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## Turnback Legend Lives On



Photo Cheryl Pevier

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PB&J Camp in full swing! Photos Bill Records



## From The Commodore by Wade Bingaman



Summer is here. That means its time to hit the lake. Some of my favorite memories are when I was a kid just hanging out at the lake. Yacht Club members are lucky because we have the best place for our kids to enjoy the summer.

Opportunities for the youth do not magically appear, however. It takes a lot of work by our Sail Training Commander, **Carolyn Wilsford**, and our Director of Sailing, **Coleman Terrell**. They are both very busy right now and here's why. The kids PB&J sailing has begun. Our popular junior summer camps are beginning. If that's not enough, there's the summer junior series on Wednesday nights. I think that should keep the kids busy and off the streets.

You adults are not left out. The increasingly popular Women's Clinic has just been held. The Saturday Dog Days Series begins June 24th (5pm start). The Independence Cup is July 1st. Our MoonBurn Night Race Series resumes on July 7. (After dark is my favorite time to sail in the summer as the temperature is nice, the winds pick up, and the shore lights and moon light are beautiful. Just make sure your boat lights work!) Of course there's Friday Beer Can. Also, June and July have Free Sail Saturdays. This is a fantastic opportunity to come try out one of the Club's centerboard boats. It will improve your sailing and is lots of fun.

So bring your kids out to enjoy the summer. Heck, become a kid again yourself. Hang out at the lake and sail. What a life!

## Vice Commodore Report by Bill Records



### Turnback Canyon Regatta

We just had another successful Turnback Canyon regatta. The weather cooperated, kind of. The traditional thunderstorm didn't hit us until a few minutes after trophy presentation. Regatta chair, **Diane Covert**, did a fantastic job, coordinating our regatta with Lago Fest, hosted by the by the Lago Vista Property Owners Association. Thanks goes to **Doug Casey** for his help and guidance in making this



2017 Café au lait Turnback Crew Photo Jonathon Larson

partnership a solid one. Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, we made a profit this year. Those sponsors include: **Winkley's/ Sailboat Shop, Sail and Ski, Texas Sailing, Sail ATX Charters, Boathouse Grill, Sundancer Grill, Qualtek Automotive, and Shack 512**. Let's show our appreciation by trading with these businesses.

Our next regattas will be the Independence Cup (July 1), Keel Singlehanded Regatta (Aug 26), Centerboard Regatta ( Sep16,17).



### PB&J

One of my favorite activities at AYC has been teaching the PB&J classes for kids 4-8 years old. This year the aches and pains of Turnback disappeared the moment I saw the kids arriving with their parents or grandparents. One grandfather of twins told me the girls were asking all week "when are we going sailing?" At the first class, three of the parents told me that they had taken PB&J with **Doug Kern**, years ago. It is heartening to hear familiar names during roll call: **Romberg, Baker, Durfor, Keckler, Grogono**. The legacy goes on.



PB&J Summer Series Photos Bill Records

## June New Members



**Luis Maristany  
(YA Probationary)**

Luis learned to sail in Puerto Rico as a child on lasers and 420s. He raced on 420s and a custom 42' keelboat with the Florida Institute of Technology, where he served as Vice Commodore of the Sailing Club. He also noted that he sailed with Phil Spletter (former AYC commodore) in Florida. Luis's parents also own a Beneteau 423, which he has sailed extensively throughout the Caribbean. Since moving to Austin, Luis has crewed on various boats at AYC over the last three years, currently with Chris Hargett and Peter Marsh on Rush.



**Pete and Kathy Swallow  
(Sr Probationary)**

Pete grew up in the Bay Area, learning to sail with his father on their family boat in the San Francisco Bay, and becoming an avid sailor. Kathy was also introduced to sailing at a young age at a girl's camp. Both Kathy and Pete have sailed with Ray Shull on his J80 in AYC Beer Can races and Kathy also sailed for an entire summer with Ray on his J29. They are interested in crewing in races and eventually buying and racing their own boat. Pete and Kathy live in the San Antonio area Mon-Thurs but have recently added a new address in Austin for Fri-Sun and plan to be actively involved in AYC activities on the weekends.



**Gretchen and David Douglas  
(Re-instatement of Sr Membership)**

Gretchen and David were former senior AYC members who resigned in good standing due to time constraints. They have extensive sailing and racing experience. Gretchen grew up sailing in the Lightning and Laser fleets at Rush Creek Yacht Club, San Jose Sailing Club, and Awosting Yacht Squadron, and sailed in the Adam's Cup Finals with Claudia Bartlett and Linda McDavitt. David came into sailing as an adult, crewing on larger boats at Houston Yacht Club, racing on Galveston Bay, and off-shore. Gretchen and David both have cruising and delivery experience but their primary interest is in racing. Their son will participate in the junior sailing camps this summer and will sail with the Roadrunners in the fall.



**Mark Walters  
(Assoc Probationary)**

Mark has been sailing for about 10 months. He has taken private lessons and has completed the ASA 101, 103, and 104 bareboat courses. Mark has crewed in two AYC series races and has also crewed during several cruising events around Lake Travis. He has also taken numerous refresher courses on Lake Travis and in Annapolis, MD. He is anxious to learn as much as he can, get as much water time as possible, and meet and learn from more experienced sailors.



**Keith and Suzie Edminston  
(Assoc Probationary)**

Keith sailed many years ago, and worked for a time at a sailboat shop in Houston assembling Hobie Cats and larger sailboats. He and his wife Suzie are interested in getting back into sailing and consider an associate membership at AYC the perfect way to do that, and are looking forward to getting to know other Club members at the same time. They have recently purchased a Hobie Holder 14.



**Ryan and Catherine Larson  
(Assoc Probationary)**

Ryan and Catherine are new sailors interested in becoming active racers at AYC and learning more through time on the water and training events. They have taken private lessons and obtained their ASA 101 certifications in March and have crewed with Andre De la Reza on Los Monos in a few series races and hope to eventually purchase their own racing/ cruising boat.



**Spencer Conklin  
(Sr Probationary)**

Spencer has been sailing and racing since his youth, including placing 3rd in the AquaCats National Championship as a teenager. He has extensive catamaran experience, on both lakes and oceans and also has sailed monohulls. He is excited to join AYC to get back into racing, and plans to buy a catamaran (probably a Hobie 16).



# Welcome!

## Building and Grounds Report

by Chris Thompson



The AYC logo abounds with the **point sign completion** and the new main sign welcoming everyone at our front gate. This is ready except for the addition of permanent LED lighting and some landscaping. There are temporary lights in place to give a general idea of the final version. Thanks to our contractor at-the-ready **Paul Leach** (good to have him available again!) for the installation of the steel posts; and a big THANKS to **Ed Taylor** for his tremendous contribution with the steel cutting, delivery driving, parts chasing, and final installation. We had it up right before Turnback!



The working plan is to move the old wooden sign to the north wall of clubhouse and mount it under overhang. Anyone who knows any of the history on this please share any anecdotes with me or **Jackie** so we can create a proper notation to share with future AYC generations. We'll also plan to add some new message boards on both sides

to provide more space for Club announcements.

The **new backflow preventer** is in place and the fake rock should hide that from view at the front wall.



The **office remodel** is mostly complete, the counter and cubicle re-arrangement worked out well and the new carpet looks great; the copier and furniture moves are underway. The staff (**Jackie, Tom and Coleman**) and **Diane Covert** orchestrated this project with the craftsman skills of **Mr. Frans Dahmen**. Please let them know how you like it.

Initial **water line project** estimates are within the projected budget so we hope to proceed with that soon.

Additional estimates for the **downstairs sink/water fountain installation** are being solicited as are estimates for urinal repairs (to include drain repairs, new water piping, urinals and flush valves).

**Temporary repairs to the pool railings** are ready to be installed at the June work day, Saturday the 10th, 8 am to 2 pm. Estimates for replacement

railings have been obtained by the Long Range Planning Committee.

We will also be working to finish the **bathroom (trim out, message boards, lighting, showers) and some grounds cleanup projects.**

## Sail Training Report

by Carolyn Wilsford



Our first Women's Clinic included ten non-members that we hope will join us again for the second Women's Clinic on June 17th. Thank you to **Molly Lewis, Terry Shertz, and Rachel Loziuk** for presenting during the chalk talk and the J-22 fleet members for loaning their boats. It was really a nice treat to have these little "Porsche's" on the water to learn and have fun on. Thank you **Bob Mathison, Renee Ruias, Ken Berringer, Linda McDavitt, John Saunders, and**

**Terry Shertz** for allowing us to use your boats.

So, the second clinic is scheduled for June 17th. I understand it's filling up fast, so register on the website and get your slot nailed down for another day of fun. Speaking of fun, **Molly Lewis**, the chair for this second "Women's Clinic", has got a full plate of activities planned for you both on and off the water. Keep an eye out for her emails!

On the horizon, Women's Clinic #3 September 30, the "SEW MAD" Women's Regatta August 26th at LCYC (Canyon Lake), and don't forget a Women's Regatta at AYC October 28th.

## Sailing Director Report

by Coleman Terrell



Summer Camps start on the 12th! Don't forget to sign up your future sailors! Please call or email the office for the coupon code to receive member pricing on camps and PB&J.

Session 3 of Summer Camp (June 26-30) has a ton of open spots left so please sign up your sailors and tell your friends!

The first weekend of PB&J went really well, with **Bill Records** and his great team of volunteers. We had a total of 30 kids out on the water, many of them for the first time, and the weather was nice and cool, with just enough breeze.

Due to the camps starting on the 12th, this is my last week with consistent office hours until August. I'll mostly be on the water with camps and practices, so if you need to get in touch with me, email is usually the best option. I will do my best to respond as quickly as I can!

The Women's Clinic has been moved from June 10th to the 17th and is currently full. We do already have a waiting list, so please contact the office to be placed on the list.

The racers traveled to Rush Creek YC on June 3rd and 4th to compete in a TSA regatta there. Unfortunately, the lack of wind limited them to only 2 races in the Lasers and 420s and 4 races in the Opti RWB and 6 in the Opti Green Fleets. Our sailors performed well as usual, and to see the results, please visit [www.txsail.org](http://www.txsail.org).

# Turnback Canyon Regatta

## Turnback Canyon Regatta Recap by Diane Covert



Once again AYC had a successful event at this year's annual Turnback Canyon Regatta. The usually bad Memorial Day weather even held off till the moment we finished the awards presentations on Sunday! We had a blast with 53 boats from all over the state participating and approximately 135 people attending.

It takes quite a few people to make this big regatta a success. I would like to thank several here, and there were others that helped out that are too numerous

to mention. Vice-Commodore **Bill Records** helped in many ways, including securing sponsors for the event. Of course we couldn't run a race without our race chairman **Vic Manning** and the whole Race Committee (many of whom jumped in there at the last moment to volunteer). Several people helped put together this year's really cool regatta t-shirts – **Preston Bezanit** helped tweak the design of the logo, **Mark Zion** worked on the logo formatting, and **Dan and Cathy Ellenbrook** produced the t-shirts. At the Club helping with the registration were **Molly Lewis, Karen Bogisch and John Maddalozzo**. Many thanks should be given to the other volunteers helping with breakfast and t-shirt distribution. In addition, **Karen Bogisch and Chris Thompson** did a great job on scoring the race. Thanks to **Stefan Froelich** for the use of his RV for our scoring tent. At the park in Lago Vista we had an information table and sign up sheet for people who might be interested in sailing – **Steve Pervier** suggested and manned the information table and there were quite a few people young and old who are now on our AYC email lists for further contact about our programs. Go **Steve** go!

Big thanks are due to our AYC staff! **Tom Cunningham** organized the mooring stakes at Lago Vista, RC boat gas, U-Haul rental, set ups, and most importantly beer! **Coleman Terrell** worked on loading, unloading, and driving the U-Haul, and also set up the on-line registration system. And of course, **Jackie Wheelless** deserves a big thanks for, well, "everything"!

The City of Lago Vista had a great party and "Lagofest" seems to be improving every year. Since this is only our second regatta after the drought, we are all still trying to make improvements to the long format. One thing we will look at for next year is the possibility of some kind of land-transportation shuttling back and forth between AYC and Lago Vista, particularly for transporting RC volunteers and families to Lago Vista.

At the conclusion of the marathon race back with almost no wind on Sunday, tall tales were told and a good time was had by all! There is something adventurous about spending the night on your boat or campsite with a built-in party that makes the Turnback Canyon Regatta different from all the rest. Congratulations to all the 2017 regatta participants! See you next year!



Photos Bruce McDonald

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Photos Marilyn Jackson



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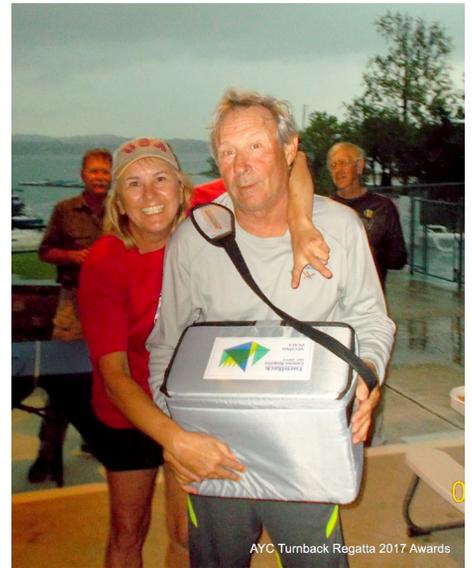
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## Sunfish and Laser Wednesday Night Racing

by Paul Jensen



Wednesday evening sailing has been going well this year. While the opening night was blown out by a frontal passage, the rest of May has been good.

On May 10 **Steve Keckler** and I had RC. We had nice winds and we were able to get in 4 races for both fleets.

On May 17 the Laser fleet covered RC as it was Sunfish championship night. We got in four races with **John Bartlett** doing very well as usual.

May 24 was Laser Championship night and Sunfish (**John Bartlett** and **Ed Hill**) covered RC. Winds were light and only two races could be run. While the winds weren't great, I'm told the Sunfish Potluck supper was a success.

May 31 had a little of everything. **Vic Manning**, **Dave Grogano** and **Kathy Thorstead** did RC, and there were about 8 boats from each fleet. The first race started with light wind but it was fairly strong by the end—strong enough that the anchor on the RC separated from the anchor line! There was a brief intermission while RC went to the dock to get a new anchor followed by adjusting the course to accommodate a substantial wind shift. During that time both fleets enjoyed fast reaching across the lake. The second race started with a good wind but ended with near calm. Overall a good sail to round out a good month of May.

## Laser May Championship Night

by Fred Schroth



It happened. We had races. There were lots of Sunfish and Lasers and the orphan Finn. We had three and almost got a fourth one. The wind was utterly ludicrous. It blew long enough to start from the north, east, west and south.

No regular Club member sailor would have managed to set up one decent course.

We had **John Bartlett**. We had fun races.

**John** never had a chance to actually anchor the committee boat. He was too busy rotating the start line around the pin. He hollered out courses to the Sunfish and Laser fleets. No two courses were the same. No two courses used the same floating things. We rounded everything within 200 yards at least once. I swear one buoy was a floating stump. We used all the shoal and no wake buoys and a bumper tied to an anchor waiting for **Vic Manning's** extraction and recovery wizardry.

It worked. The two fleets had fun short contests. The pin end of the line, at various times during the evening, served as a reach mark, leeward mark, and in the race I won (certainly I had to work that in this story) it was the start pin, intended as a leeward mark on a gold cup with the last upwind leg removed, but the wind shift made it a weather mark from the reach mark and the wind shifted again for an upwind finish.

For **John** it was just, "the way to run things so everybody could race and have fun."

There is a special sailing genius gene in that **Bartlett** guy's DNA that takes playing with sailing toys to a place few will ever go and the club members and visitors have benefitted from it for almost six decades.

On that Wednesday night we very easily could have had fifty people drive to the lake and be disappointed. We could have wasted 100 hours of driving salvaged only by chatting on shore after drifting around for a while, but we had **John**.

Count another fine Wednesday night in the books. Of course, we all know the second most important thing to notice and remember from that mighty fine **Barlett Brand** race management experience....

I won the last race we finished.

## C Fleet Report

by Bill Records



### Turnback Canyon Regatta

Turnback Canyon Regatta is ready made for C Fleet and we were the largest monohull fleet this year. So large that it was divided into two classes, starting together (D and E). For race 1 (Saturday) the wind was out of the southwest, not the usual southeast, so it was difficult to carry a symmetrical spinnaker all the way to marker 9. Café au lait set her chute anyway and had to take it down halfway to 9. Most of the fleet got to 9 close together, making the weather leg to Arkansas Bend a real dog fight. From then on it was a close reach and beat to Anderson Bend. As we passed the Gnarley Gar restaurant, we noticed lots of spectators, one even taking a picture of his son with us in the background. After Anderson Bend the race became a reaching parade, finishing at a t Bar K. In D class, Café au lait (Me)



Café au lait passing Gnarley Gar Photo *Bruce McDonald*

took first, Entheos (**Jim Pierce**) took second, Caribbean Star(**Victor Gotay**) third. Newcomer, **Steven Tyson** (Erwin 31) took fourth. In E Class(race 1), **Brian Grothues** (Cat22) corrected over **Hector Lujan** (Col26) taking second, with **Chris Thompson** (Erickson 27) taking third. On Sunday morning (race 2) there was no wind so PRO, **Vic Manning**, led the fleet down the lake until there there was light wind and started us around 11:00AM. After five and a half hours of ghosting through power boat wakes, only two boats in D Class and three from E Class finished. Final results were as follows: D Class: 1st Cafe au lait, 2nd Carribean Star, 3rd Entheos; E Class: 1st Arggh!. 2nd Banshee, 3rd Three Hour Crewz. After a couple of days of taking Advil and applying Neosporin, I looking forward to next year's Turnback. Call me crazy!!!

## A Fleet Update

by Ray Shull



Since the last update: A Fleet raced in the second race day of the Summer Series; the Fleet raced in the annual Turnback Canyon Regatta; **Chris and Justin Wolfe** are racing Spadefoot to Bermuda and back; and, the Fleet added a couple of new boats.

The second race day of the Summer Series resulted in some of the most competitive racing the fleet has seen all year. Six J 80s and the VX One raced in great sailing conditions. In the first race all of the finishers crossed the line within one minute of each other. In the second race Air Supply stretched out to win by about 45 seconds with all the other boats then finishing within a minute of each other. These races included many overlapped mark roundings, boats three abreast heading downwind on most legs, and numerous passes on each leg. The close racing and the great wind made these races exciting.

For Turnback Canyon, three J 80s, a J 70, and the SB 20 braved the fickle winds, shallow water areas, and packs of speeding motorboats in the annual trek up the lake to Lago Vista. The winds on Saturday were pretty reasonable, with only a few spots where the wind seemed to vanish unexplainably for a bit. On Sunday, the wind was non-existent at the start, and wisely the Race Committee initiated a motor-sailing caravan back toward AYC. Finally the winds arrived in a strength high enough to allow for a reasonable start between Thurman and Baldwin Bends. There were lots of wind holes on the way back, but eventually everyone returned to the safety of our home waters. Air Supply and Flyer finished one-two in the Saturday race for the Levens Trophy, correcting over all other keel boats racing in the regatta. Congratulations to **Ed Taylor, Steve Vaughan, Tom Fuller, and Allan Standard** for their well earned win of this trophy and for the regatta win.

Last month I mentioned that **Justin and Chris Wolfe** would be participating in the Bermuda One-Two Race from Newport, Rhode Island to Bermuda and back. As of the writing of this update, **Justin** (in the single handed portion of the race) is leading his Class 2 Fleet, and is 6th overall for line honors. Way to go **Justin!** The double-handed portion of the race back to Newport starts June 15, so everyone should follow **Justin and Chris's** progress in this great event as they sail Spadefoot home.

I can also announce that it appears that we have two new members in the A Fleet group. **Patrick Hitchins** currently has a new-to-AYC J 80 sitting on **John Bartlett's** trailer in the work area, **John** tells me that **Patrick** has a little work to do on the J 80, and will then be racing it with the other J 80s in A Fleet. Additionally, a fast looking Extreme 25 has recently appeared in the dry sail area. **Peter Marsh and Luis Maristany** are the new owners of this sleek sport boat. I hope to see it on the starting line soon.

I want to thank **Larry Raliff** for volunteering to fill the vacancy, created by **Justin Wolfe's** leaving, on the Keel Fleet PHRF Rating Committee. **Larry** will be A Fleet's representative on this committee for the remainder of this year. I also want to thank the cooks representing A Fleet for preparing the Beer Can burgers in May. This included **Bob Leonard, Bruce McDonald, Claudia and John Bartlett, John Burke, Matt Romberg, Johannes Brinkman**, and everyone who stopped by to help these chefs. Great burgers were prepared and the masses were well fed. Thanks to everyone.

## J/24 Fleet Update

by Stu Juengst

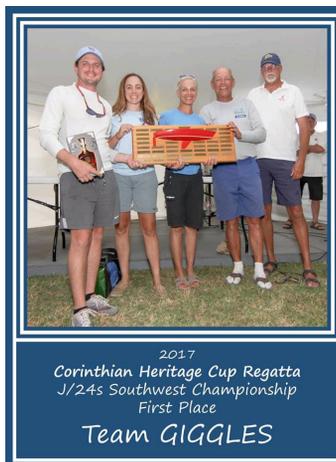


### Summer Series

The AYC Summer Series is currently led by **John Parker's** Chupa Cabra with 5 points, followed by Vang Go with 7 points. **Rachel Loziuk** (Jolly Bevo) and **Larry Parks** (My Joy) are tied for 3rd with 9 points and **Rachel** wins the tie-breaker with two 2nds to **Larry's** one.

### Texas Circuit

The third J/24 circuit stop was held May 20-21 at Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club's Corinthian Heritage Cup regatta. This stop was also the Southwest Regional Championship and a qualifier for the Worlds. 14 J/24s were on the line for four races on Saturday and two on Sunday. Those of us who camped out on the DCYC grounds were caught by a storm on Friday night. My tent collapsed in the high winds so I spent the night in my truck, evicting **Kurt Carson** (who eventually slept on the cushionless Vang Go). **Natalie Harden's GIGGLES** took 1st place and an entry to the Worlds with another impressive performance.



Congratulations Team GIGGLES! Team Vang Go took 2nd overall and scored our first bullet in a race on the circuit! **David Broadway's** Superman took 5th, followed by **Jorge Martín-de-Nicholás' Stray Dog** in 6th. **Chris Hammel's** Sforzando finished in 9th.

### MoonBurn #1

One J/24 competed in MoonBurn #1: **John Parker's** Chupa Cabra, who took 1st place in PHRF B fleet. Congratulations **John!**

### Turnback

One J/24 entered Turnback Regatta: **Amanda Casey's** Momentous, who finished 4th in PHRF B. The J/24 North American Championship conflicted with Turnback this year, so most of us were down in Houston.

### North Americans

We had 29 J/24s on the line for the NAs at Houston Yacht Club, including multiple World, North American, and National champions. AYC sent five teams: GIGGLES, Stray Dog, Vang Go, Superman, and Sforzando. Conditions were challenging throughout the week, starting with a tornado watch on Tuesday just as we arrived. Wednesday was boat measurement and weigh-in. The measurers were particularly tough on GIGGLES, to the point of drilling holes in her bilge to inspect for illegal ballast (they found nothing). We had a practice race on Thursday and then the real fun started: 4 races Friday, 4 on Saturday, and 2 on Sunday. Winds held at 15-20kts throughout the weekend, causing a sharp chop in Galveston Bay. Team GIGGLES finished a respectable 8th. Stray Dog had a solid Sunday to pass Vang Go into

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20th place; Vang Go ended up 21st. Superman and Sforzando were 28th and 29th respectively. During the regatta, **Chris Hammel** held the official renaming ceremony for Sforzando, with "Padre" **David Broadway** presiding. "Sforzando" is a musical notation as an instruction to play a note with sudden, strong emphasis.



Photos *Chris Howell*

## Catalina 22 Update

by *Steve Pervier*



Summer is here, effectively the longest season on our AYC calendar! The first of three racing series with "Summer" in their names is followed by the Dog Days Series, which starts with our Race Committee date on June 24 and continues at 5pm on every Saturday afternoon in July once we skip July 1 (for Independence Cup). Then the Suffering Summer Series (!) begins in August, also running Saturdays at 5pm, followed by the Late Summer series.

With the expected hot weather, I'll put in a plug for the Keel Fleet's Beer Can races on Friday, and especially for the Moonburn Series which continues July 7 and August 4. It's also a great time for a cooler, wetter boat – your Laser or Sunfish is perfect for Wednesday evenings! Several active C22 Fleet members are expect to participate - including **Louise, Brett, Brian, Cheryl and Steve, and hopefully soon, Griz!**

In recent racing news, we had three C22 skippers and crews involved with Turnback, though we divided between racing, race committee, and regatta support duties. **Brian and Margarito**, with Rick as crew, took first place in their PHRF class, and also bested every boat but one on corrected time in the next slowest class. Great performance guys! Meanwhile **Brett and Cindy** did wonderful work driving a chase boat, providing a reliable and vital support to the race committee. That is, until bad gas disabled his chase boat, which had to be towed to the dock. **Brett** has worked practically every C22 race committee duty in the last few years, and his skill always shows.



Photo *Hector Lujan*

I didn't feel physically up to racing or doing race committee, but did follow through on my idea for an AYC Info Table at Lago Vista Bar-K. In 2016, I was hardly off my boat and ashore before two local guys started asking me about sailing, racing, and AYC. Then I noticed that Boats was one of the four main interests emphasized by Lago Fest 2017. We should work with this! So **Diane Covert**, our great Turnback chair, arranged to get me a table. I'll give a special thanks to **Tom Cunningham** for suggesting then moving my table into a good place in the exhibit area! Dozens of people stopped by to talk, including 15 who signed my contact list for sailing interests from Junior Camp to Adult Sailing to crewing, racing, and AYC membership.



Last but not least – you have to see the beautiful new (restored) C22 in Dry Sail space 39!! **James and Sarah** are her proud owners. This is after two years of **James'** work in a barn in Cedar Creek. So much of her looks like new, and there are so many nice artistic and functional cruising enhancements that this boat has already attracted a lot of attention. She sails well too! Coyoacan

is a wonderful addition to C22 Fleet 69, demonstrating the great combination potential of the class – from racing to trailering to cruising most anywhere.

## Roadrunner Fleet Update

by Mary Carew



A lot of good things can be said about the kids that travel on the TSA circuit; they are performing amazingly well and are great representatives of AYC. However, in the period between Mother's Day and Father's Day, I want to give a special thanks to the Roadrunner parents who make it all happen. It really takes a village and would not be possible without the hard work, contributions and camaraderie among this amazing group. From towing large trailers, coach

boats, on-the-water safety and coaching, boat fixes . . . the list goes on! Thank you all!

In Grapevine on May 20-21, **Ethan Froelich** took 2nd in Laser 4.7 which **James Brock** took 1st overall in Opti RWB and 1st in the blue fleet. **Fiona Froelich** took 3rd in blue and was in 8th place overall. Congratulations to all sailors who travelled.

Conditions in Rush Creek this past weekend (June 3-4) were really challenging with very light winds. However, in the c420, **Lucy Brock** and **Julius Heitkoetter** came 3rd in a really competitive 12-boat fleet and narrowly missed out on qualifying to represent Area F in the Bemis Cup competition by losing the tie-breaker. **Ethan Froelich** brought back 3rd in the Laser 4.7 and **Ben Froelich** was 2nd in Laser radial. On the RWB Opti fleet, **Lucas Tenreiro** was 1st overall and 1st in blue, which **James Brock** was 3rd overall and



Grapevine Sailing Club: James Brock Opti RWB – 1st overall Photo Jeff Brock



Ethan Froelich on Laser and Lucy Brock and Julius Heitkoetter, c420 Photo Stefan Froelich

3rd in blue and **Katie Froelich** was 3rd in White. It was nice to see **Maggie McElmurray** sailing in the c420 with **Wendi Froelich**. Congratulations to all the sailors who sailed in really tough conditions.

At home, the Endless Summer series continues on Wednesday nights and we would like to encourage all junior sailors to join us. The juniors are also doing well completing in the Wednesday night sunfish and laser races. Turnback this

year was a lot of fun! **Fiona Froelich** competed on **Bill Records** boat, who took first place in their division and **Richie Amato** completed on **Dane Ohe's** boat, who took a third place. Other juniors provided on-shore support in Lago Vista.

On a more academic level, the Roadrunners would like to congratulate **Ben Froelich** on graduating from High School. As many of you know, **Ben** is an amazing young man and deserves every success in the future. Best of luck **Ben!**



Ben's graduation party Photo Bill Records

## Keel Fleet Report

by Karen Bogisch



The first Moonburn Race took place May 5th with 19 boats participating. The winds were light and the course short, but fun was had by all, with margaritas at the after-party in celebration of Cinco de Mayo. Slip Kid took overall honors on corrected time by finding better winds on the right side of the course. The Keel Fleet's annual Independence Cup Regatta is scheduled to take place on Saturday, July 1, so start planning now. Last year, **Chris Thompson** created a unique course, so who knows what's in store for this year.

### Tales from Turnback –

The Keel Fleet was well represented in the Turnback Canyon Regatta with 30 total boats. **Ed Taylor** and **Steve Vaughan** on Air Supply won A Fleet and the overall Levins trophy for the race to Lago Vista. **Steve** has participated in over 30 Turnback Canyon Regattas and has won a number of them. In B Fleet, Keel Fleet treasurer **John Maddalozzo** split the two races with returning member **Gretchen Douglas** in a J/22, but took first by winning the 2nd day. **Linda Donovan** came out on her Hunter 28.5 to take two bullets over Commodore **Wade** and win C fleet. In D Fleet, which started on Saturday with 10 boats, two intrepid souls, **Bill Records** and **Victor Gotay**, made it through the light air on Sunday, to finish 1st and 2nd respectively. As for E Fleet, after finishing in a respectable four hours on Saturday, yours truly took a seven hour cruise on the Three Hour Crews. The tale of this fateful trip, with **Skipper Chris**, **Social Chair Susie** and **Newbie Mark**, began with no winds at Lago Vista, followed by some time motoring up the lake in search of wind. At the new start line near mile marker 24, things were looking good when we won the start with some skillful helming by **Chris**. We were staying with the fleet and even squeezed by a number of docks on the north side of lake,

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but then seemed to spend a fair amount of time around mile marker 17 experiencing the joy of numerous motorboat wakes and a seeming inability to get away from 17. At about that time, we were certain the course would be shortened at mile marker 14 as it was past two o'clock going on three, but as we came around the Lakeway marina and could spot the mark, to our dismay there was no committee boat in sight. We made our way around Arkansas Bend, cutting the corner past the trees, and still no sign of the committee boat or a chase boat. At that point, we began thinking W-T-F – Where's the Finish! **Chris** was hopeful that we would be finished at 9, but when a chase boat finally came by, we found out that the finish was at AYC. By this time, we had been on the water for more than six hours and were getting a little punch drunk. We began thinking about using some of our water balloon supply to chastise boats that came within 50 feet, which was happening frequently. (Some of the AYC racers had been recipients of the water balloons earlier during the race.) We crept passed Devil's Hollow, where we passed a wave runner carrying an inflatable pink flamingo – was that a hallucination? As we were passing B mark, we heard the chase boat on the radio saying that Caribbean Star, which was the boat in front us, was the last boat on the course. I quickly got on the radio to let the RC know that we were still out racing, but **Chris'** radio was apparently only receiving, not sending. As we crossed the lake, we could finally see the finish line, but after we tacked back and headed closer to the finish, I was certain that the RC boat had started moving – and it was! They didn't realize we were still out there until they had already pulled up the finish pin. The RC rectified their mistake by giving us a finish time – we finished third behind a Catalina 22 helmed by **Brian Grothues and Hector Lujan** in his Columbia. And that's the tale of a seven hour cruise!

## Ensign Fleet Update by Tom Groll



With the Spring Series now behind us and summer creeping in, the Ensign Fleet continues to make a strong showing at the Club and on the water. Although our Summer Series is a bit fragmented between having RC duty and hosting the Chaparral de Mar, it is rare not to see some Ensigns out sailing and even rarer that the Ensign Fleet members are not contributing to the success of the many events held at the Austin Yacht Club.



Sail 4 Kids, which seems to be developing into a tradition, was held at the Club on Saturday, June 3rd. This is a very special event hosted by the esteemed **Doug Laws** with the very capable assistance of **Fred Ford**. There

were about forty underprivileged children from the Baptist Children's Home ranging in age from 6 to 16 that were all given the opportunity to enjoy a ride on a sail boat followed by some swimming and a cookout. The Ensigns had a strong show of support and provided six boats for the event. Thanks go out to **Fred Ford and Ann Riggs, Bill and Kelly Hawk, George Dahmen and Ann Kitzmiller, Dave and Ann Morley, Lewis Price and Annie Lancaster, Tom Groll and Hazel Sanchez** for making their time and boats available for this worthy endeavor. Although the wind was not very cooperative a great time was had by skippers and kids alike as our time on the water evolved into more of a splash fest than a sailboat ride. A very special thank you goes to **Doug and Fred** for making this event possible.

Up next is the annual Chaparral de Mar regatta. This is also becoming quite the tradition hosted by the Ensign Fleet as a way of honoring those of our senior members that still have the racing spirit but may not necessarily have that many opportunities to get in the race. The format developed by **Danny Lien and Fred Ford** pairs skippers with crew on an Ensign for a day of racing on the final day of the Summer Series. There are two categories of competitors: the junior class is comprised of skippers between the age of 70 – 74, and the senior class is for all skipper age 75 and up. While only the senior class of skippers is eligible to win the perpetual trophy, the junior class winning skipper may win a bottle of wine. Regardless of age, all of the participating skippers win our thanks and admiration for their continued love of our sport. Thank you to **Danny and Fred** for once again making this event happen!

Our next regular series is the Dog Days, which will be held on Saturday evenings with a 5:00 start time. Race #1 will be on June 24th followed by a week off, then four consecutive weekends of racing from July 8th to July 29th. Saturday evenings racing on Lake Travis and then spending time at the clubhouse afterward, enjoying a cool beverage, a great meal, and time with friends; what could be better?!

And speaking of evening sails and cool beverages, the Friday Night Beer Can Races are ongoing throughout the summer. I can think of no better way to wash away the remnants of the work week than the casual setting of the Beer Can race. The Keel Handicap fleet has decided to change the venue up occasionally by holding the MoonBurn Regatta around the time of the full moon each month, which means that they do not plan to provide the usual burgers and such on those evenings. But that should not dissuade us from sailing the Beer Can! There is a movement for those that choose not to participate in the Moon Burn to still enjoy a loop around the Beer Can course followed by our own informal gathering afterwards. Even if the KHF will not give up their top secret recipe for burgers I'll bet we can come up with something at least as appetizing...

And finally, it's that time of year when the regional and national regattas are approaching rapidly. The national Championship will be held August 14th through 18th in Cedarville, Michigan. So far, our own **George Dahmen and Ann Kitzmiller** are planning to attend and will be sailing with **John Culter**, the Ensign Class Commodore. Hopefully we will get at least one more boat to represent Fleet 30 and the AYC. But in case that doesn't happen, lets wish **George and Ann** the best and thank them for representing our fleet!

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## AYC 2017 RACE CALENDAR

Jun 14, 21, 28	Sunfish/Laser Races 6:00p start
Jun 14, 21, 28	Endless Summer Junior Series 5:00p to 7:00p
Jun 16, 23, 30	Beer Can Races 6:30 start
Jun 24	Dog Days Series Race #1 5:00p start RC: C22/SC21
Jul 1	Independence Cup Regatta
Jul 5, 12, 19, 26	Endless Summer Junior Series 5:00p to 7:00p
Jul 5, 12, 19, 26	Sunfish/Laser Races 6:00 start
Jul 7	MoonBurn Night Race #3 6:00p to 10:00p
Jul 8	Dog Days Series Race #2 5:00p start RC: J/22
Jul 14, 21, 28	Beer Can Races 6:30p start
Jul 15	Dog Days #3 5:00p start RC: Multihull
Jul 22	Dog Days #4 5:00p start RC: Ensign
Jul 29	Dog Days #5 EOS 5:00p start RC: J/24

## AYC 2017 NON-RACING EVENTS

17, 24	PB&J Summer Series 1 & 2 9:30a to 12:30p
Jun 17	Women's Clinic 9:00a to 6:00p
Jun 17, 24	Free Sail Saturday 1:00p to 4:00p
Jun 19-23	Junior Sailing Camp 2 9:00a to 5:00p
Jun 22	AYC Board Meeting 7:30p to 9:00p
Jun 26-30	Junior Sailing Camp 3 9:00a to 5:00p
Jul 8, 15, 22, 29	Free Sail Saturday 1:00p to 4:00p
Jul 8, 15, 22, 29	PB&J Summer Series 3 & 4 9:30a to 12:30p
Jul 10-14	Junior Sailing Camp 4 9:00a to 5:00p
Jul 17-21	Junior Sailing Camp 5 9:00a to 5:00p
Jul 24-28	Junior Sailing Camp 6 9:00a to 5:00p
Jul 27	July Board Meeting 7:30p to 9:00p



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