



Vice Commodore's Report May 23rd, 2019

For this year's Turnback Canyon Regatta, Mother Nature and Lago Vista threw us several curves, but we were able to still have a regatta with some fun racing. The Lago Fest party was scheduled on Mother's Day weekend this year, and initially this seemed to depress attendance. Several members said they were unable to sail due to Mother's Day commitments, so the regatta was planned for 30 boats, versus some 43 that attended last year's regatta. Then, Mother Nature stepped in and delivered a lot of rain in the drainage basin for the Highland Lakes chain. The lake started creeping up, and on Thursday morning before the regatta, Lago Vista called off LagoFest due to parts of the park being underwater and the electricity being turned off. The Regatta Team, led by **Co-Chair Krissy Amato** and **PRO Bob Gross** jumped into action to come up with an alternate plan, modifying in basically a day plans that had been brewing for months. A local meal for Saturday was procured (Pizza!) and some of the local AYC musicians offered to play that evening. Bob Gross donated his sound system and helped re-write the Sailing Instructions at the last minute to allow for racing in the basin, and close to AYC, as Thunderstorms were forecast for Saturday Morning. Surprisingly, or not, we had six extra boats sign up for the regatta once the decision was made to not sail down the lake.

Mother Nature did not disappoint. Some time after the first start on Saturday, a line of thunderstorms rolled in, causing the race to be abandoned and postponed ashore. Unfortunately, either through miscommunication or mis-understanding, several competitors thought the racing was done for the day and left, effectively ending their regatta. However, the storms passed and the Race Committee got the fleet back out for a short but fun race that afternoon! Pizza and beer was enjoyed by the crowd that evening, and there was even some karaoke thanks to the Junior Sailors!

Sunrise Sunday morning was glorious, and heralded a beautiful day for sailing. The RC sent the fleet up the lake to and past Arkansas Bend in a fresh breeze. It was a very fun day for racing.

After the Races, even on Mother's Day, **Constanze Heitkoetter**, with help from **Stephan Froelich**, **Mary Carew**, and **Markus Heitkoetter**, served up Markus Burgers for the fleet, with the proceeds benefitting our Junior Sailing at AYC.

We ended up with over 40 boats registered, including 8 Pearson 26's which sailed as a one design fleet.

Regattas cannot be successful without a lot of help, as such I would like to single out several people without whom this regatta could not have happened. **First Marilyn and Jeff Jackson**, who laid so much of the ground work before having to hand over the reins of the regatta. Next, and most importantly, **Krissy Amato**, who quietly served as Regatta Co-Chair, mostly out of sight, but without her organization

and management skills this regatta would not have happened. She wrangled the food, the t-shirts and the trophies, along with keeping me on a mission. Also **Ed Pierce** and **John Grzinich** for Web Site work. **Bob Gross** provided excellent Race Committee Leadership as the Principle Race Officer. **Karen Bogisch** for leading the registration table. **David and Anne Morley** for photography, along with **Cheryl Pervier and Marilyn Jackson**. A special thank you to **Ed Pierce**, both for Scoring and, with **Cathie Martin**, for paying it forward and donating much of what they had intended to give away at their Governor's Cup Regatta. **Nan Taylor** for moral support, food prep and serving. **Pat Manning** and her Committee for Saturday Night Dinner. And so many others, with food prep and serving, race committee and other support roles. New members showed up in droves to help and to earn their S-points, and special thank you to the existing members for training the new members in these functions so they can take them on in the future!

Another special thank you to the AYC staff, **Jackie, Tom** and **Spencer**, for their flexibility and their input during rapidly changing conditions. A big thank you to **Selema Tacos** out of Lago Vista for driving the balance of the breakfast tacos down on Sunday morning. And finally, our sponsor, Celis Beer, a local brewery who provided enough beer to get us through until Sunday lunch.

Also, a special thanks to my crew, **Krissy, Nan** and **Stephanie**, for putting up with me during this hectic time.

I don't have a final report on the budget and expenses vs. income as I had to go out of town on business immediately after the regatta and was unable to get all the expenses to Jackie until just a few days ago. As soon as we have final numbers, I will forward a financial review to the board via email. We expect savings in several areas due to not going to LagoFest, including RC Fuel, U-Haul Rental, ice expenses at the park, etc.

I will be reaching out to Lago Vista in the next month to try to insert AYC into the planning process for next year's LagoFest. They have been informed that Mother's Day weekend is less than ideal for our purposes. I will also ask them to itemize the expenses that they ask us to cover for our visit to LagoFest so that we may have a better understanding of that expense and can make a decision on how to proceed for next year. I feel that the future of this regatta may need some more discussion based on their responses.

James Bland is proceeding full-throttle with planning and preparation for the Centerboard Regatta, coming up in the fall. Looks like it is going to be a well-attended event and James has it well in hand.

Respectfully Submitted,

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