairs and Keel Fleet remained hopeful that the weather would cooperate. The morning of the 4th, rain was continuing to fall, and it was not looking promising. But a hardy bunch of sailors arrived at the clubhouse hoping for an opening in the weather and were rewarded for their perseverance.

Around noon, the rains stopped and the race committee, consisting of **PRO Keith Lackey, Bonnie Lackey, John Mandel, Larry Ratliff, Bob Goldsmith, and Karen Bogisch**, headed out in the cold with fingers-crossed that the rains would hold off. A line was set, and 15 boats were started on time and headed out. Strangely, one of them had skipper with a unicorn head. The winds held and the rains stayed away until the last boat was across the line and the fleet was back in the harbor. The hardy souls all returned to the clubhouse to warm up and partake of tasty food from the food trailer, SoCo Eats. The traditional drinkable Wild Turkey trophies were awarded.

Ed Taylor's Air Supply won A Fleet, **Grant Wolfe**, who trailered his Holder 20 to the Club twice as he not received notice of the postponement to the 4th, won B Fleet, and **Mack Warner** on Warley won C Fleet. There were four multi-hulls out racing on this cold day, and all received trophies for their efforts, **Mike Beurlien** on his F-18, **Ryan Verret** on Boolean Knot, and **Evan Walters and Owen Crouse**, each on a Hobie. Soon after the trophies were handed out, the rains began to fall. But the Wild Turkey participants were safe and dry! **Keith and Bonnie Lackey**, with assistance from **Claudia Barlett** and other members of A Fleet, did a fabulous job putting on this regatta.

Annual Keel Fleet Meeting

The annual Keel Fleet meeting took place following the Wild Turkey fun, and the following were elected to the Keel Fleet Board:

Keel Fleet Captain – Bob Goldsmith
Keel Fleet Treasurer – John Maddalozzo
Keel Fleet Secretary – Karen Bogisch
A Fleet Captain – Ray Shull
B Fleet Captain – John Thurston
C Fleet Captain – James Parsons

Ed Taylor and Keith Denebeim were appointed to three year terms on the Handicap Committee.

The Keel Fleet also recognized Keel Fleet members who had participated in the most races this year. A Fleet's Air Supply was at the top of the list, having participated in all series and regattas with either **Ed Taylor or Steve Vaughan** at the helm. **James Parsons'** Pirate Unicorn from C Fleet and **John Maddalozzo's** Ormery from B Fleet were not far behind.

Thanks to everyone for a fabulous 2016! The Keel Fleet is looking forward to a great 2017, so pay your dues and come join the fun!!



Who is this mysterious unicorn?

Catalina 22 Update

by Steve Pervier



We enjoyed some fine racing in 2016, led by series and regatta trophy winners **Steve Shepardson, Joe Roddy, George Robison, Brett Wilson, Brian Grothues, John Grzinich, and Steve Pervier**. We provided three good race committees for series racing (in cooperation with the South Coast 21 Fleet). From our midst, we were represented at the national level by Catalina 22 Silver Fleet Champion

John Grzinich! "Griz" also won the C22 Spinnaker Championship at the Regional level via his win at Governor's Cup. And that's not all. Recognized for his enthusiasm, sportmanship, and competitive zeal – and for his friendly nature as well as being a tireless volunteer, **John Grzinich** was named Ol' Salt of the Austin Yacht Club in 2016!

In 2016 we are continuing the Catalina 22 Fleet perpetual awards, last given in 2011, by naming our Most Improved Skipper: **Brian Grothues**, and our Most Improved Crew, **Lizette Smith!** **Brian** joined us in 2015, putting his prior experience in Capri 14.2 and Laser to good use, as his C22 Arrggh! has produced 3rd, 2nd, and 1st place trophies in succession. **Lizette** started crewing early this year, bringing her 420 collegiate background and incredible enthusiasm, and has contributed significantly to pairs of 2nd and 1st place trophies during the year. If you're a new skipper or crew looking for racing tips, ask **Brian or Lizette** to share some of their insights with you.

It was intense fun to focus on just one competitor as we ended Fall Series with a match race, when **Brett with Louise and Walter** competed against **Steve and Cheryl with Lizette**. But we would rather see a big fleet of C22s! Let's begin with active sailors like **Brett, Griz, Brian and Margarito, and Cheryl and Steve**, plus our newest C22 owners **Louise and Walter**, and returning talent like **Peter** and others we hope to see again. Then add potentially active fleet members either restoring a C22, considering a purchase, or joining us from the CatFleet69.org cruising fleet. Top it off with experienced crew members like **Carmine, James, Lizette, and Evan** plus growing new crew interest, and we're looking forward to some great times in 2017. See you there!

C Fleet Update

by James Parsons



Wild Turkey Recap

In spite of a miserable forecast, the sailors took to the lake and wondered what mother nature had in store for them. Good winds, and no rain, was what was in store. Sure, it was on the chilly side, but the rain for days on end had us fearing not the worst, just the recent norm. Before the race, all the C Fleet skippers agreed to go non spinnaker, thinking the

weather was too nasty with a hint of danger, to risk it.

Other than sightings of animals previously thought to not exist, the race went off without a hitch. I'll touch on each boat, from last to first.

Bill Records (wait, last!), Andre De La Reza and Steve Ward were onboard with **Bob Stephens** on Picante. Some may say something about too many cooks in the kitchen, with all those skippers onboard. I assure you the people onboard weren't why they finished last. There was a spotting of two unicorns on the downwind leg. The unicorns took the air, and the concentration for **Stephen's** band of merry men. Thanks to the distraction, we have photographs that **Bob's** crew took during the race. Thank you very much guys, and thank you for helping me not get my only last place finishes at the beginning and end of the year.

James Parsons with the two **Natalies (Bixler and Conley), Brice Elder, and Brad Kocen** were onboard the Pirate Unicorn. After getting a foul wrap at



the start and needing to do a penalty, the Pirate Unicorns were behind the 8 ball. It was a switch from a 115 to a 150 after the weather mark that helped to reel in Picante. Then once reeled in, the unicorns were deployed, and made a few poses for Picante for photos, as we

stole their wind and passed them. Towards the end of the race the gap on Blue Note and Slip Kid was narrowing, but we didn't get them.

Keith Denebeim and his workmates on Slip Kid were involved in a duel with Blue Note at the end. It was a good day for the Slip Kids, other than narrowly losing out in the duel. They started on the pin end, got fouled by Pirate Unicorn with the fouled line, and were in 2nd for most of the race.

John Durfor's crew, Scott Schafer, and Paul Bradley were onboard Blue Note. **Paul** is a new sailor who bought **Ted Scardamalia's** old boat, and he and his wife **Sally** are learning the ropes of racing and sailing. I had a blast with them at the banquet before, and one of the unicorn heads was a gift to the boat. Blue Note was within shouting distance to Slip Kid most of the day, and pulled out some tactical covering at the end of the race that helped to preserve their 2nd place finish.

Mack Warner and Cindy Naylor (and no Auto) on Warley snuck right past everyone after the start, and were never heard from again. Thanks to us not being anywhere close to them, this is the shortest recap, and there

were no Blue Duck award moments. Congrats guys!

Everyone ended up getting a trophy after the race, as some fleets had less than expected. This was nice for us as we had the most boats!

End of Year Recap

What a year it has been for C Fleet. We started strong with the most boats competing at Frostbite, and never let up. I know we also had the most for MoonBurn and Wild Turkey. We may very well have had the most at every series, but I am trying to avoid going down the data rabbit hole too far. It is with a fair degree of certainty, that I can say we had the most boats out competing overall this year.

We ran Independence Cup, and created MoonBurn (with a ton of help from **Chris Thompson** on both). They both had some changes in store, with Independence Cup starting at 11:30am to avoid the heat and no wind in the middle of the day (and an airplane crash on the race course). MoonBurn was the first night racing in some years, and was a real pleasure to put together. It definitely helped that I had some great resources and volunteers.

It was also a VERY competitive year. We had 7 different champions from 12 series/regattas. Here they are in reverse order:

Gov Cup - Chris Thompson

Dog Days - Keith Denebeim

Fall - Bill Records

Summer Series - Mack Warner

Single Handed - Tom Groll

Turnback Regatta - Keith Denebeim

Ind Cup - Keith Denebeim

Spring - Bill Records

MoonBurn - James Parsons

Frostbite - Bill Records

Late Summer - Keith Denebeim

Red Eye - George Dahmen

It was great to be competing with everyone, and even better to look back and see just how many different champions there were.

Thanks to everyone for making this a great year, and I'm looking forward to more next year as C Fleet Captain again.

I also had the honor of being awarded the Jimmy B. Card Memorial Trophy, which is for the Club senior sailor new to the sport. It recognizes beginning sailors 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. Thank you for helping it be easy to be zesty.

James Parsons Speaks at Nerd Nite, January 11

What is Nerd Night you ask? It's kind of like Discovery Channel with beer, or a local TED Talks. 3 people passionate about a subject get up on stage to share their passion with others.

I previously spoke at Orlando's Nerd Nite in September 2013, just a few days after visiting Austin for the first time (the topic was traveling and cultural exchange with CouchSurfing.org).

This time, I'll be talking about sailing, specifically how active we are and welcoming the Club is. There will be photos from the AYC Banquet with me in a unicorn head, and the Dock 4 men antics from the last 2 banquets, as we all do our best to keep AYC weird. Feel free to come along and enjoy the event, or to volunteer if needed.

I'm envisioning lots of people being interested in sailing, and we will have a table set up so we can have a point of contact that folks can come to, to meet us and ask questions.

More information is at austin.nerdnite.com and you can contact me at moonburnayc@gmail.com.

Multihull Fleet Update

by Jim Casto



It is with a heavy heart I confirm what has been circulating as rumor for a while: our very own **Evan Walters** has accepted a job elsewhere, and is moving away from Austin. At least he is moving somewhere fun that is known for excellent sailing venues. **Evan** is a 2014 graduate of Texas A&M Civil Engineering with specialty in "Ocean Engineering": think global warming remediation, lifetime job security & job sites on the waterfront. After school he got a job in Austin,

promptly bought a sailboat and joined AYC. Since joining, he has been an active member of our AYC multihull fleet, and of the local "AustinCats" sailing group. He has enthusiastically sailed his beautiful Hobie16 (which is for sale now) at venues all across Texas and the Gulf Coast. We knew how much he loved sailing, because he dropped his membership in another club – the "reading French poetry on Friday nights to young single ladies" club. While not sailing, he could be found dancing at AYC parties, volunteering for RC duty at AYC, and being an excellent role model to young AYC sailors. He frequently sailed with (underweight) AYC Jr sailors, teaching them the basics of sailing, trapezing, skipping while trapezing, capsizing while trapezing, righting the boat after trapezing, catching up to the fleet while trapezing, passing the fleet while trapezing, floating slowly by the docks in no wind – you got it – while trapezing, and all the other fun things that happen when you are a great guy on a fun fast boat. I know the **Froelich kids** enjoyed his company, his mentoring, and thought of him like a big brother. Since my son also studied Civil Engineering at A&M and also settled in Austin after graduation, I always kind of thought of **Evan** as an alternate version of my son, if my son had grown up to love sailing. Whenever **Evan** tried to make fun of me, he would just say: "you sound like my dad", but I actually kind of liked it. The AYC family will truly miss **Evan**, and I hope to visit him on his new (zealand) adventures – but I think **Ethan Froelich** called dibs on first visit "down under".



Photo Stephanie Froelich

Evan and Ethan take a second in Multihull at the Wild Turkey Regatta

Appreciating Our Treasured Old Guys*

by Fred Schroth



**While continuing to dodge that moniker*

On the afternoon of November 21, 2016 we lost **Bill Howard**. I like to consider him to be part of Austin Yacht Club's Founding Fathers Group 1A. Like our clubhouse architect **Tom Leech**, constitution writer **Conrad Werkenthin**, sailboat builder **Pat Kimbrough**, and student member **Russell Painton**, they weren't ready to fund the new sailing club but they were there at or near the beginning working on the project. Certainly I missed mentioning some very important folks. The "Let's Build a Yacht Club" purchase of the Beacon Lodges property by **Tom Romberg**, **Hap Arnold** and **Frank McBee** set off an explosion of interest. There were already 200 members by the time the clubhouse was opened in 1970.

In the sixties, **Bill and Conrad** started a little sailboat dealership they called SailAway. My first Austin boat repair shop served as SailAway's maintenance shop in 1981. The rest of the 1981 SailAway team, **Hap McCollum**, **Rolly Lawson**, **Teri Nelms Smith**, **Conrad**, and **Bill** have left me as the only living alumnus. The toys they brought to the Club are still providing lots of fun. SailAway sold San Juan, Columbia, Merit, Coronado, Express, Prindle, US 1, Olson, and had a little ships store where sailors from IBM, TI and other nearby companies gathered to tell lies after many races. For many years, the Keelboat Fleet was almost as much based out of SailAway and Dodd Street marina as AYC.

In 1980 **Bill**, his son **Clarke**, and **Hap McCollum** brought Starshine the Columbia 9.6 to become a fixture at AYC. **Bill** bought it from the Colgate Sailing School when Colgate introduced its Colgate 26 as its teaching platform. As a sailing school boat, Starshine's job was to provide a learning experience for sailors planning to charter and own virtually any sailing boat. For that reason Starshine came with rigging appropriate for a fifty foot boat. **Teri** decided the Fireball Fleet sailors knew all about rigging, which we didn't, and conscripted us to sail on **Bill's** new toy for the Turnback Canyon Regatta. Luckily we went out and practiced for a few evenings before the regatta. **Linda McDavitt** did the sensible thing and grabbed the helm. The rest of us had to figure out how to fly a spinnaker with four sheets (when gybing the unloaded sheet was threaded through the spinnaker pole and we had to do a dip pole gybe) and a reaching strut. Actually, I didn't as I decided to handle the main sail and its insane rig with a traveler lines, outhaul, inhaul, topping lift, Cunningham, vang and a spaghetti of reefing lines (Thank Gawd we never used) run to various halyard locks, cleats and self tailing winches. I spent the weekend tweaking every line and watching the various tell tales move and asking **Linda** if what I just did helped. Her reply was always, "I can't feel a thing on this boat."

All that mattered to **Bill** was keeping an eye on his old boat "Sweet Caroline" the Coronado 28 being helmed by his lovely wife. **Caroline** was a nationally known Snipe sailor and she seemed to know how to find winds on the crazy trip to Lago Vista better than the combined Fireball Fleet. We sailed much faster but **Caroline** kept going the right way.

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When we got to Lago Vista there were various claims made for the v berth. **Bill** settled that argument in one sentence. "**Fred and Sally** are the only ones here who are married."

A couple years ago **Bill** was at the shop while we were giving **Linda's** J-22 trailer a pre-regatta trip inspection. Sitting at Los Pinos a few minutes later **Bill** told us, "If anybody but **Linda McDavitt** had steered Starshine in that Turnback Regatta I would still own that fool Coronado."

Bill loved to come grab **Alfonso Ramirez** and me and take us to lunch. It was much more about his stories than the free food. **Bill** simply knew lots of stuff and we occasionally got a little glimpse into his personal history:

*I never got to play much football, Wilkinson thought I was too slow. (**Bill** went to Oklahoma)

* I was at a party with a bunch of orthopods and they kept saying Yale this and Yale that. So What! I went to Harvard. (**Bill** went to Harvard Business school and he had a nickname for Orthopedic Surgeons)

*We built this set of bolts to hold Bombs on wings and they had to be inspected 17 times but we couldn't have any written records.

*We dredged 107 million cubic yards of sludge out of Town Lake so it wouldn't be a swamp.

* Lady Bird was a Peach. Lyndon was an ass. (**Bill** spent a lot of time with Lyndon while Ladybird and **Caroline** set up the National Wildflower Research center.)

* There are a whole series of huge reservoirs near McAllister OK whose purpose was to put water in the Arkansas River so it remained navigable in dry months.

*He designed the cooling system to keep the freshly poured concrete from overheating so Amistad's Dam would have good concrete. He did not do Canyon Lake's dam "which is why it is screwed up."

*Before there were docks, **Bill and Conrad** put a string of mooring buoys in the AYC Harbor held by two anchors. "**McBee** called me and told me he had borrowed my anchors to hold the new docks." Last I knew, **Bill's** anchors were still holding the outboard ends of Docks one and two.

*I THINK **Bill** told me he delivered and set up **McBee's** big anchor by the clubhouse.

*On at least two occasions **Bill** had stood silently in the back of the crowd during the AYC annual meeting and finally decided enough was enough. In the middle of two particularly heated discussions **Bill** stood up and boomed, "**William F. Howard** here. I move we adjourn." In both cases there was a second and the meeting simply adjourned.

Another year, during an argument about numbers of more permanent members on the AYC Race Committee **Bill** suggested the same solution, was shouted down, and **Russell Painton**, who was commodore, decided the necessary quorum was not present to make any decisions, and adjourned the meeting.

***Bill** rebuilt the big gooseneck trailer that has been an AYC feature since 1969 from some sort of water hauling farm trailer. He built it to pick up a Columbia 22 from California. Forty years later we used the trailer to carry **Bay Peterson's** C&C 37.



Bill's gooseneck trailer holding Bill Records' Pearson 26 next to my new shop in 1995



Bay Peterson's C&C 37 on the trailer Bill Howard originally built in 1969 to hold a Columbia 22

*Lyndon on campaign contributions. "Those who bring us money and do special services get our attention. The rest get good government."

If you read this far you must be wondering, "What is the point of this article?" Obviously, we lost **Bill** and I want to add a bit of fun material to help preserve his memory. The greater concern, because each of us has an opportunity to do something about it, is to inspire some of you to visit with and get to know the fabulously interesting sailors who are still with us. This year we lost not just **John Vance, Beverly Kimbrough and Bill** but we were rocked fifty years too early by the loss of **Jacob Lien and Tony Slowik**.

Over the past 37 years, my business has allowed me to get to know hundreds of our Club's members. As a regular sailor guy Club member, it is a bit more challenging to interact with those not in our own fleet or whose slips are nearby. Race committee, regatta work, work parties, and social events really are a very special opportunity. If **Teri** had not dragged the Fireball Fleet out to sail with **Bill** on his monster keel boat, I might never have met the guy. Here is my request.

If you see a face at the Club and you can't attach a name, be bothered and go do something about it. If all you know is that name, do something about that too. **Bill** was a VERY special fellow. AYC is filled with a fantastically diverse group whose individual levels of special rival **Bill's**. Go find out why.

In Memoriam



WILLIAM FULLER HOWARD

Jul 13, 1930 - Nov 21, 2016

William F. Howard, age 86, died Monday, November 21, 2016 in Austin, Texas.

Bill Howard was born on July 13, 1930 in McAlester, Oklahoma. He

was the only child of Isabel Fuller Howard and Harold Spink Howard. As a boy, he built and designed gadgets in the covered warehouse next door to his childhood home, and he had his own business selling eggs. He loved the outdoors and participated in Boy Scouts, earning the rank of Eagle Scout, and his enjoyment of the outdoors continued with hunting and camping throughout his life.

Bill attended the New Mexico Military Institute (NMMI) for high school, and got a head start on his military service in ROTC. He went to the University of Oklahoma and graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering. He belonged to the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. While in college, he met the beautiful Caroline Clarke, a champion ice-skater and sailor.

Bill and Caroline were married in 1953. Bill joined the Army as a lieutenant and was promptly shipped to France. He and Caroline lived on the economy in France for two years, while Bill helped build air force landing fields and dig wells for military bases in France and Spain. He returned from military service and entered Harvard Business School in 1955. At the end of their first year in Cambridge, their son, William Clarke Howard, was born. After graduation, Bill worked for the H.B. Zachry Company and the family lived in San Antonio, Sweetwater, and El Paso. Projects he worked on included building a portion of IH-10, a sewage treatment plant in Sweetwater and a runway of the El Paso Airport. A second son, Jeffrey Stephen Howard was born in 1958.

The family moved to Austin in 1960, where Bill became the plant manager for Capitol Aggregates, a supplier of sand and gravel for civil and construction projects. In this role, Bill was personally involved in the dredging of the Colorado River to

make Town Lake in downtown Austin (now known as Ladybird Lake). After leaving Capitol Aggregates, Bill designed, built and managed SuperRock, a lightweight aggregate plant near Corsicana, Texas. Bill's last business was Grentek, a sheet metal fabrication company for the needs of local high-tech industry.

In Austin, Bill was a member of several civic groups including the Chamber of Commerce, the Admirals Club and Boy Scouts, serving as leader of Troop 59 at St. Matthew's Church. Bill remained an avid outdoorsman and sports enthusiast. He was part of the "Nine-Tenths" Club, cheering for UT football (except when they played one's own university), a founding member of the Austin Yacht Club, a competitive sailor for decades, a pilot, and a hunter. After attending a sail-racing school in Rhode Island, the family bought the sailboat "Starshine" from the school, and he and Clarke sailed the boat from there to Galveston, bringing it overland to Lake Travis. He enjoyed yearly hunts in south Texas, with friends and his favorite companion, the smiling Labrador retriever, Rock.

Caroline passed away in April of 1989 after a long battle with cancer. Three years later, Bill married Dr. Barbara Alford (Bobbie). They enjoyed their semi-retirement years together renovating their new home, backpacking, sailing and travelling, most notably taking a wedding trip to Tanzania and Botswana.

Bill was preceded in death by Caroline and his son Jeff. Survivors include Bill's wife, Bobbie; son, Clarke and his wife Rosemary; grandchildren Cameron, Christian, Catherine and Rebecca Howard; stepdaughter Elizabeth Alford and her husband Michael Young, and their children, James and Clara Young; niece Caroline Young and her husband Rick of Oklahoma City; and nephew Bill Payne and his wife Wendy of Dallas.

The family would like to express a huge heartfelt thanks to the wonderful caregivers from Nurses Case Management; Yomi Alimi, Angela Dean, Bettina Howard, Mary Brown, and Patrick Agwuegbulum.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Austin Yacht Club.

In Memoriam



BEVERLY ACREY KIMBROUGH

Beverly was born July 12th 1937 in Dallas Tx to Edward O. Acrey and Louella High Acrey. Passed away on November 26, 2016 in Austin Texas where she had lived for 61 years. She was the first graduate of South Oak Cliff

High School in 1955. She then traveled to Austin to attend the University of Texas graduating in May 1959 with a BA in math in the Plan II program. Two weeks later she married Pat D. Kimbrough to whom she was married for 51 years until his passing in 2010. She had a successful career as a computer

system analyst with the State of Texas for 30 years. She also taught COBOL at ACC and Park College for 10 years. She was a community activist where she served on the boards of the Brentwood and Allandale neighborhood associations, and the Elizabeth Ney Museum. As a lifelong Democrat, she worked on many local campaigns. She was also a lifelong member of the Church of Christ where she served in various roles with women's groups and teaching with the World Bible School. She is survived by son Keith, and daughter and son-in-law Laura and Jim Anderson.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Sunny Glen Children's Home or the American Cancer Society.

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Max White Memorial Trophy

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This Award honors the Club senior sailor for outstanding service to the Club in the past year. This trophy should be awarded to the individual who has given freely and unselfishly their time and talents over and above what might otherwise have been necessary or expected of them.



Liz Bauman Memorial Trophy

KATIE FROELICH

To the most improved female junior sailor. This trophy is to be given annually to a young woman who, though not necessarily the most accomplished, demonstrates the traits of cooperation, discipline, willingness to learn, and good sportsmanship that are the goals of the junior sailing program.



Bill Records Roadrunner Fleet Trophy

JEFF BROCK

This trophy honors the Club member who has gone beyond expectations to serve and to volunteer on behalf of the Roadrunner Fleet. This trophy is to be given to the Club member who, consistently and over a long period of time, acts as a pivotal leader and contributor, further advancing the program's development.



Jimmy B. Card Memorial Trophy

James Parsons

To the Club senior sailor new to the sport. This trophy is to recognize the beginning sailor who enthusiastically, bravely, and with a real zest and enjoyment for life becomes a reasonably competitive sailor in their first or second year of sailing.



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