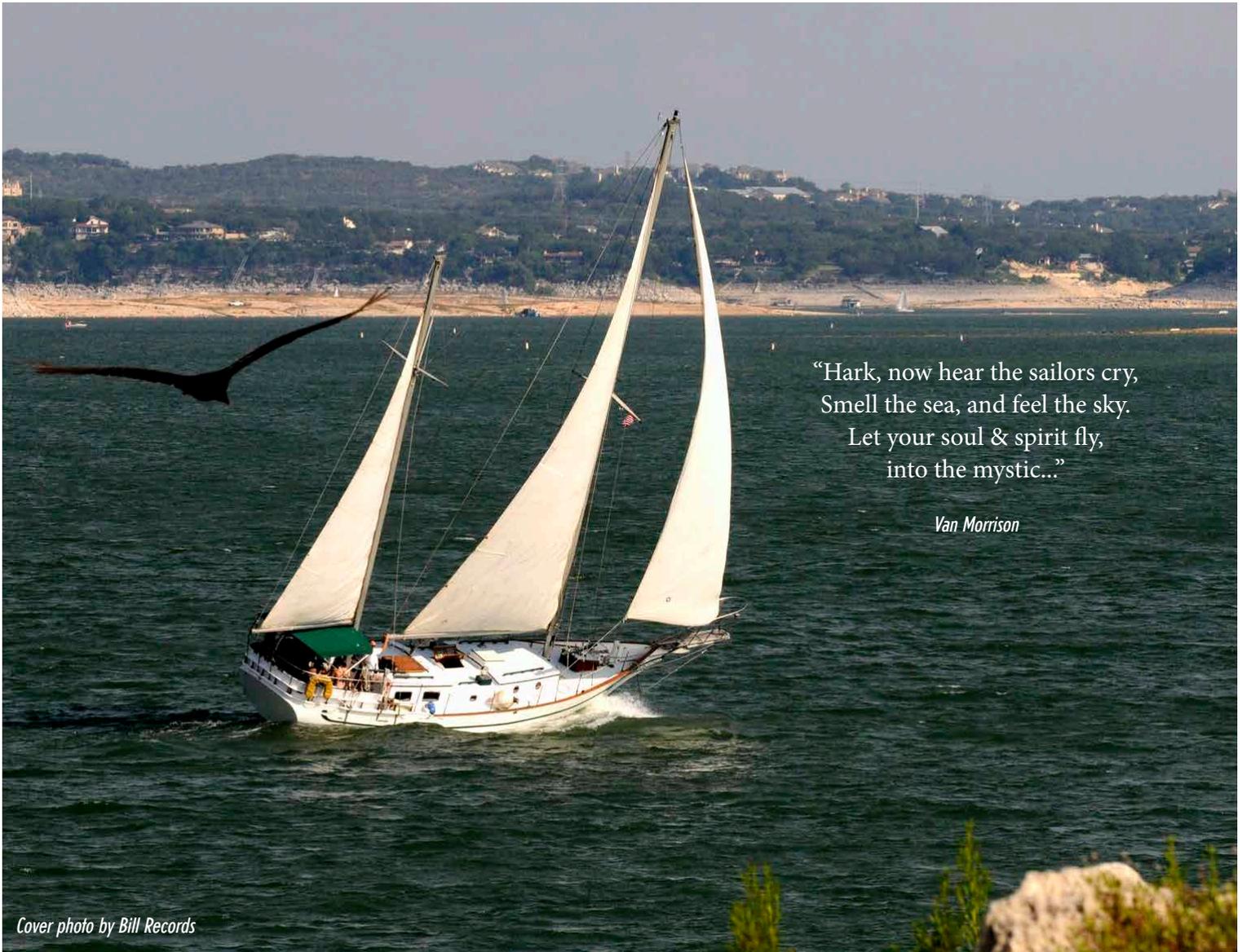




# Opening Day: Off to a Great Year of Sailing



“Hark, now hear the sailors cry,  
Smell the sea, and feel the sky.  
Let your soul & spirit fly,  
into the mystic...”

*Van Morrison*

*Cover photo by Bill Records*

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Easter Laser Regatta Apr 4-5  
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Women's Clinic May 9  
Turnback Canyon Regatta May 23-24



**WOMENS**  
*sailing clinic*  
**9AM-7PM SATURDAY MAY 9**

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

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**Register Today!**

## From The Commodore

by Barry Bowden



The members of the Austin Yacht Club kept up the spirit of volunteering by having 35 of us attend a workday on February 28, a day that began with ice on the steps of the clubhouse and on the docks. There was a great mix of new members, older members, and board members.

The group was able to replace all of the mattresses in the cabins and leave each cabin equipped with a queen size bed and a full size bed.

With the upcoming addition of new blinds, the cabins will be ready for more comfortable stays by our members and their guests. Our building and grounds commander **Doug Casey** has been doing a great job keeping the club and its grounds in good condition.



Bill Records

New flowering plants were placed around the anchor at the entrance to the clubhouse spelling out AYC to give our front door a nice spring appearance.

Our Sunday March 8 Opening Day Ceremony was a great event. The Social Committee led by **Pat Manning**, **Susie McDonald**, and **Molly Lewis**, with the able assistance of many other volunteers, had the clubhouse



Susie McDonald

decorated in the Austin Yacht Club colors of blue and orange. The buffet was wonderful. **John and Claudia Bartlett** and **Bartlett Sails** provided the Blood Mary bar.



Deborah Mathison

Thanks to **Tom Romberg**, one of our founders and past commodores, for providing the invocation and a bit of history of our club. He reminded us that there are many types of "ships" but the "Friendships" that we develop at the Austin Yacht Club are the most important of all.

The participation of Sea Scout Ship 681 presenting the colors and the Pledge of Allegiance and our Roadrunner choir leading the National Anthem gave the gathering a nice balance of new sailors to blend with our AYC Board of Directors and at least a dozen of our Past Commodores. Even though our sailing year begins in early January, it is always fun to begin the year with a formal ceremony at our Opening Day.

We have a new addition to our Austin Yacht Club staff. **Kate Noble**, our sailing director, has found us a new assistant sailing coach in the person of **Charlie Diebolt**. Charlie comes to us as Kate did from New England where he coached at Vineyard Bay Yacht Club on Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts. He is an experienced 420 sailor and will be a great addition to our sailing program.

## Vice Commodore Report

by Molly Lewis



The 2015 AYC year has officially begun, with another great Opening Day behind us and many great opportunities to sail and socialize and serve the club ahead. A special thanks goes to **Pat Manning** for all of the behind-the-scenes work she did to make Opening Day such a special event – from planning the menu to ordering all of the food, to masterminding

the décor, she was, once again, the energy behind what proved to be a superb Opening Day, with delicious food, amazing drinks, a nice ceremony, and even some sailboat racing for those patient enough to wait it out and participate in Spring Series Race #1.

Thanks also go to all the others who helped prepare for, organize, and run Opening Day 2015: **Doug Casey** and all the volunteers who came out for the club workday to plant flowers, trim shrubs, repair drives, and spruce up the grounds; **John and Claudia Bartlett** who once again generously treated the club to their fabulous Bloody Marys; **Deborah Matheson** for her photo documentation of the event; **Susie McDonald**, **Carolyn Wilsford**, **Norma Lien**, **Margo Bower**, **Colleen Taylor**, **Carol Frick**, **Tiffany Bennett** and **Annie Frey** for decorating the clubhouse, serving the food and mimosas, and cleaning up after the event; our Master of Ceremony **Barry Bowden**; and ceremony participants **Tom Romberg**, **Sea Scouts Ship 681**, **Calin Popescu**, and of course, **the Roadrunners Van Trapp** leading us in the national anthem.

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And last but not at all least, thanks once again to our wonderful staff **Jackie Wheelless, Tom Cunningham, Kate Noble, and Charlie Diebolt**. We couldn't do any of this without y'all!

In addition to the Spring Series races, racing opportunities on the horizon include **Fred Schroth's** always incredible Easter Laser Regatta on April 4 and 5 and the Chapparal del Mar Regatta hosted by the Ensign fleet and combined with the Spring End of Series race on April 19. Plans are also gearing up for a great Turnback Regatta and party on Memorial Day weekend, May 23 and 24! Make plans to be a part of the fun!

## Harbor Report

by Wade Bingaman



With warm weather and our prime sailing season approaching many of you may be thinking about boats, as in buying one. There certainly seem to be some good deals out there, and I can understand you taking advantage of that. However remember if you intend to store that boat at AYC there are several Club Rules that apply.

Now is a good time to review some of those:

Harbor Rule 14 limits a member to one wet slip.

HR 18 states that a slip assigned to a member is non-transferable and not for sub-lease. When a boat is sold, the slip does NOT go with it. Any slip assignment must be made through the normal progression of the waiting list.

HR 17 even prevents loaning your slip without the Harbor Commander's prior approval.

HR 18 also requires you to notify the club in writing if there is any change in ownership of a boat stored at the club.

HR 21 confirms that any boat storage at the club must be with the knowledge and approval of the Harbor Commander.

As you can see these rules are specific and can make it difficult for a new owner to initially store his boat at the club. I realize this and try to be as flexible as possible to give members adequate time to arrange for proper storage. However the Harbor Committee intends to follow the Club's Harbor Rules without favoritism. In my opinion, nothing can turn off a new member quicker than thinking the rules are applied unfairly.

I strongly suggest that if you are thinking of buying or selling a boat, you review the Club's Harbor Rules **IN ADVANCE**. Give me a call if you have a question. A little planning will help both you and the club.



Christopher Hammel



Jacob Wheat



Heidi Schuttger

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Photos by Deborah Mathison



Edwin Marty



Amanda Casey



Cindy and Travis Loseke



Diane and Mark Covert

# Race Commander Report

by Ed Taylor



It's good to be back after a long Caribbean race series. The Eastern Trade winds never developed thru the Windward Passage to Jamaica and after an 875 mile beat and many broken sails and sailors this is one offshore race that will remain with me forever.

Great turnout for the Frostbite Series with 51 boats entered and completed in at least one race, results are complete. Awards are being completed and as soon as they are received, we will hand them out.

A really great time during Opening Day with Past Commodores and board members looking sharp in their yacht club uniforms. After a short delay the PHRF A Race Committee managed to get off two races in clearing conditions. Thank you for all those attending the day's racing and Race Committee members.

As most have seen from the Spring Series Sailing Instructions and beginning this year the Permanent Race Committee has introduced five new changes that have been added to all club racing.

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

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

Experience from Opening Day showed two issues still remain with some sailors not understanding the Check-In process and the definition of Obstruction.

## Race Logistics

All Race Committee members need to review the Handbook and Worksheets and put them to use during your fleet's duty. These are excellent tools to consider.

New Course Cards are available on the web and at the club. Make sure you have the latest March 2015 revision and remove old versions from your boat.

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

Electronic on-the-water scoring using iYachtCalc continues to be a work in progress.

# Sail Training Report

by Eric Rochard



## Junior Program

AYC will have a similar schedule to last year – the Wednesday evening advanced practice has already started for our Optimist levels II and III. We have hired an assistant coach, **Charlie Diebolt**. Charlie has his US Sailing level one and was a summer coach at Vineyard Haven Yacht Club. Charlie has been racing Optimist and C420. His experience in double-handed will be greatly appreciated as our High School program will start this spring, (Wednesday afternoons).

The AYC Roadrunner fleet is organizing two-day clinics for advanced optimist sailors. **Kiel Killeen** is coming from Dallas to coach the young sailors. There has been a regular group of a dozen sailors attending each week-end and the extended practices are instrumental to improve the levels of AYC Optimist level II and level II.

## Free Sail Sunday

There is a strong request for parent/children activities. AYC is providing this opportunity with "Free Sail Sunday". However "Free Sail Sunday" is not "trash your boat", no battle/fun capsizes and other activities damaging the equipment. The Sail Training Director has provided guidelines for safe Sunday afternoon sailing. Free Sail Sunday will be suspended during summer camp to provide staff a well deserved break.

## ASA Clinics

The calendar is now on the AYC website. Thanks to **Kate and Jackie** registration are now online on AYC website. For more details contact **Captain Harry!**

## Adult Clinics

We were not able to schedule all clinics in 2014. With the sail training committee and the LRP Members we reviewed last year's clinics and drafted the plan for this year:

**Scott Young's** Start Clinic on FJ (~28 attendees in 2014) took place on March 15, and was dedicated to keelboats, with a special start for the J22 / J24 fleets. The second advanced clinic will be the "Speed and Trim" clinic with the guest speaker **John Bartlett**.

The Women's Clinic was full on both sessions. The Mother's Day Saturday was very well appreciated and we will repeat those two sessions this year.

The 1st Cruise Clinic was extremely successful; however, the 2nd session was cancelled. The feedback was that the price structure was not correct. **Bill Records** will chair the 2015 Cruise Clinics and adjust accordingly.

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For the CenterBoard clinic, feedback indicated the need for a series of practices rather than a one-day clinic.

FJ adult sail training will be scheduled this spring based on the Junior's practice model. Registration will be by series of four sessions. Price is \$25 per evening for non member and \$15 for member. This practice will be a good feeder for the FJ summer series.

## Sailing Director Report

by Kate Noble



AYC has hired a new Assistant Coach, **Charlie Diebold!** Charlie is from Connecticut and has a background in Opti and 420 sailing. Charlie is a US Sailing certified Level 1 Instructor and has experience coaching at Vineyard Haven Yacht Club in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. I am thrilled to welcome Charlie to AYC and our Junior Sailing Program!

### Adult Sailing Program

Our Spring Adult Training calendar is coming together. Our first clinic of the 2015 season was a Start Clinic with **Scott Young** March 14. Details are still being finalized for a Learn to Sail and Trim/Spinnaker Clinic in April – dates coming soon! Mark your May calendars for our popular Women's Sailing Clinic on May 9 and a Cruise Clinic on May 16.

Austin Yacht Club will be hosting a US Sailing Level 1 Smallboat Instructor course with Instructor Trainer **Steve Gay** on two consecutive weekends: April 18-19 and April 25-26. Candidates must be 16 years of age by the end of this calendar year. More information about US Sailing's certification programs and course registration is available at [ussailing.org](http://ussailing.org) or please feel free to contact me!

### Junior Sailing Program

We hosted a Junior Sailing Program Info Session & Pizza Party on Friday,

February 20 to share details about the upcoming season. There was a great turnout from both active program participants and potential new members. The Spring Season of the Junior Sailing Program kicked off Opening Day weekend; however we are still accepting registrations. More information about our program and registration for the Spring Season is available on the AYC website. The 2015 practice and fee schedule is shown below.

### Youth Racing News

In past years, our AYC juniors have had their own course as part of the Opening Day Regatta. The return of the Spring Series to Opening Day gave us an opportunity to try something new and different for our juniors. Our first-ever Junior Un-Regatta was open to all AYC junior sailors (non-racers welcome!) and put the focus back on FUN! The rain and cool temps couldn't stop our six FJs from getting out on the water! We ran four unconventional races. For our first race, our competitors sailed upwind, rounded the windward mark and then sailed backward through the line to finish. Next up was a relay windward-finish race, a slalom race, and another team race in which each team followed-the-leader in a "snake-duel." Congrats to our first place team who took home water-gun trophies: **Tony Slowik, James Brock and Nicholas Carew**. A trophy was also awarded to our competitor who had the "most fun" and exhibited a tremendous amount of sportsmanship – congrats to **Nicole Prado!** Thank you to **Coach Charlie** for running Race Committee and to our volunteers **Steve Sanderson, Kirby Aitwell, and Nick Denby!** Our junior sailors (and adult helpers!) had a blast. We look forward to putting on another Un-Regatta this summer when things warm up.

On the more competitive side of things, **Tony Slowik** joined his international team for USNTDT practice in Florida Feb 13-18. AYC will be cheering Tony on when he travels to Holland in April for the Magic Marine International Easter Optimist Regatta.

The first Texas Sailing Association Youth Circuit regatta of the season was Feb. 28 & March 1 at Lakewood Yacht Club.

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

\* \$30 BYO boat discount

\*\* \$15 BYO boat discount



13 AYC sailors made the trip: **Spencer LeGrande and Ben Froelich in Laser Radials, Katie Froelich in Opti Green Fleet, Lucy Brock, Ethan Froelich, Wendi Froelich, Julius Heitkoetter, Tony Slowik and Alex Tita in Opti Blue, Marcus Tita in Opti Red and James Brock, Nicholas Carew, and Fiona Froelich in Opti White. Special congrats to James Brock who placed 2nd in White Fleet!**

March will be a busy month for our traveling AYC juniors! Next up is the TSA Spring Fling Regatta at LCYC March 14-15, USODA Gulf Coast Champs in Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi March 20-22, and the TSA Rock the Rock Regatta at CSC March 28-29. Good luck on the road, Roadrunners!

Full results for the Texas Sailing Association Youth Circuit and the 2015 schedule are available at <http://txsail.org/>

## Summer Programs

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

AYC is now **HIRING** seasonal instructors for the 2015 Junior Sailing Camp. Interested applicants should contact me at [kate@austinyachtclub.net](mailto:kate@austinyachtclub.net) or (512) 266-1336.

## SPOTLIGHT ON FREE SAIL SUNDAY

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

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



## AYC Roadrunners Compete at TSA Junior Regatta on Lake Canyon



Photos by Bill Records



# AUSTIN YACHT CLUB

## Junior Sailing Camp

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

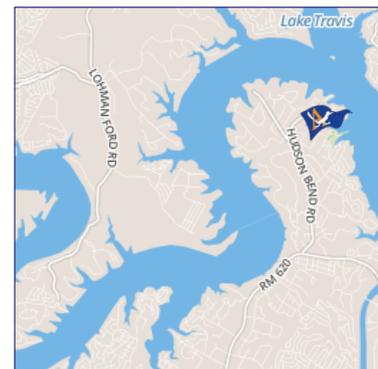


	Dates	Member	Non-Member
1	June 8-12	\$395	\$480
2	June 15-19	\$395	\$480
3	June 22-26	\$395	\$480
4	July 6-10	\$395	\$480
5	July 13-17	\$395	\$480
6	July 20-24	\$395	\$480

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



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# AUSTIN YACHT CLUB

## PBJ Summer Sailing Series

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

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

**ayc members: \$65.00**  
**non-members: \$100.00**



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# OPENING DAY 2015



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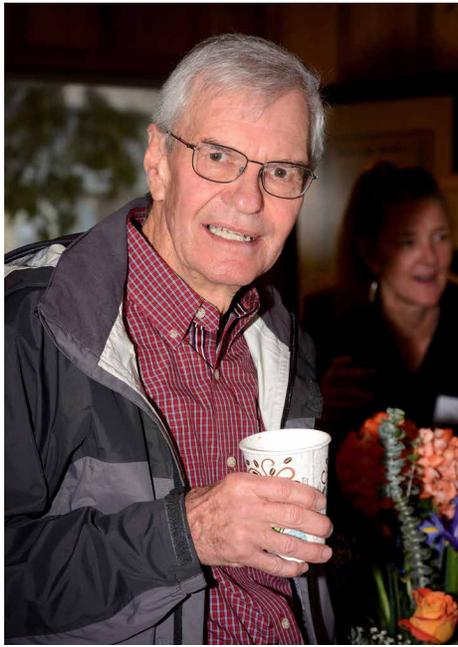


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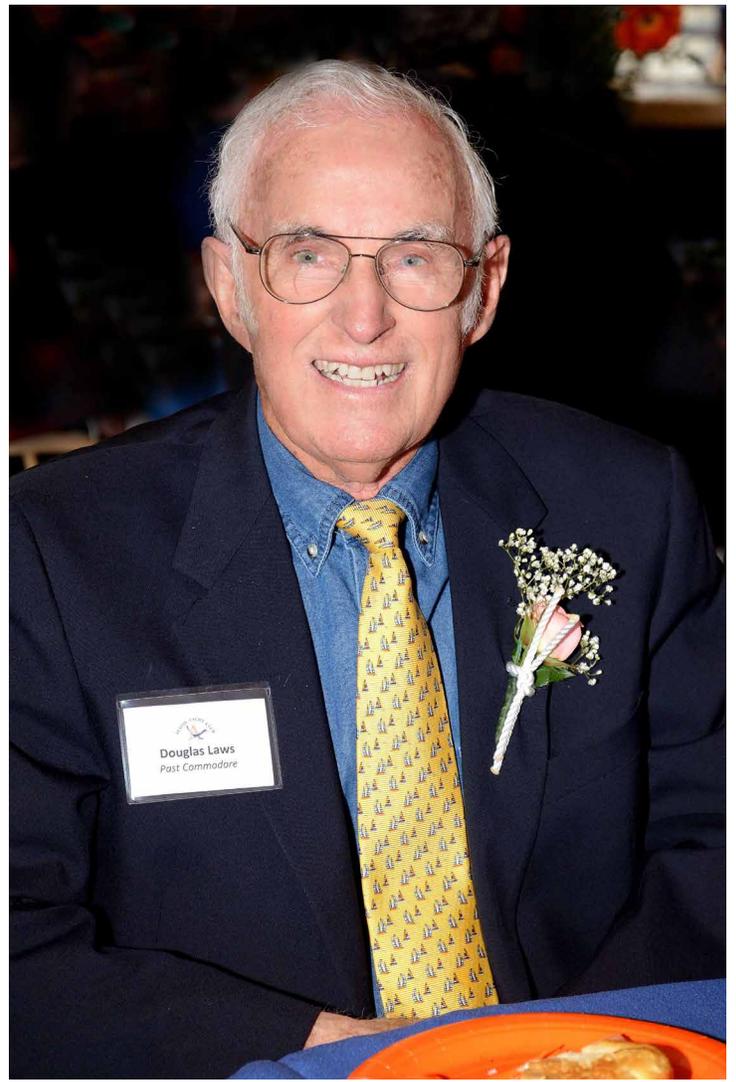
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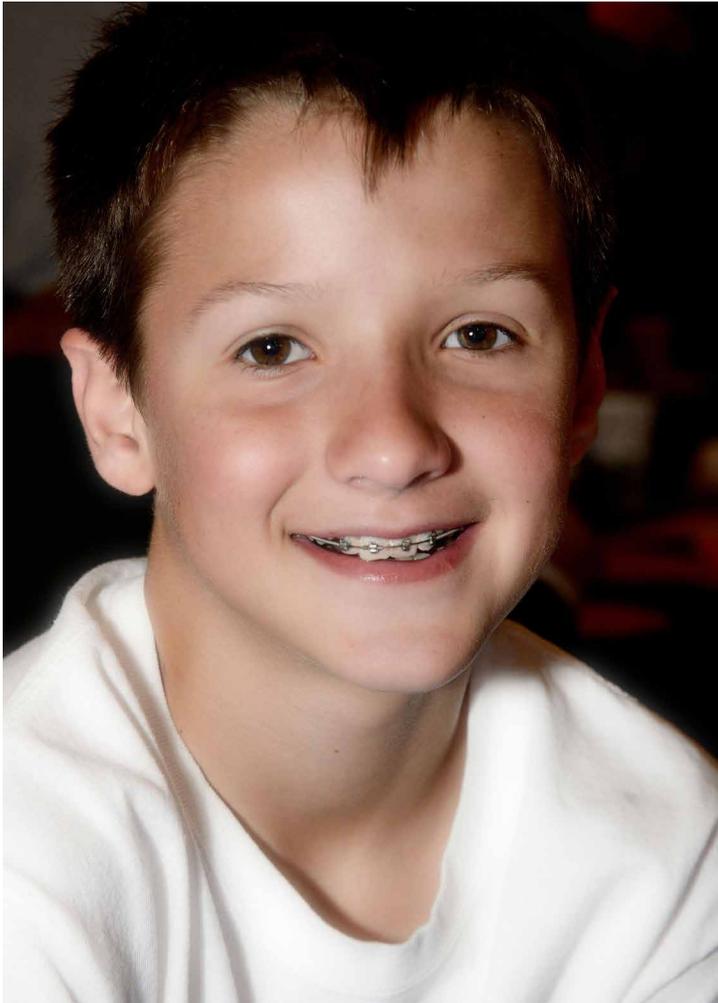
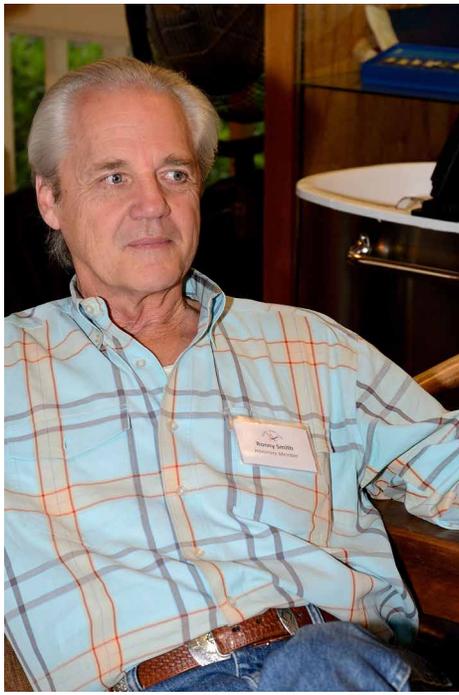
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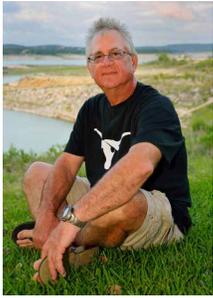


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## J22 Fleet Update

by Bob Mathison



Wow, it's March already and we're off to a great year of sailing.

The year got started with a wild Red Eye Regatta that saw three J22 skippers brave the high and shifting winds. **Steve Brown**, along with **John Saunders**, finished third in PHRF-B, followed by **Dwight Christopher** and crew in sixth. **Bruce Uphaus** successfully executed a "man overboard" drill along



with crew **Bill Mitchell**, leaving **Lynna Holland** at the helm to sort things out. I'm happy to report that the only loss for the day was the spinnaker and its pole! Good call, race committee, for requiring life jackets.

The Frostbite Series was just as exciting with eight boats competing including **Jerry Clifford** on his new boat "Short Fuse." We sailed long-distance courses and there were lots of great races, some decided early on, but many were not decided until the very end. This series was a great example of how our fleet is improving overall with competitive starts and good tactics. With four races scored, **Renee Ruais** returned from her ventures to frozen Minnesota to claim first place, followed by **Tony Slowik** in second and **Bob Mathison** in third. **Pierre-Louis Bossart** sailed into fourth followed by **John Saunders**, **Bruce Uphaus**, **Gordon Miller** and **Jerry Clifford**.

The Spring Series is just underway and the cold, rainy weather, along with out-of-town business trips (read "Renee"), kept our fleet participants down to four. **John Halter** and his crew, **Ted Smith** and **Brad Hista**, are back; after two fine starts and sailing the "pressure side" of the lake, they celebrated with two bullets! **Linda McDavitt** was back with crew of **Bruce Uphaus** and showed off her light air skills by sailing to two second-place finishes. Although I made two very good starts with the help of wife **Deborah** and foredeck **Lynna Holland**, I learned a valuable lesson – don't start surrounded by J24s, they inhale any and all available air! When all was said and done we managed to sail our way back to two thirds. **Jerry Clifford** and his new crew are working out the kinks and had some good moments bringing up the rear; I don't expect they'll be there much longer!

We're looking forward to hosting the first J22 Circuit Stop of 2015 at AYC on March 21 and 22, and as of this writing there are nine AYC skippers

registered to compete – **John Halter (Project Mayhem)**, **Linda McDavitt (Bonfire)**, **Bruce Uphaus (Riff Raff)**, **Ken Taylor (Frankly Scarlet)**, **Bob Mathison ((401(J))**, **Jerry Clifford (Short Fuse)**, **Gordon Miller (Caledonia)**, **Terry Schertz (Liten' Up!)**, and **Patrick Nelson (Slopoke!)** **Pierre-Louis Bossart (Flying J)** just indicated he plans to register so we should have a great turnout!

See you on the water!

## J24 Fleet Update

by Dave Broadway

Opening Day unfolded with what looked like a no wind day! However, after many had left the club following the festivities, the postpone signal was dropped and several fleets scrambled for the fun. The breeze was decent for RTB race #1 and was dying for race #2. **Amanda Casey**, loaded up with hired guns, helmed two impressive 2nd place finishes! **John and Meiling Parker's** Chupacabra team stormed back in race #2 for the bullet to create a 3 way tie for 1st place to kick off the Spring Series. **Chris Hammel (Mizzmo)** and **Brandon Fury (Jolly Bevo 1, Univ. of TX Sailing Club)** got their crews up to speed for the upcoming J/24 Texas Circuit Regatta opener at GBCA on March 21-22. This is going to be one very active fleet and a tight, competitive season!

What an amazing influx of fresh, young talent in the fleet! **Amanda Casey** will be jumping into the Circuit fray in her first season! **Chris Hammel** has a Circuit year under the belt at the helm of Jolly Bevo 1. Chris has transitioned to his new Mizzmo ride and handed over the JB1 reigns to



Courtesy Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás

**Brandon Fury**, now at the helm of the UTSC entry. We may have to wait a while for Trash Talk-fician **Brayton Mager** to buy his own J/24. For the time being, he utilized his formidable skills to lead the Superman team to 1st place in the AYC Frostbite Series.

While it appears there will be at least six regular J/24s entered in the upcoming 2015 J/24 Texas Circuit Regatta season, there is an undercurrent about more racing

at the next level. As mentioned in the Jan/Feb issue, **Natalie Penner/Bob Harden's** Giggle's team will race the 2015 J/24 US Nationals at Berkeley YC on San Francisco Bay in May. Now it appears there may be another AYC entry, possibly two, forming for this event!

The AYC work area was buzzing last weekend with **Stu Juengst's** entire Vang Go team readying the ride for the upcoming GBCA road trip. **John Parker** revamped yet another J/24 trailer with new axles. He and **Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás** continue to grow the fleet. Their efforts help to expand the UTSC involvement at AYC beyond anything envisioned when the UTSC initially became part of AYC!

## Keel Fleet Update

by Chris Thompson

Opening Day is always a welcome event on my calendar. Getting back to the outdoors and working on the boat are spring traditions for many of us. Mother Nature, however, likes to mess with us a bit. Or so it seems the last couple of years. Luckily, gloomy weather does not dampen the spirit of fun at AYC.

Another great kickoff event was orchestrated by the social committee. After the scrumptious brunch and **Bartlett Bloody Mary's**, many sailors chose not to brave the drizzle and light winds to sail, and used the time to socialize and plan for the sailing year.

Those sailors anxious to break out the wet gear (you crazy J boats!) had their wish though. About a dozen J22s and J24s did their two RTB races. A lone Pearson 26 helmed by new member **Owen Crouse**, was the soul PHRF boat scored on the long distance course. The newly re-organized Multi-hull A and B fleets each had a representative on the starting line, too. Thank you A Fleet for braving the sloppy day to handle RC duties. Be sure to read your SIs as there have been a few changes to the series rules.

Spring Series racing resumes 3/22 with B Fleet on RC duty. Race 3 on 3/29 has the Southcoast 21 fleet handling race responsibilities. Skip Easter Sunday (Regatta) to April 12 for Race 4 (C Fleet) and the End of Series and the Ensign's Chapparal de Mar Regatta on 4/19 (MH).

Keel Fleet Captain **Hector Lujan** manned the signup table at Opening Day with some giveaways and margaritas and increased our membership by 13. Welcome to the Keel Handicap Fleet!

Beer Can Races and dinners will begin on April 17 and continue weekly through September 11. The traditional menu of burgers, brats, and fixings will be available for the same prices. To clarify the new guidelines outlined last month, the option to cancel due to low turnout (less than five boats) is at the discretion of the cooks for that day and not a "hard" rule. Volunteer cooks and helpers are always welcome – contact myself or Fleet Captain **Hector Lujan** ([KHF-admin@austinyachtclu.net](mailto:KHF-admin@austinyachtclu.net)) if you are interested.

The Keel Fleet Championship rules are being finalized as this comes to press. Series races and the remaining two Keel Fleet Regattas will be used to determine an overall winner for 2015 handicap racing. Details will be published prior to the next series race.

On the water race scoring is being championed by **Steve Vaughn**, who has hooked up with an app developer to try and get a simple to use system that will fit our needs. Anyone who has done any hardware or software integration knows that it is easy to say but not always so easy to do. The first test of the data processing from Spring race 1 went pretty well.

See you at the club!

## Keel Fleet Captain's Corner

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

by Hector Lujan

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

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

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

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

Fleet and friends are welcome to join.

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## C Fleet Update

by Bill Records



On February 21 the Race Committee conducted a seminar on race management and C Fleet was well represented. These classes are very important for new racers as well those more experienced, since the rules are frequently altered. C Fleet's first race committee assignment will be April 12, so mark your calendar and start preparing early. If you don't have a current rule book (2013-2016) you can buy one in the AYC office. If you are not currently a member of US Sailing, join now and they will send you one with your membership card. US Sailing is a great organization for anyone who loves to sail and a portion of your dues goes to sailing education programs around the country. For more info go to <http://ussailing.org/>.

There hasn't been much racing since the last update. The Frostbite Series ended with a whimper, the last race abandoned for lack of wind. The Spring Series, my favorite, started, sort of! Opening Day began with cold drizzle and no wind. After a postponement, a small group of intrepid sailors, braving nasty weather, left the harbor. Only two C Fleeters joined the exodus, **John Durfor and Owen Crouse**, but John did not reach the starting area in time and turned back. This left only Owen to sail the course and win! Hopefully the weather will improve and Owen will have company for the rest of the series.



## B Fleet Update

by Jim Johnstone



Some Observations:

I need your help for committee duty on March 22, call me.

There are currently 30 plus boats eligible to sail in the B fleet. Only 4 to 6 show up on race days. If you have not been out in a while come on down! Let's remove some of the more often heard excuses for not sailing:

1. I don't have crew – Well did you ask for crew? There are plenty of new members, junior sailors and UT sailors who would like to crew for you. Send me a note and I will help you find crew.
2. I do not have a spinnaker or forgot how to use it, or the dog ate my spinnaker sheets – Under the new format, you do not need to fly a spinnaker in B fleet, simply announce you are going non spinnaker as you sail by the RC boat to check in. This is like those "clothing optional" beaches you have read about. Spinnakers are optional.
3. My (boat) bottom is dirty – 3 solutions: i) Clean it yourself; ii) hire someone else to clean it; iii) race anyway. Most boats in our fleet do not have clean bottoms, you will fit right in.
4. My sails are shot – **John Bartlett** can do miracles with old sails. He has the equivalent of sail duct tape that can fix anything. My old jib sail is about 90% duct tape.
5. My boat is a mess – The juniors can clean it for you. See their ad elsewhere in the Telltale. They swarm over your boat like ants and then they disappear along with all the dirt and grime on your boat. They are also environmentally friendly because they plan to be alive in this world for a long time and don't want to mess it up
6. My rigging is a mess – Go to Winkler's hardware on FM 620, ask for Chuck.
7. I forgot how to sail – Get a junior on board. They know all the rules and how to read the wind. They will refresh your sailing skills and re energize you with infectious enthusiasm.
8. I gave up sailing for Lent – Really? See you April 12 then.
9. I don't know where the shallow spots are – follow someone else, preferably someone that draws more water than you. Like a San Juan 7.7 with a deep keel.

The B fleet is getting pretty good at Port Tack starts. Some of us don't want to start on port but sometimes things just work out that way. So far, no collisions and minimal yelling.

There was no race for B fleet on Opening day. We are all tied for first place.

# 2015 KEEL FLEET CHAMPIONSHIP

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING RACES

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

# Ensign Fleet Update

by Bill Hawk

There has not been much sailing news recently, as the fleet drifted through the Frostbite Series waiting for the wind to blow or the weather to warm up. To keep ourselves occupied, Fleet Captain **Fred Ford** began a discussion on the fleet mailing list about our boats' names – why each boat is named what it is, and how the name came about.

A few of the interesting stories:

**Fred Ford** – “Since hauling *September* out I have had several people ask me why the name September. For many of us boats are personal and in the Navy, ships are often thought of as having a personality . . . sometimes with affection and sometimes not so affectionate. As some of you already know, September gets her name from the song “September of My Years” made famous by Frank Sinatra. The song is her story.”

**David Morley** – “The story of the name *Abaco* for Ensign #739 is quite simple; it is the island in the Bahamas where **Anne** and I spent our honeymoon.”

**Elliott Bray** – “#810 has had several names that I know of, *Chaparral* and *Avalon* being among them. While I haven't normally changed boat names, **Doug Laws** and I decided to devise a new one. I suggested *IONI* (pronounced EE Oh Knee), roughly Italian for “The Grandfathers” but Doug declined. Since we are both in the PRIME of life and having a great TIME, you know what 810 was named.”

**Doug Laws** – “We wanted something new and different. We finally agreed on *PRIME TIME* because that described where we are in our life cycle. It is also Prime Time when you are our sailing on a sunny, windy day.”

**Randolph Bertin** – “*Festina Lente* is a Latin adage which translates into “Make Haste Slowly”. It was adopted as a motto by the emperor Augustus Caesar, as well as the Medici Family. It was also used by the famed 15th century Venetian printer, Aldus Manutius. Well, at least he is famed among printing circles. The phrase has sometimes been illustrated with a dolphin entwined around an anchor. For a description of the meaning, I will quote the Renaissance scholar Erasmus, who included it in his collection of Adages and proverbs: “The right timing and the right degree, governed alike by vigilance and patience, so that nothing regrettable is done through haste, and nothing left undone through sloth.” Given my interest in the history of printing, the nautical motif, and the fact that in an Ensign, I would be trying to make haste on the water, but doing so at a rather slow speed, the name seemed appropriate. Now if only I could make a little more haste a little less slowly . . .”

**Lewis Price** – “*Dos Locos* is named such because my dad, **Cliff Price**, and former co-owner, **Tommy Kozlowski**, while acting normal on shore, became certified crazy while on the race course.”

**Jonathan Baker** – “*J. Seagull* boat name came about because of me. My dad, Jim Baker, decided a larger boat would be required for his growing family, and there was popular book in 1973 titled “Jonathan Livingston Seagull”, written by Richard Bach. The book is a fable about a seagull

learning about life and flight. The name was a match so the boat became the Jonathan Seagull.”

**Danny Lien** – “*Gravy Boat* or *Gravy* comes from two related sources. Some of us may have heard the expressions, “It's gravy” or “It's gravy from here on out”... or similar phrases. Hence the name. The other original derivation comes from past names of #578 and #588. **Tom Groll** was at a Houston Regionals Regatta and was asked to register the name of his boat (this is the story as told to me by Tom). He was at the HYC Grill looking at the food menu, and decided to register his boat as the *Medley of Vegetables*. To add to the theme, **George and Frans Dahmen** called their boat *Beef Tenderloins*, as I recall. Both boats sailed under those names at various times. To add to the mix, we named our boat Gravy.”

**Kelly Hawk** – “When we bought #1414 she was named *Wintergreen*, a good name but the original one from when it was sailed in Connecticut and hardly (we felt) fitting for Texas summer sailing. Given the hull and deck color, and our wish to give her a Texas theme, we decided on the *Prickly Pear*, purposely misspelled to refer to her new owners (OK, at least one of them) as the *Prickly Pair*. We had parked her in the work area, stern towards the club gate, had printed out a stencil with the name in a script font, had taped and scratched the outline of the name on the stern, and were painting the script when our son **Will Hawk** (2 years old at the time) wandered off from playing at my feet. I put down the paintbrush and followed after Will, but noticed that several cars which came in the gate suddenly slowed down to a crawl while the driver and passengers studied the stern of our boat. This puzzled me until I walked around to the back and looked at my handiwork – I had begun well, but had not gotten to the “L” and “Y” in Prickly yet! To this day we laugh about what those members must have thought we were going to name our new Ensign.”

## Important Fleet News

The Ensign fleet will again host the Chaparral de Mar Regatta this year. The Regatta takes place during the final weekend of the Spring Series. Regatta contestants will skipper all Ensigns. In order to compete, a skipper must be 75 or older and must be a current or former AYC member or the parent of an AYC member. The Ensign Fleet will make their boats available to qualified skippers, complete with crew and fully rigged, ready to sail. If you are interested in sailing or know someone who is interested, please contact Danny Lien ([dannyrlien@gmail.com](mailto:dannyrlien@gmail.com)) or Lewis Price ([lprice00@hotmail.com](mailto:lprice00@hotmail.com)).

## Catalina 22 Fleet Update

by Steve Pervier

Hello, Fleet 69! In the two weeks before this was written (early March) we have not seen a normal high temperature, and many days have been below January normals. But now, as you read this, meteorological Spring is well underway. So are our plans to get a good Catalina 22 Fleet out on the water for the Summer Series, which starts May 3 at Austin Yacht Club.

Before the series, we should have a fleet work day. This is not an official event, and it does not require a Facilities Use Request, but we will try to organize a time for C22 sailors to collect and get their boats ready to race. Some things to check will be outboards with fresh fuel, running rigging in order, and safety gear such as PFDs on board as required. If anyone needs extra help, please contact me and I will try to help you find what you need.

Some fleet members have expressed interest in coaching any in our fleet who need a tune-up of their racing skills. This could be by providing a crew slot on a winning boat – or by top skippers or crew going along for a race on boats that could use their talent. This could happen now, during the remaining Spring Series dates. It could also work in any race when a winning boat is not in the hunt for a trophy position (like when they have to miss other races in a series). Anyone interested in assistance, please contact me or ask a winning skipper if they might help.

Another way to build skills is for our fleet to hold a day of practice starts. If you observe the UT team or Roadrunners doing this kind of practice, you can see how much sharper the fleet becomes at picking the favored end of the line and timing their approach with good speed and position. You can also watch the various fleets as they start, and see which ones cross the line soon after their start signal, with several boats contending for the lead.

OK, check your calendar and plan to be racing with us for Summer Series (5/3, 17, 31, 6/7, 14) as spring develops. Now is the time to get ready, and to enjoy those first warmer sailing days. I look forward to talking with all of you, so catch me at AYC or call me (see the online AYC member directory) to talk Catalina 22 racing and other sailing topics. See you on the water!

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## Ray & Sandra's Sailing Adventure

by Ray Shull

When Sandra and I were in Nassau helping with Race Committee for the Star Sailing League World Championship, we met several people involved in sailing and sailboat racing. One of the people we met was **Sharon Bourke**, who is the current Race Committee Chair for the Coral Reef Yacht Club. She invited us to contact her if we were ever in the Miami area in the future and we wanted to become involved in sailboat racing there. A few weeks ago, when we returned to our boat in Hollywood (just north of Miami), I noticed that a major regatta, the Bacardi Miami Sailing Week which included the Bacardi Cup, was to be held March 2 through 7 at Coral Reef Yacht Club. I contacted Sharon and volunteered to help with the race committee for the regatta. She contacted the regatta Principal Race Officer, who then contacted me and included me in the event.

The Bacardi Cup Regatta is in its 88th year of competition and is the only Regatta that is still being sailed in the US but that originated in Cuba. It may also be the longest continuous running One Design Regatta in existence, with it being competed in Stars since its founding in the 1920s. It was created in Havana, Cuba and was sponsored by Bacardi Rum, which originated in that country. When the Cuban political climate changed considerably in the 1960s, the regatta was moved to the United States and became an event hosted by the Coral Reef Yacht Club. The regatta was then included as part of the expanded Bacardi Miami Sailing Week several years ago as one of the competing classes. Stars still are the only class that compete however for the Bacardi Cup Trophy. Other classes that competed in the Sailing Week events were the J 70, VX One, Viper 640, and M32 Catamarans. Nearly 200 boats sailed in Biscayne Bay in this one-design only event.

Coral Reef Yacht Club is located in one of the most sailing friendly areas that I've ever visited. Within a mile or so along Bayshore Drive on the bay are the US Olympic Sailing Center, the Coral Reef Yacht Club, the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, the Shake A Leg Sailing Foundation, the Coconut Grove Sailing Club, and Dinner Key Marina (the largest marina in Florida). This area is located next to one of the best sailing venues I've ever seen, and is paired with some of the best sailing facilities that are available to utilize these great sailing conditions.

The Coral Reef Yacht Club has hosted a number of world and national championships including the Star Worlds, Melges 24 Worlds, the 2012 Volvo Ocean Race, and numerous US National Championships. It's premier annual Regatta is probably the Bacardi Cup and associated Bacardi Miami Sailing Week. Coral Reef has a permanent race committee of about thirty members that provide the race management for these events. They have a great deal of major regatta management expertise within these members.

I was invited to help with race committee in the Bacardi Cup Star race course, which included 57 of these boats from over ten countries. Several Olympic medalists, several World Champions in several classes,

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and numerous National Champions were among the 114 sailors that participated. Among the favorites were **Torben Grael** – two time Olympic Medalist in the Star, **Mark Reynolds** – US Olympic Medalist in the Star, **Paul Cayard** – former Star World Champion, **Augie Diaz** – former Star World Champion and local favorite, **Lars Grael** – last year’s Bacardi Cup winner and twice Olympic medalist in the Tornado, and other national Star champions from Germany, Argentina, Brazil, Switzerland, Canada, Croatia, Ukraine, and Sweden.

I participated in helping with several positions on the race committee during the week. This included rescue boat (where we towed in two Stars with broken rigs), windward mark boat, and leeward mark boat. I think I liked the leeward mark boat the best. From there we were able to watch the start from just leeward of the fleet and then set up the leeward gate marks while the fleet sailed upwind. We then anchored just to leeward of the gate as the fleet approached, which gave us a great viewing point as the fleet converged and they executed jibes, tacks, and amazingly efficient mark roundings.



Just after a start with the Miami skyline in the background

The racing took place just south of where Coral Reef YC is located. Biscayne Bay is a fairly wide, shallow bay with fairly steady winds. The first three days of racing we saw winds of 12-18 knots, with plenty of small shifts. The next two days the winds lightened up to less than 10 knots and the last day started at around ten knots and then built to over fifteen by the finish. Rarely did the wind shift more than 10 degrees, but small shifts occurred frequently. Setting marks was one of the best parts of helping with race committee. The water depth was a consistent 10-12 feet. Each mark had a counterweight attached to keep it upright, approximately 20 feet of anchor line with a little section of chain, and a small Danforth-style anchor. We would just motor to where the compass and gps indicated the mark should be located and throw the entire mark apparatus into the water. Much easier than letting out over a hundred feet (or more) of line as is usually required at Lake Travis. Moving marks was also easy. Just grab the mark, find the anchor line under it, use the line to pick up the anchor off the bottom, put the anchor in the boat or just hang onto it, drive to where the new mark should be, and toss the anchor back into the water. A great way to manage the course marks.

One of our assignments as either windward mark and leeward mark boat was also to record the competitors as they rounded each time. Thus we were able to see which boats moved up or down through the fleet at each

rounding. There were quite a few boats that would gain or lose five or so boats on each lap around the course. With the close racing and the ability of the competitors, it was easy to lose several places with a mistake, and also pass several boats with great strategy or tactics. It appeared that the boats that read the small shifts the best, maintained good boat speed, made sure they had clear air, and called the lay lines the best had the best results.



Just after a start with the Miami skyline in the background

The Star doesn’t use a spinnaker, however the rig is extremely adjustable in all points of sail. On downwind legs the sailors rake the mast forward as much as 10 or 20 degrees to help their downwind speed. They continually try to surf the relatively flat hulled boat on all waves. Jibes are fairly straightforward with just a very large main and small jib to manage. However, in the stronger winds, it is very critical to not overstress the very slender mast and the minimum diameter side stays that hold up the rig during a jibe. The boats with broken rigs all suffered their breakdowns when jibing in the higher winds.



Two overlapped boats approaching the leeward gate. They both had to jibe before rounding.

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The final race on the last day determined the winner of the Bacardi Cup. Three boats were in close contention for the lead and a couple of other boats could potentially move into the top spots with major mistakes by the other leaders. However, the leader going into the last day, the Brazilian team of **Lars Grael and Samuel Goncalves**, sailed a masterful race and finished first in that race to solidly take first place. Lars was the Brazilian Olympic medalist in 1988 and 1996 in the Tornado class and thus has a solid background in sailing. However, even more remarkable for him to win this event is that in 1998 he lost his right leg in a boating accident while racing in Brazil, when a motorboat ran over his boat and he nearly lost his life. He feared he would never sail competitively again. However, he has instead shown that he can sail at the highest level of one of the most competitive sailing classes in the world. That he has won the Bacardi Cup two years in a row is even more astounding.



Lars Grael approaching the windward mark leading the fleet in the last race

If that isn't enough for Lars to accomplish, he is currently the Brazilian National Secretary for Sport and also a member of the Brazilian Olympic Commission. With the upcoming Summer Olympics in Brazil in 2016, I'm certain that he has a huge amount of responsibilities in addition to his sailing activities. I passed him at the Coral Reef YC on Friday after the races and said hello. I congratulated him on his sailing, and he stopped and thanked me personally for helping with race committee after I identified what I was doing there at Coral Reef. Just your everyday world class nice guy.

I hope to help in additional racing activities in Biscayne Bay over the next few months. I'll let everyone at AYC know how the racing in south Florida is in these cruel winter months where the low can be as severe as 65 degrees and the water temperature is a frigid 70 degrees.

**THE WORK SPACE AREA IS BUZZING WITH ACTIVITY!** This is the time of year when everyone has the same thing on their mind ... getting that boat in optimum racing condition. As you can imagine, if you sign up for a work space pad and arrive at the club ready to work and someone's in the pad you've reserved OR there are boats in the work area that have not made reservations, well ... things can become quite confusing rather quickly. Here's a Refresher Course of the dos and don'ts of the Work Area so that everything will flow smoothly and everyone will get a chance to get their boat in racing condition:

- All boat/trailer work should be done in the Work Space Area.
- Reservations for the slab part of the work area must be made through the AYC office.
- The pad can only be reserved for three weeks at a time, after which it can be reserved for another three weeks.
- Boats parked in and around the work area are to be clearly identified with the owner's name and a phone number. Space in the work area is limited and proper identification is needed when contacting owners to move boats to prevent over-spray or to make room for others needing pad space.
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- The work area slab is only for boats that are actively being worked on.
- Boats that exceed their time limits or those failing to make a reservation with the office may be considered Improperly Stored.
- Reservations for use of the A-Frame hoist must be made through the office. The hoist can only be reserved for three days at a time, after which it can be reserved for another three days.
- Boats may remain in the dry out parking areas for a maximum of 30 days. Any boat in the dry out area for more than 30 days may be considered Improperly Stored. PLEASE NOTE – the Dry Out area is for wet slip boats only (all other boats can dry out in their dry slip).
- Clean Marina Guidelines: The Austin Yacht Club and its members follow the Clean Marina Guidelines for our work area and other environmental related marina practices. A copy of the Clean Marina Guidelines is available at the AYC office or on line at the Clean Marina website.

**Tom Cunningham and Doug Casey** are working to replace some outdated breakers in the Work Space Area. The current breakers are a bit outdated so it may take a few weeks or so before they're back up and working.

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**Annie Frey** was the Lucky Beer Bottle Winner for 2015!!! **Calin Popescu** handed her a baggie full of \$200 (in \$2 denominations!!).

### **Gate Code**

all previous codes have been pulled from the gate program and the gate code continues to change monthly. Please make note of the new gate code which is printed on your monthly statements and on the website under the Member Menu.

Keel Fleet stepped up to the plate and in the blink of an eye donated four new eight-foot tables to AYC. These tables have replaced the heavy tables in the clubhouse that have been used for years. The new tables are heavy duty, lightweight molded plastic and easy to clean. THANK YOU KEEL FLEET!!!!

### **AYC Inventory**

Opening Day turned out to be quite a March Madness Sale in the AYC office! Jackets, Caps, Laminated Course Cards and Laminated Race Signal Cards (thank you to **Bill Records** and **Walter Allan** for designing and printing!) were all flying out of the display case! There are limited supplies of the following AYC apparel left so if you want any of these items please come see me quick!!

*Soft Shell Jackets*    \$39.00

Medium – 2 Gray

Large - 2 Gray

*Fleece Jackets*        \$21.00

2XL – 1 Red

XL – 3 Red, 1 Black

Medium – 1 Black

*Fleece Vests*         \$21.00

3XL - 1 Black

2XL - 1 Black

Large - 4 Black, 2 Royal Blue

A great big THANK YOU to former Buildings & Grounds Commander **John Saunders** for the BEAUTIFUL Hyacinth bulb and the osteospermum flowers he brought to brighten up the front door of the office!! Also to the Social Committee for such a BEAUTIFUL Opening Day Brunch and the fresh cut flowers in the office!

## **Lost and Found**

A pair of reading eyeglasses were left on one of the clubhouse tables after the Opening Day Brunch. The eyeglasses are dark gray wire rimmed and the power level is +3.25. If these are yours, please call me at 512-266-1336.

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

## **Did You Know??**

The AYC trash dumpsters are for AYC generated waste ONLY. No personal or household trash should be dumped in these dumpsters.

The AYC recycling dumpster is for recyclable products ONLY (there is a list on the dumpster of items that can be recycled).

The barrel trash receptacles should not be used for bulk items (batteries, boat parts, construction waste, etc.) nor should hazardous materials (chemicals, oil, flammables, etc.) or paint cans (unless they're open and dry) be disposed of in the trash receptacles.

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Christmas Day December 25

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## AYC 2015 RACE CALENDAR

Mar 29 Spring Series #3 First Signal 1:30p RC: SC21  
Apr 4-5 Easter Laser Regatta  
Apr 12 Spring Series #4 First Signal 1:30p RC: PHRF C  
Apr 17 Beer Can Races Start  
Apr 19 Chapparral de Mar Regatta 12:30 - 6:00p  
Apr 19 Spring Series #5, EOS First Signal 1:30p RC: Multihull  
Apr 25-26 J70 Circuit Race

## AYC 2015 NON-RACING EVENTS

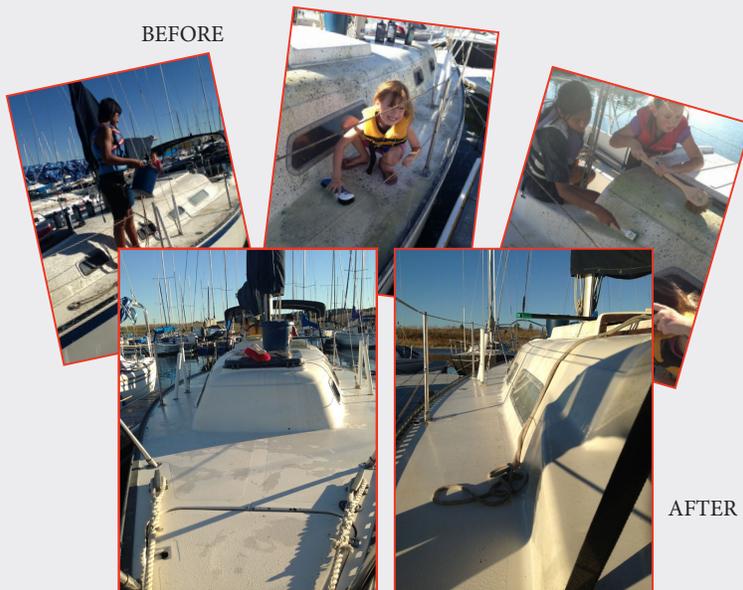
Mar 26 AYC Board of Directors Meeting 7:30p Clubhouse  
Apr 18-19, 25-26 ASA 101 Basic Keelboat Course 8:30a - 5:30p  
Apr 18-19, 25-26 US Sailing Level 1 Instructor Course

## HULL CLEANING

**Is Your Boat Dirty?**  
**Are You Too Busy To Clean It?**

The Froelich and Brock Roadrunners are working to earn money to race in the upcoming Texas Sailing Association Circuit. We clean boat hulls, and scrub and polish decks.

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AFTER

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