



Here's to Another Great Year



Photo Bruce McDonald
2017 Frostbite Series

“Sailors, with their built in sense of order, service and discipline, should really be running the world.”

Nicholas Monsarrat

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SAVE THE DATE

Feb 23	AYC Board Mtg	Mar 25	RC Training
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Mar 12	Daylight Savings Time		End of Series
	Spring Series 2		
Mar 23	AYC Board Mtg		



Save the date for

Opening Day

**Sunday, March 5, 2017
10:00 AM**

**Austin Yacht Club
5906 Beacon Dr.
Austin, TX**

From The Commodore by Wade Bingaman



2017 is already off to an amazing start. The first day of the year was the Red Eye Regatta. The weather was beautiful and almost 50 boats raced. You can read the details in **John Thurston's** article in this issue. But let me just say, it was truly a wonderful day. Thanks to all the volunteers who made the regatta so special.

Our junior sailors have started the year by racing and doing very well in the TSA Texas Legends Race of Champions, an invitation-only event. The event was organized by our own **John Morran, Spencer LeGrande, Lucy Brock, Julius Heitkoetter, James Brock and Tony Slowik** were invited to the prestigious event and all placed.

Speaking of our junior program, **Coleman Terrell**, our Sailing Director, has already been hard at work with the Board to try to grow and improve our young sailors. **Coleman** has started a high school training program, and the Board has agreed to add the UT Sailing Team to the group. I foresee improved results for UT this year. The junior program also now has a 420 dinghy in its fleet, with a second likely to follow soon. These boats should help in the development of our high school age sailors.

Racing isn't all that's going on at the Club. There are several projects recently completed or in process:

- You may have noticed that our downstairs bathrooms are undergoing a major remodel. The project will probably be completed by the time you read this. Thanks to our Building and Grounds Commander, **Chris Thompson**, and his team, **Molly Lewis and Diane Covert**, for all their efforts. All of us will enjoy the upgrades for years to come.
- Also, although out of sight, we have new roofs on our cabins. No more leaks or animal invasions.
- There soon will be a new AYC sign at our entrance. Our old one was literally falling apart. **Tom Cunningham** has kept it together, but just barely. Thanks to **Ed Taylor**, the new one promises to be very nice.
- A new Dock 6 has already been ordered. The old one was in need of repair. However, we were able to trade it in on the new one for significant savings. I expect the new dock to be in place by summer.

If you did not know by now, the National Sailing Symposium is in Austin this year, Feb. 16-18. On Friday, Feb. 17, the convention will hold its new boat exhibition at AYC. Our Club will be on display for sailors from across the nation. You are welcome to come out for the spectacle. I'm sure our visitors will be impressed with our facilities and our friendliness.

So much has gone on, and it's just the end of January as I write this. I can't wait for what's to come. Next up is our Opening Day Ceremony and Brunch – Sunday, March 5. It's my favorite event of the year, where we honor our past Commodores and the Club's rich history. (We also race.) I hope to see you there.

Vice Commodore Report by Bill Records



On January 11, I had a meeting with the Regatta Chairs to plan for the 2017 season. Our mission was to make improvements resulting in higher participation. Before the meeting I spoke with members from the AYC fleets, asking them what they thought of previous regattas, both pro and con. Among the responses were some useful suggestions, which were discussed at the meeting. The most important takeaway was the "fun factor." Here are some things that we feel make good regattas :

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- Provide good food, served efficiently (maybe go in house)
- Have good entertainment (battle of bands concept)
- Friday night speaker (**Jim Merritt**)
- Well designed t-shirts (maybe polos)
- Interesting trophies (original artwork)
- Produce good posters/flyers to distribute at marinas and businesses
- Reach out to other yacht clubs and non-members at other marinas (Turnback used to have a lot of non-members, some joined AYC)
- Good Race Committee work (choose PROs from Permanent Race Committee)
- Make easy to understand, uncomplicated Sailing Instructions – KEEP IT SIMPLE!

The regatta chairs are already working hard to make this a great year at AYC. The schedule and chairs are as follows:

Red Eye	1/1	KHF B
Governor's Cup	4/8-9	Karen Bogisch
Turnback Canyon	5/27-28	Diane Covert
Independence Cup	7/1	KHF C
Centerboard	9/16-17	Kevin Reynolds
Roadrunner	10/21-22	Jeff Brock & Stefan Froelich
Wild Turkey	TBA	KHF A

Barry Bowden sent new Board members a list of responsibilities for each position and I was surprised to find out that the Vice Commodore will appoint a PR committee. We found a good fit in **Steve Ward**. **Steve** will be communicating with the media, sending out press releases and helping Sail Training with advertising our camps and clinics. He is presently working on how we can use Facebook to our advantage. Any AYC members with PR experience, who would like to help with this effort, should contact **Steve**.

With much sadness, the AYC family has lost another member. On January 21, **George Yonge** passed away, less than a week after he lost his wife **Peggy**. **George** was very active, racing his Pearson 26, "Talisman" (presently owned by **Vic Manning**). **George** was a true sportsman and adventurer. He and **Peggy** navigated the Great Circle Route and published a book about it. He bought a Gulfstar 50, sailed it from Florida to Maine, and invited AYC members to join him along the way. I caught up with him in Newport, R.I. and sailed to Maine. We visited many yacht clubs and the hospitality was phenomenal. Those of us who knew **George** will miss him very much.

Building and Grounds Report

by Chris Thompson



A lot of activity is under way in the off season in preparation for a flurry of activities before Opening Day.

The bath house is inching forward to completion (file contractors – arrgh!). Demo of old counters and sinks, and paint touch up of the walls were handled by a great work party on Sunday, Feb 5. We also covered the rust stains on the main stairs. The railings will be tackled with another work detail. A

gigantic thanks to the crew:

Molly Lewis

Julie Chicoine

James Bland

Jeff Avant

John Maddalazzo

Wendy Froelich

Ben Froelich

Harry Polly – B&G Committee

Diane Covert – B&G Committee

Mark Zion – B&G Committee

And of course, Tom C. and Jackie

Hope I didn't forget anyone?

New front signage is under construction and the "legacy" sign is hanging at the front gate after some seriously crafty repair by **Tom**. This will be moved to a more protected location around the clubhouse when the replacement arrives. The point sign replacement is slated for the next work party (pending a drop in the water level).

New roofs on the main cabins (4/5 & 7/8) and the sail training cabin have been completed. Mr. Raccoon, whose burrowing under the roof in cabin 5 initiated this project, has been removed from the premises and will not be returning.

New quartz counters and undermount sinks are in place as I write this and look great.

There are lots of other things on the endless list; if you have something to add to that list please send us an email – **Jackie** will see that it gets to the proper person. This way we won't forget. I enjoy discussing things in person with members at the Club but I sometimes forget to make notes.

Come out and give us a hand on the next work detail. It's a great way to meet other members you might not normally see on a race day. If you can't make the regular work details but still want to get your probationary service points, reach out to me or **Jackie**, we can always find something that needs done.

Sail Training Report

by Carolyn Wilsford



Hello AYC members, Carolyn here, 2017 Sail Training Commander and look at my 2017 Sail Training Committee:

Stephanie Froelich, Linda McDavitt, Steve Gay, Harry Polly (ASA), Andre de la Reza, Lauren Crouch, Steve Ward, Justin Wolf, John Grzinich, Jennifer Loehlin, Jeff Brock, Bill Records, Renee Ruais, Molly Lewis, John Bartlett, Scott Young, Brad Davis, Vic Manning, Ravi Subramanian, Ed Taylor, Carolyn Wilsford

I guarantee that everyone will learn something, be able to apply it during their sailing and then watch it become automatic on the water. So far, **Harry Polly** hpolly2323@gmail.com had an informational meeting and is still looking for a few folks for mid-March.

Brad Davis had his Racing Rules clinic – a great success. Need another copy of his rules diagram? brad.na5bd@gmail.com The audience got engaged and learned some new things about the rules. Remember there is no such thing as a dumb question. This is the year for your 2017 Racing Rules waterproof copy. Ask in the office. Life is all about learning.

Steve Gay segay1@mayfairpoint.net just finished his US Sailing Level One Instructor Course here at AYC and may be doing a Counselor Course depending on the interest. <http://www.ussailing.org/education/sbinstructor/sailing-counselor/>

What is coming up?

US Sailing Symposium is here in Austin Feb. 16-19 at the downtown Sheraton, 701 East 11th Street. <http://nsps.ussailing.org/symposium-2017-registration-26302711117> US Sailing is bringing out demo boats to AYC on Friday, Feb. 17 in the afternoon. Come on out and try some new boats. There has been mention about offering some really nice prices on boats so US Sailing doesn't have to ship them back home.

Race Committee Training by **Ed Taylor** for all permanent race committee persons and Fleet Captains is Sunday, Feb. 19, time 10:00 – 5:00. Lunch (make your own sandwich) will be provided, rotating stations, and there is no charge.

Next, Boat Safety Training (Chase and RC boats) by **Vic Manning** is March 4, time 1:00 – 5:00. Learn how to operate our Chase and Race Committee boats safely and correctly. We want you to know how they work and what to do if they need repair.

Over and Out!

Race Commander Report by Ed Taylor



Permanent Race Committee

Chairperson: **Ed Taylor**

Members and the year of their term expiration: 2018

1. **Scoring Coordinator: Karen Bogisch**
2. **Jim Casto**
3. **Bob Mathison**
4. **Larry Ralliff**
5. **John Parker**
6. **Vic Manning**

7. **Bill Records**
8. **Kurt Carson**
9. **James Parsons**
10. **Dane Ohe**
11. **Keith Denebeim**

PRC/RC Training: Sunday, February 19 & Saturday March 25.

The 2017 Race Calendar is complete and was released by the Board (See pages 6-9). Several new Regatta/Series races have been discussed and moved with the following:

- Moonburn Race Series starting in April for three months during full moon – starts after Friday Night Beer Can Racing.
- Continue racing between Dog Days and Late Summer Series. This four-race Series will officially be known as the Suffering Summer Series.
- Saturday Racing continues into the Series Races
 - o Dog Days
 - o Suffering Summer
 - o Late Summer
- Spring Governors Cup to include One Design, Keel Boats, Multihulls and Centerboard.
- Singlehanded Regatta

The outboard motor for the RC boat is installed and working great. Thanks **Wade and Tom**.

2017 AVC Series Schedule At-A-Glance

Frostbite Series	1	14 Jan	RC: A
Saturday 1:30 Start	2	21	B
PRC Rep:	3	28	Ensign
Vic Manning	4	04 Feb	J/24
Ed Taylor	5	11	J/22
Spring Series	1	05 Mar	C
Sunday 1:30 Start	2	12	SC21/Cat22
PRC Rep:	3	26	B
Vic Manning	4	02 Apr	MH
Ed Taylor			
Summer Series	1	30 Apr	J/24
Sunday 1:30 Start	2	07 May	A
PRC Rep:	3	21	Ensign
Jim Casto	4	05 Jun	B
John Parker	5	11	C
Dog Days	1	24 Jun	SC21/Cat22
Saturday 5:00 Start	2	08 Jul	J/22
PRC Rep:	3	15	MH
Keith Denebeim	4	22	Ensign
Bob Mathison	5	29	J/24
Suffering Summer	1	05 Aug	A
Saturday 5:00 Start	2	12	C
PRC Rep:	3	19	J/22
Larry Ralliff	4	02 Sep	MH
James Parsons			
Late Summer	1	09 Sep	B
Saturday 1:30 Start	2	23	J/24
PRC Rep:	3	07 Oct	SC21/Cat22
Kurt Carson	4	14	Ensign
Karen Bogisch			
Fall Series	1	22 Oct	J/22
Sunday 1:30 Start	2	29	A
PRC Rep:	3	05 Nov	MH
Bill Records	4	12	C
Dane Ohe			

AYC RACING/TRAINING CALENDAR

Date	Event	RC Duty	Out of Town Regatta	UT Sailing Event	Training Event
Sun 01-Jan	Red Eye Regatta KHf				
Sun 08-Jan					Race Rules Brad Davis
Sat 14-Jan	Frostbite 1 - 1:30p Start	A			
Sat 21-Jan	Frostbite 2 - 1:30	B			
Sat 38-Jan	Frostbite 3 - 1:30	Ensign			
Sat 04-Feb	Frostbite 4 - 1:30	J/24		Qualifier One, UTST (Requested)	
Sat 11-Feb	Frostbite 5 - 1:30 EOS	J/22			
Sun 12-Feb					Level 1 Instructor Trainer Course (Start)
Mon 13-Feb					Level 1 Instructor Trainer Course
Tue 14-Feb					Level 1 Instructor Trainer Course
Wed 15-Feb					Level 1 Instructor Trainer Course (End)
Sun 19-Feb					RC Training Vic Manning
Sat 25-Feb			TSA Youth Circuit		Sail Trim J. Bartlett or S. Young
Sun 26-Feb			TSA Youth Circuit		
Sun 05-Mar	Opening Day - Spring Series 1 1:30p Start	C			
Sat 11-Mar			TSA Youth Circuit		
Sun 12-Mar	Spring Series 2 - 1:30	Cat22/SC21	TSA Youth Circuit		
Sat 18-Mar	J/24 March Madness (Requested)				
Sun 19-Mar	J/24 March Madness (Requested)				
Sat 25-Mar					RC Training Vic Manning
Sun 26-Mar	Spring Series 3 - 1:30	B			
Sat 01-Apr					Adv Sail Training Scott Young
Sun 02-Apr	Spring Series 4 - 1:30 EOS	MH			
Sat 08-Apr	Governor's Cup Regatta				Sail Trim J. Bartlett or S. Young
Sun 09-Apr	Governor's Cup Regatta				
Fri 14-Apr	Beer Can Races Start				
Sat 15-Apr	Easter Laser Regatta				
Sun 16-Apr	Easter Laser Regatta				
Fri 21-Apr	Beer Can Race				
Sat 22-Apr					Adv Sail Training John Bartlett
Fri 28-Apr	Beer Can Race				
Sat 29-Apr					Learn to Sail Keelboat
Sun 30-Apr	Summer Series 1 1:30p Start	J/24			
Wed 03-May	Sunfish/Laser 6:00p				
Fri 05-May	Beer Can Race				
Sat 06-May			TSA Youth Circuit		Women's Clinic
Sun 07-May	Summer Series 2 - 1:30	A	TSA Youth Circuit		
Wed 10-May	Sunfish/Laser 6:00p				

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AYC RACING/TRAINING CALENDAR continued

Date	Event	RC Duty	Out of Town Regatta	UT Sailing Event	Training Event
Wed 10-May	Sunfish/Laser 6:00p				
Fri 12-May	Beer Can Race				
Wed 17-May	Sunfish/Laser 6:00p				
Fri 19-May	Beer Can Race				
Sun 21-May	Summer Series 3 - 1:30	Ensign			
Wed 24-May	Sunfish/Laser 6:00p				
Fri 26-May	Beer Can Race				
Sat 27-May	Turnback Canyon Regatta				
Sun 28-May	Turnback Canyon Regatta				
Wed 31-May	Sunfish/Laser 6:00p				
Fri 02-Jun	Beer Can Race				
Sun 04-Jun	Summer Series 4 - 1:30	B			
Wed 07-Jun	Sunfish/Laser 6:00p				
Fri 09-Jun	Beer Can Race				
Sun 11-Jun	Summer Series 5 - 1:30 EOS	C			
Wed 14-Jun	Sunfish/Laser 6:00p				
Fri 16-Jun	Beer Can Race				
Wed 21-Jun	Sunfish/Laser 6:00p				
Fri 23-Jun	Beer Can Race Moonburn Night Race #1				
Sat 24-Jun	Dog Days 1 - 5:00p Start	Cat22/SC21	TSA Youth Circuit		
Sun 25-Jun			TSA Youth Circuit		
Wed 28-Jun	Sunfish/Laser 6:00p				
Fri 30-Jun	Beer Can Race				
Sat 01-Jul	Independence Cup				
Wed 05-Jul	Sunfish/Laser 6:00p				
Fri 07-Jul	Beer Can Race				
Sat 08-Jul	Dog Days 2 5:00	J/22			
Wed 12-Jul	Sunfish/Laser 6:00p				
Fri 14-Jul	Beer Can Race				
Sat 15-Jul	Dog Days 3 5:00	MH			
Wed 19-Jul	Sunfish/Laser 6:00p		TSA Youth Circuit		
Thu 20-Jul			TSA Youth Circuit		
Fri 21-Jul	Beer Can Race Moonburn Night Race #2		TSA Youth Circuit		
Sat 22-Jul	Dog Days 4 5:00	Ensign	TSA Youth Circuit		
Sun 23-Jul			TSA Youth Circuit		
Mon 24-Jul			TSA Youth Circuit		
Tues 25-Jul			TSA Youth Circuit		
Wed 26-Jul	Sunfish/Laser 6:00p				

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AYC RACING/TRAINING CALENDAR continued

Date	Event	RC Duty	Out of Town Regatta	UT Sailing Event	Training Event
Fri 28-Jul	Beer Can Race				
Sat 29-Jul	Dog Days 5 5:00 EOS	J/24			
Wed 02-Aug	Sunfish/Laser 6:00p				
Fri 04-Aug	Beer Can Race				
Sat 05-Aug	Suffering Summer Series 1 (New) 5:00p Start	A			Women's Clinic
Wed 09-Aug	Sunfish/Laser 6:00p				
Fri 11-Aug	Beer Can Race				
Sat 12-Aug	Suffering Summer Series 2 5:00	C			
Mon 14-Aug			TSA Youth Circuit		
Tues 15-Aug			TSA Youth Circuit		
Wed 16-Aug	Sunfish/Laser 6:00p				
Fri 18-Aug	Beer Can Race				
Sat 19-Aug	Suffering Summer Series 3 5:00	J/22			
Wed 23-Aug	Sunfish/Laser 6:00p				
Fri 25-Aug	Beer Can Race Moonburn Night Race #3 EOS				
Mon 28-Aug			TSA Youth Circuit		
Tues 29-Aug			TSA Youth Circuit		
Wed 30-Aug	Sunfish/Laser 6:00p				
Fri 01-Sep	Beer Can Race				
Sat 02-Sep	Suffering Summer Series 4 5:00 EOS	MH			
Wed 06-Sep	Sunfish/Laser 6:00p				
Fri 08-Sep	Beer Can Race				
Sat 09-Sep	Late Summer Series 1 1:30p Start	B	TSA Youth Circuit		
Sun 10-Sep			TSA Youth Circuit		
Wed 13-Sep	Sunfish/Laser 6:00p				
Fri 15-Sep	Beer Can Race				
Sat 16-Sep	Centerboard Regatta				
Sun 17-Sep	Centerboard Regatta				
Fri 22-Sep	Beer Can Race				
Sat 23-Sep	Late Summer Series 2 1:30	J/24	TSA Youth Circuit		Beginner Learn to Sail
Sun 24-Sep			TSA Youth Circuit		
Wed 27-Sep	Sunfish/Laser Races End 6:00p				
Fri 29-Sep	Beer Can Races End				
Sat 30-Sep	J/24 March Madness Circuit Stop				
Sun 01-Oct	J/24 March Madness Circuit Stop				
Sat 07-Oct	Late Summer Series 3 1:30	Cat22/SC21	TSA Youth Circuit		
Sun 08-Oct			TSA Youth Circuit		
Sat 14-Oct	Late Summer Series 4 1:30 EOS	Ensign			

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AYC RACING/TRAINING CALENDAR continued

Date	Event	RC Duty	Out of Town Regatta	UT Sailing Event	Training Event
Sat 21-Oct	Roadrunner Regatta		TSA Youth Circuit		
Sun 22-Oct	Roadrunner Regatta Fall Series 1 1:30 Start	J/22	TSA Youth Circuit		
Sat 28-Oct					Women's Clinic
Sun 29-Oct	Fall Series 2 1:30	A			
Sat 04-Nov			Wurstfest		
Sun 05-Nov	Fall Series 3 1:30	MH			
Sun 12-Nov	Fall Series 4 1:30 EOS	C			
Sat 25 Nov	Wild Turkey Regatta KHF (TBD)				

Volunteer with us!

AYC's Social Committee is looking for volunteers to join our faithful crew!

We have intentionally structured our work times to allow our crew to volunteer and sail on the same day.

We have several positions where you can help!

- *Prep time is a 2 hours or less commitment, this mainly includes chopping veggies and light cooking. We choose delicious but simple recipes with minimal prep work. Usually, this is a team of 2 to 4 people.
- *Serving is also very easy. Once you're back at the harbor after racing head on up to the clubhouse and help us get dinner on the table!
- *Clean Up Crew is perhaps the most underrated position! After dinner we spend about 30 minutes doing dishes and cleaning.

This is a great way to partake in the vibrant AYC camaraderie while sharing a warm dinner.

Please contact Susy Ortega at 432 349 3553 or sweetsusy007@aol.com

Notes from Your GM

by Jackie Wheelless



Thank you to each and every single one of you who has filled in for me in different aspects of my job responsibilities over the past three months. Life should be back on track for me and my family within the next month so I should be back to "normal" by Opening Day!

Thank you to all of the AYC members! You've all been very patient and understanding with the fluctuating office hours. I'm so appreciative that you all emailed and called my cell phone and stayed in contact so that things could operate smoothly. (Now, down to business:)

- There are boats being parked in the Dry Out Area for reasons other than being dried out. The Dry Out Area is specifically for wet slip assignees who need to dry their boat out in order to do maintenance on them. There is a 30 day time limit for remaining in the Dry Out Area, any boat in the dry out area for more than 30 days may be considered Improperly Stored.
- Please remember that the Work Area is AYC's designated area for washing your boat (so that the water can be contained). Please do not wash your boat in any other area on AYC grounds. Make sure that only environmentally friendly products are used during washing procedures.
- Also in regards to the Work Area, please DO NOT leave chemicals (muriatic acid, acetone, oil, gasoline, etc.) and paint in the work area. Once you've completed your work please take any leftover paint and/or chemicals with you and empty your trash when you vacate the Work Area. THANK YOU!!!!
- An audit of Dry Storage Area has been completed – thank you to **Coleman Terrell and Vic Manning!!** We now have a very up to date listing of who is where and now **Joe Roddy** and I will be tasked with finding out why some of the boats are where they are.
- I've compiled the 2017 Fleet Captains list and will add it to the website shortly along with the Committees and committee members.

I'm excited to continue working with the returning 2016 Board members and look forward to trying to keep up with the 2017 addition to the team, Sail Training Commander **Carolyn Wilford!**

Please email or call me if you notice any projects around the Club that need attention. **Tom** and I are always compiling lists and checking them twice.

A big round of applause for all the blood, sweat and tears shed by Secretary **Annie Lancaster** and TellTale Editor **Susie McDonald** preparing for the upcoming 2017 AYC Directory.

Commodore **Wade Bingaman** and Social Chair **Susy Ortega** are in the planning stages for Opening Day 2017. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this historical ceremony on March 5.

Social Committee Report

by Susy Ortega



The Frostbite Series has proven to be just that...a real frostbite with its chili weather (pun intended)! We've been serving warm dinners and hot bowls of soup to warm the soul. Along with delicious food it's been a real pleasure to get to know some of our new members getting their probationary hours done and to feel the support from the existing members of the Club as they volunteer their talents.

Regardless if you're new to AYC or not we could use your help in the kitchen! We are looking for volunteers to join our faithful crew. We have intentionally structured our work times to allow for our crew to volunteer and sail on the same day. You can volunteer once or become a regular, we have several positions where you can help!

- Prep time runs from 10AM-12PM, this mainly includes chopping veggies and light cooking. We choose delicious, but simple recipes with minimal prep work. This is a team of 2-4 people and the work goes fast!
- Serving is also very easy. Once you're back at the harbor after racing, head on up and help the serving crew get the food line rolling!
- Clean Up Crew after dinner is where the magic happens. We do the dishes and wipe down counters, it's not glamorous work but it is always very appreciated. Clean Up Crew gets dibs on tasty leftovers!

Volunteering with Social Committee has its perks, it is a great way to network and get plugged in with other members looking for crew, it's also a great way to learn some kitchen smarts. If you want to learn how to make savory Green Chicken Enchiladas, a Classic Lasagna, a mean bowl of Chili or help with Opening Day festivities, we've got a place for you!!

As always, I look forward to sharing a warm meal with you!



Doug Christensen, Associate Probationary

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Doug and Pamela Christensen

Welcome new Associate Probationary Members, **Doug and Pamela Christensen!** The **Christensens** have recently moved to Austin from California. **Doug** has been a boater his entire life and learned to sail on 30-40 foot boats in the San Francisco Bay over 30 years ago. He owns a Holder 14, and is new to racing but is very excited to learn all about it. **Doug** has already raced in an AYC series race with other members and has even participated in race committee! If you are looking for crew, please keep the **Christensens** in mind. They are interested in trying out different sailboats. Some interesting self-reported tidbits include: **Doug** previously owned a Mad Science franchise and describes himself as science-minded, analytical, nerd-goofy, and handy with tools. **Pamela** is a financial planner, budget coach, Master's Swimmer and the new Pastor of Stewardship of Riverbend Church.

Sailing Director Report

by Coleman Terrell



This year is off to a fast start! I have been helping **Carolyn**, our new Sail Training Commander, who hit the ground running, get all settled into her new role. We've been busy, putting in motions and FURs left and right. With her help, we were able to host a US Sailing Level 1 course here, so that our assistant coach, as well as some of our members could get certified as instructors.

We've got the sail training schedule all planned out for the year, for both kids and adults, and it is going to be a very productive training year. Currently, I am working with the US Sailing event planners to get everything figured out for their demo day here during NSPS. That will be on Friday, February 17. This will be a great chance to show off our Club to most of the country, and I am confident that they will enjoy our facilities.

Speaking of the demo day, a few of the vendors are shipping their boats down here and I'm sure they would rather sell their boats at a somewhat reduced cost instead of paying to ship them back home. Come on out around 4:30pm on Friday the 17th if you want to expand your personal fleet!

We are in the middle of our laser and opti preseason practices, with our full practice schedule resuming in March. We have a great turnout – 7 boats signed up for lasers and 5 for optis. This year, I am very excited to announce that we will have a high school sailing program included with our year-round youth sailing classes. This will give our enthusiastic young sailors a great opportunity to get their friends involved in sailing and will allow them the chance to compete at even more regattas!

As of February 3, the racing calendar is officially up on the website, as is registration for the upcoming Learn to Race clinic on March 11. The registration for the Spring Season of the junior program is up and running, make sure to look at the slight changes to our Opti II and Laser programs.

Summer Camp and PB&J registration are live as of February 1, and I am hoping y'all will help me spread the word by telling all of your coworkers with kids about our fantastic summer programs!

Recently, as you might have seen on the website, some of our youth sailors competed in the Bob Gough Race of Champions up at CSC on White Rock Lake. Out of the 8 sailors representing the winners of the 7 fleets of TSA (in 420s both skipper and crew were invited) AYC had 5 kids! **Lucy Brock, James Brock, Julius Heitkoetter, Tony Slowik, and Spencer Legrande** represented our Club extremely well!

As for me personally, school started up again the second week of January and it is shaping up to be a good year. I'm taking 17 hours this semester, which will be the hardest semester I will ever have, and once completed, I will be halfway done with my degree. I am also student teaching at River Place Elementary two mornings per week which is a ton of fun!

SAIL TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENTS & HANDY TIPS

ASA KEELBOAT SAILING INSTRUCTOR COURSE

Austin Yacht Club is expanding its American Sailing Association (ASA) Keelboat Sailing Instructor base. If you are interested in teaching the ASA Basic Keelboat course at AYC, please contact **Harry Polly** for details.

214-598-5071

captainharry@aggienetwork.com

US SAILING COUNSELOR COURSE

Are you interested in taking the US Sailing Counselor course? US Sailing Instructor **Steve Gay** has offered to teach a class of 8 to 12 students at AYC.

Please note that Sailing Counselors are not powerboat qualified and *successful Sailing Counselor candidates are not covered by US Sailing certified instructor personal liability insurance afforded fully certified instructors*. This is a two-day, 20-hour course. Attendance all days and all hours of the course is mandatory. All candidates must have reached their 14th birthday within the calendar year that the course is being held in. After completing a Sailing Counselor course (and gaining some real world experience teaching sailing), Sailing Counselors are eligible to pursue the Level 1 Sailing Instructor Certification.

<http://www.ussailing.org/education/sbinstructor/sailing-counselor/>

If you are interested in this educational course, please contact Steve Gay segay1@myfairpoint.net.

NEWS BULLETIN by Brad Davis

The latest Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 books do not have an index – which some folks simply cannot do without! According to US Sailing, World Sailing thought that if you needed to look up a rule then you could just "Google it." HA! How do you Google in the middle of the lake?! You can download the rule book for you iPhone or Android but it still does not tell you which rule you are looking for.

The solution is simple ... take the index out of your old rule book and put it in your new 2017-2020 rule book – which is exactly what I did.

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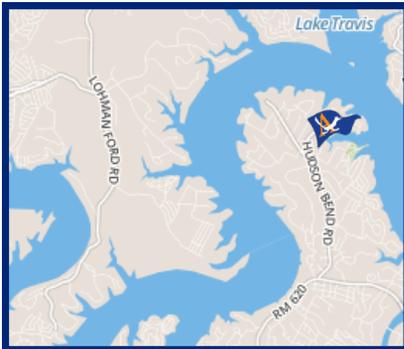
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2. Remove the index pages from the old rule book.
3. Insert those pages in the new rule book.
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5. Throw away the old book.

The rule numbers are the same for 98% of the rules. If not, they will be close. If you don't have an old rule book, contact Jackie and she can get a copy of the old index.

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JUNIOR SAILING CAMP

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



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	DATES	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
1	June 12-16	\$405	\$495
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3	June 26-30	\$405	\$495
4	July 10-14	\$405	\$495
5	July 17-21	\$405	\$495
6	July 24-28	\$405	\$495

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PBJ Summer Sailing Series

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

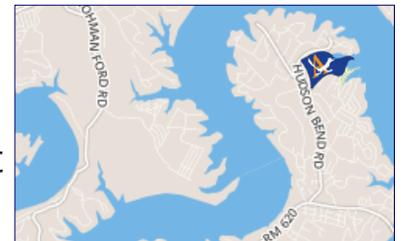
Session	Dates	Time
1 Saturday	June 3, 10, 17, 24	9:30-11:00
2 Saturday	June 3, 10, 17, 24	11:00-12:30
3 Saturday	July 8, 15, 22, 29	9:30-11:00
4 Saturday	July 8, 15, 22, 29	11:00-12:30

AYC members: \$67.00
Non-members: \$103.00



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Sea Scouts Report Chris Schuttger



Troop 234 and Sea Scout Ship 681 Mix It Up at Winter Camp

What do you get when you mix a week of vacation, a Boy Scout Troop, three Sea Scout Ships, a Yacht Club and Central Texas winter weather from 27 to 80 degrees? WINTER CAMP on the WATER!

Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM) **Don King** needed to coordinate a mixed unit event for a Wood Badge ticket. His Troop always attends a Winter Camp event somewhere. He approached **Chris Schuttger**, another Troop 234 ASM, who is Skipper of Ship 681 with the idea of combining units for a camping and sailing event. Discussions of the idea with the Troop 234 Committee and PLC resulted in creating Troop 234's private Winter Camp event.



The results were phenomenal. Boy Scouts earned most of the Small Boat Sailing (no capsized drill) and all of the Motor Boating merit badges. Sea Scouts earned Quartermaster rank requirements (teaching other specific Sea Scout skills) AND got paid as Winter Camp Staff. Austin

Yacht Club benefited from a brush clearing service project. Boy Scouts got firsthand experience with Sea Scout activities. Sea Scouts were able to give back to their younger brothers in Boy Scouts. And when Austin Yacht Club member **Bill Records** (Vice Commodore and former Boy Scout) heard about the event, he volunteered to give back to Scouting by coordinating AYC resources. To top it all off, six adult members of Troop 234 completed American Sailing Association Basic Keelboat certification (ASA 101). The result was a win Win WIN for all involved.



Capital Area Council Sea Scout Bosun **Reagan Schuttger** (and Ship 681 member) coordinated the youth training activities while his sister, **Heidi**, developed the meal plans and ran the Galley. The Scouts from 234 were set up in Crews Alpha, Bravo, Charlie and Delta for the week, giving them

the flavor of a Sea Scout Ship rather than their normal Patrol structure. Sea Scouts taught them how to run a Flag Ceremony with no verbal commands by following Bosun Pipe commands.

Winter temps in Texas are catch as catch can. In December of 2016 we enjoyed normal Central Texas warm weather with highs in the upper 70s but those Polar Vortex's can wreak havoc on water activities as they swoop in for a few days each week. The word of the week was FLEXIBILITY as all planning had to be done weeks in advance. The scheduled activities were shuffled daily to deal with lows in the 20s and highs in the 70s. Therefore, the first two days were all indoor training with outdoor service projects clearing brush on AYC property. Building & Grounds Commander **Chris Thompson** told the Scouts, "You have far exceeded my expectations!" as his desire to clear scrub on the waterfront allowing a clear view of the docks was realized. The Scouts were actually asked to stop clearing as they had cleared so much that dealing with the piles of brush was going to be a challenge! We have already been invited back to serve again in the future. Managing a large acreage facility on a limited budget is always supplemented by volunteers, and the Scouts did an admirable job in the short time they had.

The highlight of the week? Being on the water of course!! The Sea Scouts had prepped the Boy Scouts with all the onland sail training followed by AYC Vice Commodore **Bill Records'** short Basic Keelboat Clinic and FINALLY the boys could get on the water for an afternoon of sailing. **Bill** reached out to four of his AYC colleagues and all Scouts and Sea Scouts were spread across on Ranger 23 and four Pearson 26 keelboats. Sea Scouts trained the Boy Scouts in tacking and sailing followed by an impromptu race around the channel markers on Lake Travis. According to the photographic evidence, they still have some work to do on understanding the Give Way and Stand On rules. Or was that some of the competitive AYC spirit coming out through the skippers? Regardless, a GRAND TIME was had by all!! Thanks go out to our AYC sponsors for providing such an AWESOME and resource-rich facility!!



In Memoriam

George Arthur Yonge

June 17, 1933 - January 21, 2017

George Arthur Yonge was a native Texan, born and raised in Abilene and residing in Austin since 1973. He was predeceased on January 6, 2017 by his loving wife of 21 years, Mary Margaret Shepherd Jenkins Yonge (Peggy). George was also preceded in death by two of his sons, Kelly DeLay Yonge in 1974 and George Barron Yonge in 1985.

George lived with intense passion. He obtained his Accounting degree in 1955, then a Masters and Doctorate in English in the early 70s, all from the University of Texas at Austin.

George was an active philanthropist and community volunteer, including mentoring an underprivileged boy through Big Brothers of Austin, building trails for the Sierra Club, working on food and construction projects in Central America, and teaching Sunday school. His "Rainbow Ranch" project, 100 acres of land along Onion Creek in Buda, upon which he and friends themselves constructed a playing field, open-air kitchen, and overnight camping shelters, was part of a plan to serve the community. He later donated Rainbow Ranch to the YMCA and it is currently being transformed into "Camp Cypress," a camp for children and families. His Yonge Foundation, in conjunction with the YMCA, has provided tutoring and after-school programs for underprivileged children in Houston.

George was a great athlete. He twice went to the Texas State finals in the pole vault at Abilene High School. In his 20s and 30s he competed at a high level in handball. In his 40s he completed the New Orleans Marathon, and for the last few

decades of his life he was a great racquetball player before recently graduating to swimming.

One of his greatest passions was boating, starting with waterskiing at a young age, then in later years sailing, navigation and canoeing. During the 70s and 80s he won many races in his classification at the Austin Yacht Club, including the Governor's Cup and Turnback Canyon. He then sailed up and down the East coast in a Gulfstar 50. In 1991 he and his crew were reported missing and presumed dead after being caught in the middle of the famous Perfect Storm, but managed to stay afloat and survive. George also successfully navigated the seven most challenging falls in Texas in a canoe. George and Peggy together experienced many adventures traveling on cruises all over the world and in 2002 and 2003 they circumnavigated the Great Circle in their powerboat "Spray", a trip of more than 6,000 miles from Port Isabel through the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Intracoastal waterways, then west along the St. Lawrence River, Erie Canal and Great Lakes before ultimately heading south back down the Illinois, Missouri and Mississippi Rivers to the Gulf of Mexico. They chronicled the trip in a published book, the "Guide and Companion to the Great Circle Waterway" and made many presentations of that book.

George's family requests that donations be considered to YMCA Camp Cypress. George invested many years of his life in service at Rainbow Ranch, now known as Camp Cypress, as a place of healing and growth for people in our community. All donations to the project will help the YMCA fulfill George's vision for the land as a place to strengthen families through reconnection with the natural world. www.austinyymca.org/campcypress-donate

In Loving Memory

William E. Drummond

It is with great sadness that we pass along the news that William E. Drummond, one of AYC's founding fathers, passed away on December 14, 2016. All of us who enjoy AYC today owe him and the other founding fathers a deep debt of gratitude. William Drummond is survived by his wife, Stephanie and daughters, Robin Mary Drummond and Ellen Becker.

"My father, Dr. William E. Drummond, and I sailed together in San Diego when I was just a tot. We loved our time together sailing Mission Bay and the Pacific shoreline. We enjoyed the California lifestyle until he was offered a physics professorship at UT Austin. He would not accept until it was

certain he could sail his Snipe here in Austin. So he helped to create our beloved Austin Yacht Club. He was one of the many founding fathers. Together, they created a lasting institution complete with generational friendships and a lasting love for competitive sailing.

His enthusiasm for sailing and his enthusiasm for life always showed in his smile. He was an extremely intelligent man but found so much pleasure in the simple things. He loved his wife and children. He is dearly missed!"

Robin Drummond

2017 Red Eye Regatta

by John Thurston



The 41st annual Red Eye Regatta was hosted by the Keel Fleet on January 1. What better way to start the year than being on a sailboat! Due to the mild weather, this year's regatta had a record turnout with 48 boats racing. The regatta began with Bloody Marys thanks to **John Bartlett**, along with mimosas, coffee, breakfast tacos, and muffins to get the racers fueled up the morning after New Year's Eve parties.

Boats were divided into five starts and six classes. The Hap McCollum Cup for the fastest keelboat on corrected time was awarded to **Christina Wolfe** who also placed first in the A class aboard a Schumacher 28. The Red "I" trophy went to **Bo Kersey** as the fastest in the multihull class sailing a Corsair F31. **John Bartlett** placed first among the J/80s, B class honors went to **John Halter** in a J/22, **Dave Wahlberg** won first in C class with his Kiwi 24, and D class first place went to **Bill Hawk** in an Ensign. The race committee led by **Vic Manning** with **Karen Bogish**, **Jim Johnstone**, **Barry Thornton**, **Dane Ohe**, and **John Maddalozzo** did an amazing job running the event on the water with such a large number of boats. After the race, sailors were treated to hot buttered rum along with soup, snacks, and dessert thanks to the help from **Pat Manning**, **Steve Pervier**, and **Cheryl Pervier**. I greatly appreciate everyone who made this long-standing tradition a great success!

2017 Red Eye Regatta Results

J/80

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| 1 | Speed Racer | John Bartlett |
| 2 | Air Supply | Ed Taylor |
| 3 | Amazing Grace | John Burke |

PHRF A

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| 1 | Spadefoot | Christina Wolfe |
| 2 | Coyote | Brigitte Rochard |
| 3 | Rush | Chris Hargett |

PHRF B

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| 1 | Project Mayhem | John Halter |
| 2 | Bonfire | Linda McDavitt |
| 3 | Bubbles | Renee Ruais |

PHRF C

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| 1 | Caveat | Dave Wahlberg |
| 2 | Banshee | Hector Lujan |
| 3 | Entheos | John Durfor |

PHRF D

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| 1 | Ensign 1414 | Bill Hawk |
| 2 | Ensign 929 | Lewis Price |
| 3 | Ensign 588 | George Dahmen |

MULTIHULL

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| 1 | Abandoned Assets | Bo Kersey |
| 2 | Boolean Knot | Ryan Verret |
| 3 | NACRA 90 | Jim Casto |

Hap McCollum Trophy – Schumacher 28 – Spadefoot – Christina Wolfe



Photos Cheryl Pervier



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2017 Red Eye Regatta



Photos Bill Records

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2017 Red Eye Regatta



Photos Jim Johnstone



Roadrunner Fleet Update

by Mary Carew



December and January have been quieter months for the Roadrunner fleet, although you will see many donning cold weather gear as they start to prepare for the upcoming season. Thanks to **Coleman** for conducting preseason training which has encouraged many sailors to get out on the water in January and February.

Three AYC sailors traveled to Florida for the Orange Bowl Regatta which took place at Coral Reef Yacht Club in Miami from December 26-30. **Lucas Tenreiro**

finished an impressive 66th in the Optimist Silver Fleet while in the Laser Radial class, **Spencer LeGrande** finished 17th in the Gold Fleet and **Andrew Butler** finished 20th in the Silver Fleet. Congratulations to all!



Top: Andrew Butler; Bottom: Lucas Tenreiro



Palamos Team Photo Photos Heidi Gough and Marie Nuchols

Lucas Tenreiro was back in Florida again in January training with his USA teammates for the upcoming 2017 XXXVIII Trofeo Vila de Palamos regatta in February. Training took place at Key Biscayne Yacht Club where he had the chance to sail in steady winds of 20-25 knots, gusting to 30 at times; perfect conditions for the strong winds and waves that are expected in Palamos. We wish him the best of luck and safe travels to Spain.

AYC will also be represented in several February events, including the Valentine's Day Regatta in St. Petersburg, Florida on February 4-5 and the C420 Midwinter Championship in Jensen Beach, Florida from February 18-20. Have fun and travel safely!

Last but not least, as the new Fleet Captain, I am excited to announce the 2017 Roadrunner Board Members, as follows:

Sportsmanship Chair: Jeff Brock

Treasurer/Communications: Stefan Froelich

Social Chair: Constanze Heitkoetter

Equipment/Safety: Robert Cabrera

Membership: Elisha Krempetz

We look forward to a fun and productive year!

Roadrunner Fleet Update

by Mary Carew



The Texas Sailing Association's first ever Bob Gough Race of Champions brought together last season's TSA Youth Circuit Champions at Corinthian Sailing Club on Dallas' White Rock Lake on January 28 and 29 to face off in a unique, multi-generational format. **John Morran** of AYC cultivated this idea and teamed with **Steve Comen** of the Corinthian Sailing Club on White Rock Lake in Dallas to make this event happen.

The competitors, representing all the Youth Circuit Fleets from Opti White to Double-handed, ranged in age from 10 to 17 years old. They brought one crew from their home club and were matched with a different Texas Legend each day of the event for some tight racing in the evenly matched Flying Scots – generously provided by CSC members. **Lance Covington**, with crew **Chase Shaw** from Lakewood Yacht Club, sailed consistently in the shifty conditions to secure their place in TSA history as the first ROC winners. I was lucky enough to get teamed up with **Spencer LeGrande** of AYC the first day and the team of **Lucy Brock/Julius Heitkoetter** from AYC on the second day. I could not be more impressed with **Spencer, Lucy and Julius!** They finished 2nd and 3rd overall behind **Lance** and were such a pleasure to sail with. I honestly felt like I held them back from even doing better! **Lucy's** younger brother tied for 4th with **Emma McInnis** from Corpus Christi.

This event was organized to provide a platform to promote sailing with mixed generations of Texas' best sailors. Joining the event as Texas Legends were **Bill Draheim, Kelson Elam, Paul Foerster, Kelly Gough, Rob Johnston**, (a last minute substitution for **Linda McDavitt** who had to miss due to a death in the family), **Doug Kern** and myself. The Texas Legends not only passed on some valuable racing tips on the water, but also entertained the whole

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group at dinner with stories of their sailing history and words of advice for the younger generation (see the link below for videos of each of the Texas Legends speeches).

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The main goal of the weekend was to honor **Bob Gough** for his years of excellent championship level race management. By serving as PRO for this event, he showed everyone that he has no intention of slowing down and we are all so lucky to have participated in the hundreds of events he has helped run in the past and look forward to seeing him on the water for many more in the future.



Juniors Sail at Bob Gough Regatta by Julius Heitkoetter



Julius Heitkoetter, Lucy Brock, Jeff, James Brock, Kelly Gough, Kelson Elam

On the 28-29th of January, some of the Juniors went to a special event in Dallas, Texas at the Corinthian Sailing Club. The event was called the Bob Gough Regatta of Champions after **Bob Gough**, who is the gold standard in race management and has run many international regattas. To participate in the regatta you had to be the top junior in your 2016 class. Below are the classes, their representatives and where they're from:

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| C420 | Lucy Brock and Julius Heitkoetter (AYC) |
| Laser Radial | Lance Covington (LYC) |
| Laser 47 | Lucija Ruzevic (DCYC) |
| Opti Red | Emma Mcinnis (CCYC) |
| Opti Blue | Tony Slowik (AYC) |
| Opti White | James Brock (AYC) |
| Sportsman of the Year | Spencer LeGrande (AYC) |

Each junior sailor selected one adult to sail with them and was also assigned

a Texas Legend to sail with on the Flying Scots. Texas Legends included: **Bill Draheim, Kelson Elam, Paul Foerster, Kelly Gough, Doug Kern, Rob Johnston and Scott Young**. Everyone had a blast, and for many, it was the most competitive competition they had ever raced in. After a day or hard racing, everyone gathered in the CSC Clubhouse where the Legends and the Juniors exchanged stories over great meals thanks to the kitchen crew. The juniors learned about what it meant to be a Legend and the journeys they took to get there.

Everyone had a blast and thank you to **John Morran, Steve Comen, and the Corinthian Sailing Club** for making this possible and thanks to **Bob Gough** and the other race committee volunteers and kitchen crew who made this an amazing event.



Tony Slowik, Doug Kern, Sherrie Galaway

Catalina 22 Update by Steve Pervier



A packed racing year is underway, with seven race series set for 31 dates in 2017! With the Moonburn Series and five regattas to reach 41 days, add 25 Beer Can Fridays, and for some of us, 22 Laser/Sunfish Wednesdays! Many sails opportunities will address race management, instructor training, and racing skills. Spring Series starts on Opening Day, March 5, and our first C22/SC21 race committee is March 12.

The last two series dates on 3/26 and 4/2 should include spinnaker practice – since Governor's Cup on April 8-9 i also our Catalina 22 Region 8 Spinnaker Championship!

We're looking for active sailors **Brett and Cindy, Brian and Margarito, John with Carmine and James, and Steve and Cheryl with Lizette** to return for more Catalina 22 racing in 2017. We expect to add **Peter** with his crew, as **Louise and Walter** return Strings Attached to Fleet 69. We also hope others will join us this year. Let's get together for a fleet walk about, and depending on how that turns out, a fleet work day. Each skipper can highlight their go-fasts and discuss planned updates. Maybe we'll check for expired stickers!

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Let's also meet as a group shortly after the Opening Day races on March 5. Another opportunity deserves your attention. Thanks to **Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás**, the AYC Racing School he created brings in many people new to sailing and AYC. I've assisted during Frostbite Series mornings, and you can do this too before series racing. You might find a new crew, and you would certainly put smiles on new sailors' faces as your guests experience the thrill of wind moving your boat on the water. Let's talk about this!

J/24 Fleet Update by Stu Juengst



J/24 Fleet Awards

At the J/24 Holiday Party, the outgoing Fleet Captain **John Parker** passed out our fleet awards. Recipients were as follows:

Fleet Champion: Stu Juengst for the 3rd consecutive year. This award was based on participation ... **Stu** skippered 60 races in 2016, 3 more than the second place skipper **Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás**.

Award of Excellence: Natalie Harden for the 2nd consecutive year. **Natalie** and **Team Giggles** won the 2016 Texas Circuit in unprecedented fashion, winning 7 regattas out of 7!

Crew of the Year: Dan Fingerhut and Odeta Pine. Dan and Odeta had never sailed before enrolling in **Jorge's** Racing School in January of 2016. They were immediately hooked on sailboat racing and joined **David Broadway's** Superman team for both local races and the Texas Circuit.

After a long December break, the J/24 fleet is glad to see the season starting up again! Red Eye Regatta saw 3 J/24s compete in PHRF Division B: **Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás' Stray Dog** (with guest skipper **Dave Gamble**), **Graham Marshall's Clair Bouyant**, and **Larry Parks' My Joy**.



Photo Bruce McDonald

In the Frostbite series, one of the newest boats to the fleet has been killing it: **Doichen Tzlov and Eric Meiske** in **Blue Jay** scored a 3rd and a 2nd in the first two series races of the year! At the time of this writing, **Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás** and **Team Stray Dog** are leading with 8 points, **Graham Marshall's Clair Bouyant** is in 2nd with 11 points, and **Dave Broadway's** unfortunate sail-number mishap kept him in 3rd place after winning a tie-breaker at 12 with yours truly.

Ensign Fleet Update by Fred Ford



The fleet has had a great start to 2017. Four boats competed in the New Year's Day Red Eye Regatta, **Prickly Pair (Bill & Kelly Hawk)**, **Dos Locos (Lewis Price)**, **Styf Kop (George Dahmen)** and **Spirit (James & Karen Bland)**. The first three finishers were Ensigns. **Hawk, Price and Dahmen** finished in that order with less than a minute separating the finishes.

The Frostbite Series has not failed to disappoint us. Frostbite One was sailed in mist, low ceilings and light to sometimes wind...of course it was cold. If you need a reminder, just look at the pictures in this article. We had six boats challenge the cold mist of Frostbite One. **George Dahmen** took the honors followed by **Hawk, Bray, Groll, Price and Bland**.



Photos Bruce McDonald

Bill & Kelly Hawk urging Prickly Pear onward

For Frostbite Two the word was light air followed by a big surprise at the finish. The temperature was actually quite comfortable and seven Ensigns crossed the start with a decent wind. Shortly into the race the wind became erratic and began to fall off.



Elliott Bray and crew making Sunday fast

With the finish line in sight, **Carl Wiseman's Deep Six** with **Tom George and Fred Ford's September** appeared to be leaders drifting to a finish. Across the lake the remainder of the fleet was also drifting. Then things changed... we could see it coming but had no idea what was in it. The squall line hit the south side of the lake first and **Deep Six** and **September** (on the north) watched the fleet accelerate, accelerate and then blast away with peak gusts well

exceeding 30 kts. Then **September** watched **Deep Six** to her south blast away. Boats were putting their rails in the water to finish. **Gravy (Danny & Norma Lien)** took the honors followed by **Styf Kop**, **Dos Locos**, **Deep Six**, **September** and both **Sundance** and **Spirit** were DNF.

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Smile, Lewis, smile ...

We did have our annual Dinner Meeting in January at the AYC clubhouse. Tables were arranged around the fireplace. We had a cocktail hour with potluck hors d'oeuvres provided by fleet members. Dinner was a catered fajita buffet, fleet members provided sides and dessert.

During the business meeting **Anne Morley and Fred Ford** requested to remain in office for another year. After 3 seconds of serious in depth debate... their request was approved. **Anne Morley** will remain the Ensign Fleet Captain and **Fred Ford** is the Fleet Secretary/Treasurer. Ensign events for the year were discussed and chairpersons appointed. **Danny Lien and Fred Ford** will co-chair the Chaparral Regatta honoring AYC senior sailors. The event will be held in June. **Jonathan Baker** will chair the Full Moon Regatta, **Bill Hawk** is or RC duty coordinator and **George Dahmen** was re-elected Fleet Poet... every fleet needs a poet.

We welcomed **James and Karen Bland** into the Fleet. They sail Spirit and have competed in every sailing event this year. We are looking forward to a great



Welcome new fleet members James and Karen Bland

year at AYC. We could not have had a better start.

Thank you **Bruce McDonald** for the excellent Frostbite photos. There are many more photos posted on the AYC website.



Ever fashion conscious, Tom sets the bar high for torn denim?

C Fleet Update

by James Parsons



The start saw **Victor Gotay** screaming ahead with no one pursuing. Then I let him know he started early. He came back, and was still first to the first mark after starting last. But then the lack of a spinnaker, and extra weight from rum, led to Caribbean Star getting passed by a few boats.

Dave Wahlberg on the Kiwi took home the honors, barely able to be seen, finishing a corrected 5 minutes before **Hector Lujan** on Banshee who had an excellent race. **Jim Pearce** on **Eniheos** was a minute behind for third.

Which was where the big group came in. 4th to 8th all finished within 1 minute and 11 seconds of each other. **John Durfor's** Blue Note duelled with the Pirate Unicorn, and lived to tell the tale, 13 seconds in front. The duel almost cost them, as **Mack Warner's** Warley was only 10 seconds behind on corrected time, in 6th. **Chris Thompson** was three hours, wait... 45 seconds behind Warley, and **Victor Gotay's** Carribean (Rum) Star was only 3 seconds behind THC.

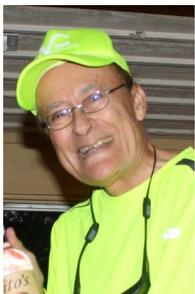
2017 AYC Commodore **Wade Bingaman** on Risin Moon finished 2 minutes behind **Victor**, followed by **Robert Anderson's** Catalina 7 minutes later, and **Pat Caughey** 5 minutes later. **Pat** was baffling with **Jeff Wigzell's** newly splashed/renovated Nessus of B Fleet, beating them by 22 seconds across the line, and by ~8 minutes on corrected time.

In total we had 11 boats from C Fleet, and 43 total cross the finish. There was a 44th that had one of my friends on it, but there were reports of actual boat piracy, and they never finished. My friend will be back, and isn't scared off.



C Fleet Update 2: Frostbite 1, 2, 3

by Hector Lujan



Nine boats means your C fleet is active, with great competition. Here's a quick race replay.

Frostbite 1: Two Second Toss-up!

Yes, the lead boats corrected only 2 seconds apart. **Bill Records** in his faster Pearson beat **Banshee** by 2.5 minutes boat for boat. **Dave Wahlberg's Kiwi 24** arrived 5 minutes later; very surprising after the big Kiwi blowout win at Redeye.



Low winds aboard THC

Frostbite 2: Big Wind Survival!

From zero wind & flat water to 40mph survival sailing! We had it all on Saturday 1/21. Nice winds and a clean start took C fleet to our first mark 5. When we rounded, the wind shifted and spinnakers would not fly. Our downwind "run" became a close reach north toward the island. We were doing great, closing on D mark, and then . . . Dead air. No wind. We just . . . bobbed, with 300 yards to our finish. The Pearson fleet was also becalmed to our west. We raised the spinnaker with some success.

Then Boom! High winds came out of the northwest. We barely got the spin down before major 40 mph gusts hit us.

Life vests! I ordered. Then we held on and made for the mark. Tacking was hard. Our large genoa wouldn't point. At one time we were sailing away from the mark. We were happy to finish!

Regrettably, Pearsons to our west got the fresh breeze first and our nice lead was "Gone with the Wind". Cafe au Lait took first by a large 100 seconds. **John Durfor** and **Jim Pearce** followed.

Note: Victor Gotay's genoa exploded! UT's lake weather station recorded 50 mph winds today! We were lucky!

Frostbite 3: Collision!

Two large boats make a loud thump! No injuries were reported; minor damage resulted in high wind. Lookouts abound next race.

Fleet champ **Bill Records**, **John Durfor**, and **Jim Pierce** took the top spots by choosing smaller sails for high winds. **Banshee** and others didn't learn from last time and suffered from overpowered sails. Our boat heeled and would not point. No spin today with new light crew. We had several accidental jibes in the high wind. We have 3 boats very close to 2nd & 3rd place as 2 weekends remain.

Racing Tips from Hector: Get Good Crew!

- Finding & keeping your crew is very important!
- Keep a crew list, with depth.
- Use text messages for quicker response time. (Note from James: Or create a FaceBook group for your boat)
- Use distinctive text headers
- Announce early in waves; invite your key players first, then if not yet full, ask your reserve crew next day.
- Make clear duty assignments. Bring beer.
- Share the tiller!
- After racing, ask for comments & suggestions. Pay for a meal.

See you on the water!

J/22 Fleet Update

by Gordon Miller



It's been almost 4 years since my wife, Candace, and I joined AYC and it never did cross my mind back then "what if they make me fleet captain?" Well here I am, four years on, trying to plan the next J/22 Southwest District circuit stop at Austin, our first RC duty of the year, and also trying to figure out what to say in my first telltale article as fleet captain!

The J/22 fleet has started out 2017 in great style in the Red Eye Regatta taking all three top spots in the PHRF B category. Congratulations to **John Halter** and Team Project Mayhem finishing in first place, closely followed by the awesome **Linda McDavitt** in Bonfire and third place **Renee Ruais** with Bubbles.

Frostbite Series kicked off on January 14 and brought with it some super windy conditions [not sure if that's the correct maritime terminology!]. So windy that, in race two, despite most of us deciding to call it a day taking cover in the gale force winds, a few brave souls went on to weather the storm and finish the race. Well done to **Pierre Bossart** in Flying J and **Ken Berringer** in Short Fuse. Rather you than me!

The heavy weather sailing was to continue in Frostbite #3, with **John Halter** winning the race, **Renee Ruais** taking second place and **Pierre Bossart** coming in third. With one race left for the J/22 fleet in the Frostbite series, **Pierre Bossart** in Flying J is currently leading the pack, five points ahead of nearest rival, **Renee Ruais** and Team Bubbles, and eight points ahead of **John Halter** and The Project Mayhem.

As I write, thoughts of the commentator on the Hanna- Barbara cartoon, "The Whacky Races", spring to mind: "...closely followed by Rufus Ruffcut and Sawtooth in the Buzzwagon... maneuvering in for position is the Army Surplus Special... right behind is the Ant Hill Mob followed by Dick Dasterdly and his sidekick Mutley in their Mean Machine".

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With those crazy winds, I think the whaky races about sums up the Frostbite Series this year. It certainly made for some exciting J/22 sailing with boats clocking up speeds of 9.1 knots!

Also in January, we had our first J22/J24 fleet social event in AYC Shelter Number 5 with many of the fleet turning up and "paying their dues"... literally. Thank you to Stu Juengst for organizing such an awesome and fun event. I am sure, all would agree, it was smokin'!

I'd like to finish off by saying, on behalf of J/22 Fleet 11, a big shout out to our former fleet captain Bob Mathison. Thank you Bob, for all you have done for our fleet over these past years and wishing you "all the best" in your new permanent race committee role at AYC.

Cheers!



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The Dripping Springs Middle School is Commissioning a New Piece of Music to be Written in Honor of Linda McDavitt

Linda is a retired DS Band Director whose achievements include membership in the Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame. She now helps manage a grant foundation that provides funds for projects that improve education and quality of life for children and adults. She has most recently sailed around the world while raising money for charity. She also donates an annual scholarship for DSHS Band students.

The composer, William Owens, is one of the most talented modern composers for young bands. The funds raised will pay for the expenses needed to commission a new work.

The piece will be premiered by the DSMS Band on May 16, 2017. There will be a special presentation for Linda at the concert. Any donation would be greatly appreciated: <https://gofundme.com/dsmsband2017>

Thank you!

Jana Galloway, Director
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The AYC Lucky Beer Bottles Draw 2017

Only 122 beer bottles have been salvaged and labeled during the drought of 2013 on the AYC shores! (Lake Travis 618.65 MSL) You may be one of three winners of \$100 at the 2017 Opening Day Ceremony if YOU:

Are AYC member/staff

Are in attendance

Have the beer bottle with you (labeled drought of 2013) or you know the serial number

Have the bottle registered in your name at the AYC office (with Jackie Wheelless) prior to the drawing. Only one beer bottle per member, please.

GOOD LUCK!

News & Tips from Your Scoring Coordinator

by Karen Bogjisch



For 2017, we are working to improve the efficiency of scoring both on and off the water. The race committees for the Frost-Bite series have been successful in emailing the race results from the racing iPad to the AYC office, where they are printed out and posted on the bulletin board while everyone is still enjoying the post-race food and camaraderie. The updated series results have then posted to the AYC website the day after the race. Hopefully, this process

will continue to happen throughout the 2017 racing year.

Some tips for handling on-the-water-scoring with the iPad, which uses the iYachts program:

1. Continue to use paper to take down check-ins, starting boats, and finishes as back-up to the iYachts.
2. Read the iYachts instructions on the AYC website, which contain helpful tips about recording the finishes, including preselecting the boats that are racing so that if several boats are finishing close together, it is easier to get the finish times recorded for each boat.
3. To email the race results to the AYC office, make sure the race committee has one cell phone that can be used as a hot spot. Then click on "Races" on the left side of the iPad, select each race listed that has results and email it to gm@austinyachtclub.net.
4. Changing start times for races if there is a postponement - this needs to be done before any finishes are recorded for the fleet in question. Click "Races". Then select the race that needs its start time adjusted, and then change the time.

More scoring tips will come in future Tell-Tale articles. Meanwhile, we are looking for volunteers to learn how to continue the scoring process off the water in the Race Sail program. Please let me know if you are willing to step up and learn how it works. More volunteers with knowledge of how it works will be a great thing!!

The 12 Universal Laws of Sailing

by Jim Johnstone



Murphy's Law of the Lake – If there are only two boats sailing on the lake, they will be on a collision course.

Law of Gravity – Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll off the boat into the drink.

The First Law of Inboard Repair – After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee. (See also: bottom painting).

The Second Law of inboard Repair – When you try to prove to someone that a motor won't work, it will.

The Beverage Law – While sailing, as soon as you open a beverage, it will be time to tack or jibe.

Law of Course Variation – If you tack, the boats still on the tack you left will be lifted.

Law of the Cell Phone – As soon as you are headed to the boat with both hands full, your cell phone will ring. As soon as you get to a spot where you can set something down, it will stop ringing.

Law of the Mark – At any mark the boats with inside overlap will always be twice as slow as yours and round the mark twice as wide as they should and be crewed by very surly people.

Law of Painting – The amount of paint, varnish, or gel coat you need will be just a little bit more than the amount you bought. The probability is directly correlated to the cost of the paint and inversely to the smallest available quantity.

Law of Rigging – If there are only two ways to rig something, the first way you try it will always be wrong.

Law of Logical Argument – Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

Law of the Blue Duck – The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

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AYC 2017 RACE CALENDAR

Mar 05	Spring Series 1 1:30p Start RC: C
Mar 12	Spring Series 2 1:30p Start RC: Cat22/SC21
Mar 26	Spring Series 3 1:30p Start RC: B
Apr 02	Spring Series 4 1:30p Start RC: MH End of Series

AYC 2017 NON-RACING EVENTS

Feb 21	RC Training Vic Manning
Feb 23	AYC Board Meeting 7:30p
Feb 25	Sail Trim Clinic J. Bartlett or S. Young
Mar 05	Opening Day Brunch and Ceremony
Mar 12	Daylight Savings Time
Mar 23	AYC Board Meeting 7:30p
Mar 25	RC Training Vic Manning
Apr 01	Adv Sail Training Scott Young
Apr 02	End of Series Banquet after the Series Race



TEXAS LEGENDS



BILL DRAHEIM

- NA/National/MW Champion: MC, J22, Thistle, Flying Scot, JY15, C-15
- US Sailing O'Day Singlehanded Champion
- US Sailing Championship of Champions (2x)
- College All-American
- Member US Sailing Team (470)
- Finalist (2x) Rolex Yachtsman of Year



KELSON ELAM

- NA/National/MW Champion: FD, J22, C-15, Hobie 33
- FD European Champion
- Offshores: Transpac, SORC, Chicago-Mac, TORC, Newport-Bermuda
- College All-American (2x)
- College Sloop National Champion
- Member US Sailing Team (FD)
- President J22 Class Association
- Commodore Rush Creek YC



PAUL FOERSTER

- US Sailing Hall of Fame
- Olympian: '04 470 Gold Medal, '00 470 Silver Medal, '92 FD Silver Medal, '88 FD
- Pan-Am Games: '95 Gold Medal J24, '11 Silver Medal Sunfish, '07 Bronze Medal Sunfish
- Rolex Yachtsman of the Year '04
- College All-American (3x)
- US Sailing O'Day & Mallory Champ



KELLY GOUGH

- NA/National/MW Champion: Flying Scot (8x), M20 (2x), Rebel (2x)
- US Sailing Youth Champ: '77 Laser
- America's Cup Competitor: '87
- US Sailing Mallory Cup Champ (2x)
- US Sailing Championship of Champions
- College All-American (3x)
- Member US Sailing Team (FD)



DOUG KERN

- Olympian: '92 Soling Silver Medal
- NA/National/MW Champion: J24, Soling
- US Sailing Mallory Cup Champ (4x)
- US Olympic Trials (3x)
- ProSail Series Champion Formula 40 Class
- Soling World Champs 2nd place: '90
- Member US Sailing Team (Soling)



LINDA MCDAVITT

- Clipper Round the World Race: '15-16
- US Sailing Women's Champion: '01
- SC21 Intergalactic Champ (3x)
- Competitor: J22 Nationals, J24 Nationals, US Sailing Adams Cup, Rolex Int'l Women's Keelboat Champs, Rolex Women's Match Race Champs, Texas J22 Circuit, Santa Maria Cup Match Race



SCOTT YOUNG

- US Sailing Mallory Cup Champ (6x - most in event history)
- NA/National/MW Champion: J24, J22, Laser Masters (3x), Butterfly, Rebel
- College All-American (3x)
- College Sloop National Champ (2x)
- US Sailing Bemis & Smythe Champ
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