

# AUSTIN YACHT CLUB TELLTALE

May 2016



## Fair Winds and Following Seas!



Photo Bill Records

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# "GET BACK"

To

## Turnback Canyon Regatta

May 28th-29th



Austin Yacht Club's legendary regatta "gets back" to its original format sailing from the AYC to Lago Vista Saturday morning May 28<sup>th</sup> and returning Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup>. The City of Lago Vista will host the evening party with food and beverage vendors and live music from the "Eggmen" the Beatles cover band. Saturday and Sunday breakfast provided with registration. Sunday afternoon awards and Roadrunner fund raiser lunch will be held at AYC. Camping will be available at Lago Vista beach and camping gear transportation will be provided from AYC.

Registration information and form at: [www.austinyachtclub.net](http://www.austinyachtclub.net)

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## From The Commodore

by Molly Lewis



Every month when it comes time to write the TellTale article and I think about all that is going on at AYC and the exciting sailing that AYC members are doing here and beyond the Club level, I continue to consider myself very lucky to be part of this organization.

Did you know that AYC is sending a team consisting of **John Morran, Scott Young, and Doug Kern** to race in the invitational **New York Yacht Club Resolute Cup** in September?

Did you know that **Julius Heitkoetter, Ethan Froelich and Tony Slowick III** all travelled to San Francisco in April for the **Optimist Team Trials**, and that **Lucy Brock, Ethan Froelich, and Julius Heitkoetter** earned second place in early May at the **Houston Yacht Club Area F Qualifier for the Olympic path Sear's Cup**, just two points behind the current national champions?

Did you know that it's not too late to either register for or volunteer to help with the **Turnback Canyon Regatta** which will include sailing up to Lago Vista, enjoying the 2016 Lago Vista Festival, camping out overnight and sailing back the next day?

Did you know that there are **Friday night FJ adult training courses** being offered, providing a great opportunity to gear up for the **AYC Fund Fleet Challenge**, which will be coupled with the **AYC Luau on October 1**? Did you know that we are bringing back the Luau and it's not too early to think about how you want to volunteer to help?

Did you know that **Wednesday Sunfish and Laser races** have started up again? Did you know that **Friday night beer can races** are in full swing and that a **new night race series** will be added this summer? Check out the articles about all of these exciting accomplishments and plans in this TellTale. It's all good stuff.

But in addition to all the exciting news reported in this TellTale, this is also, sadly, the edition in which we bid a fond farewell to **Kate Noble**, who has served as AYC's sailing director since 2012. Since she started here as the junior coach and then moved into the Sailing Director position, Kate has been such an asset to the Club and has put her heart and soul into building a thriving junior sail training program. We are sad to see her heading back to the East Coast, where she will be closer to family and will be pursuing a great opportunity with the Eastport Yacht Club in Annapolis, but we are grateful for the strong sail training foundation she has laid here at AYC. She is leaving our program in great shape, poised for even more growth on both the junior and adult training fronts. And we are lucky that Kate helped us find and has done an excellent job mentoring **Coleman Terrell** over the last year. He is ready and excited to step into the Sailing Director position and will keep things going strong.

We are going to miss Kate, but are happy for her as she begins her next chapter and can't wait to hear the updates. And we welcome Coleman to this new role! Please remember to never to accidentally call him "Kate" and try to accept that fact that there are some aspects of Kate's charm and sweetness that it's probably not fair to expect him to replicate exactly. We know that he has a lot to offer AYC and are excited about AYC's new chapter as well.

## Harbor Report

by Joe Roddy



The recent rains have now filled the lake to slightly over capacity. As you know, we have been planning for this possibility since the beginning of the year. As such, we have been encouraging members to make sure their boats and trailers are properly marked and able to be moved if the need arises.

The LCRA has opened flood gates at both Mansfield and Tom Miller dams for a scheduled 48 hours this week. This should bring the water level down to the full stage by the end of the week. The water has come up over the point some but should recede with this release downstream. We are monitoring the level and are discouraging members in moving their boats or trailers to alternate locations within the Club grounds.

We appreciate the response to the recent letters that have been sent out regarding the proper marking of trailers and fixing of flat tires etc. In the event that more rain might make moving boats a reality this will be of help in getting this done.

If you have not labeled your trailer on both sides it will be done with the cost showing up on the next billing cycle. If your stored boat will not roll . . . we will go to the next one.

The new rails have been installed on the new stairs with some final tweaking and dock arranging to be done over the next week or so. Hopefully the weather will give us a break and we can all look forward to a smoother ride up and down to the dock. I appreciate everyone's patience with this improvement project.

The South Cove launch ramp dock improvements have been working well and will hopefully speed launching and recovery while taking some load off the North ramp on peak race days.

We are working on anchor improvements on Junior Pavilion, as well as scheduled board boat dock replacements.

Fair Winds!

# Building and Grounds Report

by Chris Thompson



The Spring Work Day #2 on May 7 was attended by a handful of dedicated fixers. In a few short hours this donut and coffee fueled brigade accomplished all of the main tasks we had set out for the day. Pizza and beer rewarded the chain gang before heading off to their personal honey-do's. Here's what we accomplished:

- The work area was cleaned up, removing old trailer bunks, the old electrical panel, and assorted unsolicited "donations" to the work space.
- The old split rail fence was removed before it rotted in place.
- A number of unruly hedges and shrubs met their match against the pruners and shears of the work party (almost like locusts).
- Screens on the cabins were repaired.
- Trees around the cabins were re-mulched (correctly).



Photos Chris Thompson

Kurt Carson "torching" some junk

- The old dock finger was removed from the point ramp, cut up and repurposed by one of the work party to serve as walkways for his shop.
- The large section of railroad ties lying at the point (some serious flotsam!) was disassembled and parts used as parking curbs in the dry out area.
- Fire ant treatment and weed & feed were spread on the main lawns.
- The rusty debris in the bottom of the gas grill was dumped (thanks Tom!!)

This approach seemed to work out well, setting a small group loose on a few tasks at a time, so I will be scheduling some more of these work parties in the near future (early in the day to beat the heat).

A priceless set of THANKS are due **Tom and Jackie**. Tom saw to it that we had everything we needed and helped identify some of the priorities, and of



John and Jeff providing AYC supervision

course Jackie is the one who keeps us all on task. We have an outstanding staff here at AYC so don't hesitate to tell them so.

In addition to the following dedicated members, I hope to see a lot of new names on my list as the year moves forward. Thanks to a great work party:

Jeff Linn	John Maddalozzo	Jeff Avant
Robert Anderson	John Howard	Erich Schwarz
Robert Cabrera	Russ Shermer	Kurt Carson

## SAVE THE DATE

### AYC FLEET CHALLENGE

The AYC Fund is pleased to announce the  
**6th ANNUAL AYC FLEET CHALLENGE**

Saturday, October 1, 2016

This year's **Fleet Challenge** will be held in conjunction with the **AYC Luau**, so plan to stay after the racing for a fun and festive evening!

**Hawaiian racing attire is encouraged!**

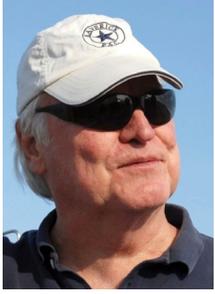
The best-dressed team will earn a throw-out.

Contact your fleet captain and start organizing your team.

The **AYC Fleet Challenge** is the annual fundraiser for the **AYC Fund** and supports numerous sail training, junior development and facility support initiatives for sailing in Central Texas.

## Sail Training Report

by Bill Records



On April 2, **Scott Young** gave his Start/Tactics talk to the Opti sailors and the interaction was great. A lot of questions were asked and answered. **Coach Coleman** followed the talk with an intensive practice concentrating on starts. Scott was impressed by the tactical knowledge that the kids possessed.

On April 9 and 10 we had another successful Roadrunner Regatta. **Jeff, Stefan, and the Roadrunner volunteers** pulled off another great regatta. We had 22 AYC kids competing, dominating the Laser and FJ fleets. This has become the favorite regatta of the TSA events.

On April 16, we had the first of three Learn to Sail Keel Clinics with 15 attendees, mostly non-members. **John Grznich** hosted the event, along with skippers **Bob Stephens, Keith Denebeim, Doug Laws, John Howard, Dave Gamble, and yours truly**. We sailed through a brief shower that let up toward the end. Most of the students requested addition sailing opportunities .

We just completed **Steve Gay's** U.S. Sailing Level 1 small boat instructor course. Five students signed up for the course and all passed. Thanks to

Steve for providing such an important part of our program.

Our Spring Women's Clinic was held on May 7 and with brisk winds, a lot of good sailing was enjoyed by everyone. We had 19 sign up with most registrants being non-members. I'm hoping more members will sign up for our clinics in the future since most of our clinics will have instruction for all skill levels. On the plus side, these clinics serve as a pipeline for new members. **Carolyn Wilsford and her staff of volunteers** did a fabulous job hosting the event. We are planning a fall Women's Clinic and **Linda McDavitt** will be home to share her big adventure with us.

As you may already know, our Sailing Director, **Kate Noble**, will be leaving us at the end of May to take a position in Annapolis, MD. Hiring her during my second year on the board turned out to be the smartest thing I did! She has been a integral part of the success of our junior program as well as adult sail training at AYC. She has performed her job exceptionally well and has taken on every task presented to her. I am already missing her and we all wish her well in the future. A decision has been made to hire Assistant Coach, **Coleman Terrell**, to be the next Sailing Director at AYC. I hope all of you will get to know him and give him your support, as he is following a pretty good act!

Don't forget to come and hear **Jim Merritt's** talk On Friday, May 27, 6-8PM. This is the night before Turnback and come on out even if you are not racing in the Regatta.



Photo Bill Records

Roadrunners who raced in the Roadrunner Regatta – largest number ever!

# Women's Clinic



Photo Bill Records



Photo Bill Records



Photo Bill Records



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Photo Cheryl Pervier



Photo Cheryl Pervier

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Photos Cheryl Pervier



## Notes from Your GM

by Jackie Wheelless



### I simply refuse to say good-bye to Kate Noble!

I think I'd rather say HELLO to Kate's new adventures! She and Gronk, her four legged companion, are heading back to the Northeast for some colder adventures and a new beginning. Kate's going to dazzle the Eastport Yacht Club and sail right into those Yankee hearts!

I'm excited for the new opportunities and challenges that await Kate. I'm also very happy for her that she'll once again be close by her family and her lifelong friends. I can't imagine how she'll get through those winters but then again, I guess she's proven just how resilient she is, she's survived the Texas summers!

Kate's been my constant sidekick for the past four years and we've been through some tricky situations together. With her by my side, we've just done what superheroes do. We've handled situations and then laughed and/or cried about them later! We even adopted a power slogan....."We've got this!" (followed by a tiny fist bump).

It's been such an honor and unforgettable experience to work so closely with Kate. I've benefited immensely from her wit, her wisdom and her easy going style, not to mention her endless creativeness.

"All good things must come to an end" is true. Although I'll miss her terribly, I'll always remember the hard work, the laughter, the problem solving, the emotional times and the constant brainstorming we've shared. What a terrific team member and friend she's been! We've downed pots and pots of coffee together and eaten pounds of chocolate! I won't forget the Thundercloud and Starbucks runs!

It's been my pleasure to watch Kate's passion with the sail training program and especially with the junior sailors. Her energy and enthusiasm are contagious! She's a true leader!!!

Kate Noble.....**THE EYES AND HEARTS OF TEXAS WILL BE WITH YOU!**



# Farewell, Kate!



*I think Kate is awesome, sweet, and knows how to be specific. She is fun to hang out with. She makes us laugh. She makes us smile and laugh while sailing. She never wants us to give up. She is a really good coach, and I have a lot of memories since I've known her for five years. I'm really going to miss her, but we will all have her in our hearts.*

*Fiona Froelich*



*Dear Kate:*

*Wishing you all the best in your future endeavors. AYC has benefited greatly from your presence and I know that Annapolis is in for a huge treat too. I wouldn't have even attempted to do the Women's Clinic without your support. Never know where we all may meet up again in this big world. Especially with sailing. Go get it, girl!*

*Carolyn Wilsford*

*Kate, I enjoyed those two years working with you, it was so rewarding to see all those new members coming through sail training programs. Enjoy the Atlantic!*

*Eric Rochard*

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# We'll Miss You!

*The Austin Yacht Club has seen such improvement in the years that Kate Noble has been our Sailing Director. We were an aging Club with a shortage of young sailors when Kate began with us. During her time at the Club, the huge increase in young sailors and younger parents, has been a great accomplishment due to her efforts. The Austin Yacht Club is now a better place with much of the credit due to Kate Noble and her smiling happy face and great people skills.*

*She will be missed, but her efforts will be felt at the Austin Yacht Club for many years to come.*

*We will miss you Kate, but you will always be remembered. Best Wishes as you travel back home. You are leaving the Austin Yacht Club in a better place than you found us. Barry Bowden*



*Before Kate arrived at AYC, we had a small handful of youth sailors participating in AYC Club sailing and some TSA racing.*

*Since Kate, the AYC sail training program has accomplished more than we anticipated, including:*

*A large and growing number of new sailors participating in weekly learn to sail and race training activities,*

*One of the largest and most successful TSA racing teams in the state,*

*Youth sailors participating in every AYC regatta, with often the largest registered fleets and,*

*New sailing activities for all members like the FJ training programs.*

*THANKS, KATE – FOR A JOB WELL DONE! WE WILL MISS YOU!*

*The Morran Family*

*Kate's friendly personality and hard work has been instrumental in the growth of AYC – from youth sailing, to women's sailing, and even to an increase in AYC membership. It's very unusual that someone so young can leave the Club such a great legacy. Thank you, Kate.*

*Wade Bingaman*



*Growing up racing on the TSA youth circuit, I raced at AYC frequently. It had nothing close to the junior program it has now. I attribute a huge amount of that growth to Kate. Kate has been one of the best bosses I've worked for and she is one of the best coaches I've worked with. I am honored and excited to follow in her footsteps, but sad to see her go.*

*Coleman Terrell*

*Whaaaaat? Kate you can't go! We're only just getting started here!! Kate, I really am deeply grateful for all you've done here. We moved back to Austin three years ago and I was depressed that there was no youth sailing. But then I found that you and AYC were trying to make it happen and it made all the difference. Now look what we've got: 14 Optis on a typical practice, 10 Lasers practicing, 16 regular traveling sailors, 10 regular national travelers, international sailors, junior fleet comprising a solid half of a Club regatta, the list goes on. You know we will be visiting you in Annapolis, and you always have a home in Austin.*

*Jeff Brock*

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*Thank you, Kate, for all you have done at Austin Yacht Club! You have been essential to our amazing Roadrunner program, helping it to grow full of talented, enthusiastic young sailors and their families. Also, thanks for being so helpful in the AYC office, especially for your help with regatta planning, such as Turnback 2015. I am glad our courses crossed, and I hope that we may meet again when you return to visit!*

*Steve and Cheryl Pervier*

*Thanks to Kate for the energy and professionalism she's brought to the sail training program. She's been great to work with, whether organizing a clinic or righting a FJ. We've been really lucky to have her, and I wish her all the best in her future career.*

*Jenny Loehlin*



*Photos Bill Records*

## Sailing Director Report

by Coleman Terrell



I know how sad everyone is to see **Kate Noble** leave for Annapolis. I am right there with y'all. However, Kate's departure has opened the door to an amazing opportunity for me. Coaching sailing is something I love to do and working at AYC for the past year has been nothing short of incredible. I am so thankful that I got to work with Kate and be a part of this awesome program. I am extremely

excited to step into the role of Sailing Director and continue coaching the kids in this Club.

For those of y'all that I haven't met yet, or if you don't know much about me, I grew up sailing just down the road at LCYC. I raced sunfish, lasers and J22s until I went to college at Texas A&M @ Galveston and there I started sailing 420s and FJs too. I've coached in Florida, California, Houston and now Austin. I really enjoy being back in the Hill Country and being a part of this program. I am currently finishing my degree in education at Concordia University here in Austin.

My office hours for the next two weeks starting May 25 will be:

Wednesday	12-4
Thursday	12-4
Friday	12-4
Sunday	9-1

Aside from those times, I'll be on the water coaching.

Starting June 6, I'll be on summer camp schedule which means I'll be on the grounds, but busy with camp and junior practice. The normal office hours will resume in August.

Please stop in and say hi!

## SAVE THE DATE

### SAIL 4 KIDS!

**Saturday, June 4, 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

AYC is hosting Sail 4 Kids on Saturday, June 4. Sail 4 Kids is an outreach program to provide children from the Baptist Children's Home a day on the water sailing. The Round Rock Kiwanis is coordinating the effort and will host a post sail picnic. AYC member, Doug Laws, is chairing the sailing portion.

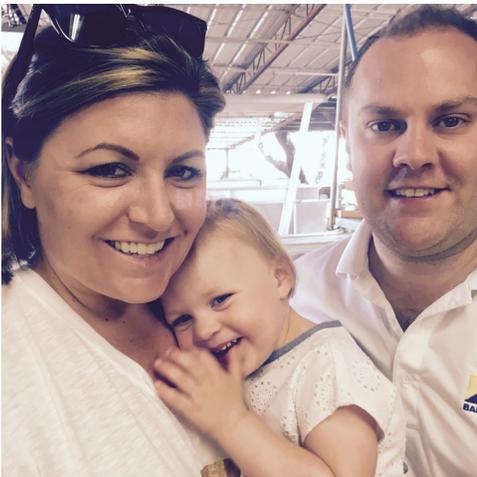
The children will have PFDs and signed liability releases. Age range is elementary through high school.

We are asking for skippers with a boat, and one or more crew, to volunteer from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 4. Sail with the children for approximately 1.5 hours ... nothing fancy, just a sail. This will be a new experience for most of them. Details about skippers' meeting to follow and boat assignments at a later date.

Please advise Fred Ford via email at [ffordf@gmail.com](mailto:ffordf@gmail.com) if you can help us with this effort and the number of children your boat can accommodate.

Thank you!

## WELCOME MAY NEW MEMBERS



Lauren Crouch *Associate*



Luke Pastureau *Junior*



Jonah Pastureau *Junior*

# Moon Burn

Open Series Regatta



Dates: June 17, July 15, Aug 19

Starts: 8:30pm, 8:30pm, 8:00pm

Location: Austin Yacht Club

Start/Finish: Mile Marker 6

Open: Non AYC boats are **VERY** welcome

Cost: \$25 for non Keel Fleet members

Includes: All races/party on Aug 19

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# CLUBS FROM ACROSS THE USA SET SIGHTS ON TOP CORINTHIAN TROPHY



NEWPORT, R.I. (April 28, 2016) — **Scott Young** has long enjoyed the plug-and-play simplicity of provided-boat regattas such as the 2016 Resolute Cup. And, apparently, the feeling is mutual. Young is a six-time winner of the Mallory Cup, one of US Sailing's oldest championships, and another regatta where participants rotate through a fleet of supplied boats.

This summer Young and longtime friends **Doug Kern** and **John Morran**, all hailing from the Austin (Texas) Yacht Club, will set their sights on what has become the Corinthian championship for U.S. Yacht Clubs, the Resolute Cup. From September 12 to 17, teams representing 30 clubs from every coast and corner of the United States will race Melges 20s and Sonars on Narragansett Bay. The top team will claim the 100-year-old silver trophy and a berth in the 2017 Rolex New York Yacht Club Invitational Cup, the premiere international Corinthian regatta. The regatta will be hosted out of the New York Yacht Club Harbour Court in Newport, R.I.

"We have a lot of races under our belt, but it's more and more difficult, as kids gets older, to be able to sail as actively as we used to," says Young, 56, a commercial real estate developer from Austin. "This event has a feel very similar to [the Mallory Cup], in that basically we can pack a bag and show up, and there's a lot of appeal to that."

While Young—a three-time All-America selection at the University of Texas—may not be sailing as much as he once was, he and his team will be one to watch. They won the Mallory Cup in 2006 and 2008. Young's also had success in Newport. Were it not for a broken rudder in the final race, he and Morran would've likely won the 2010 J/80 World Championship, held both inside Narragansett Bay and on Rhode Island Sound.

A return to Newport during the magical month of September—"we have such great memories of racing up there," he says—was another reason Young decided to rally his crew for this event. And then there's the opportunity to toot the horn of the home club.

"The club feels it was a very prestigious invite," says Young. "Our club isn't a big, fancy yacht club, but we've had a lot of good sailors come through here. Doug was on the silver medal team in the Soling class in the 1992 Olympics. I think the AYC views this as an opportunity to

show what kind of sailors we're capable of fielding." National, even international, recognition isn't a problem for the San Diego Yacht Club (at left). But the club, one of just six to win the America's Cup and the home to numerous world champion sailors, will nonetheless be sending a formidable team led by **Rick Merriman**, a college All-America selection while attending the Naval Academy, an America's Cup veteran, and a former member of the U.S. Sailing Team in the Star class.

"The Resolute Cup is attractive due to the large cross section of sailors racing," says Merriman, a commercial pilot. "From top level intercollegiate to one-design to rating-based racing, every discipline is represented, as well as all the geographic areas of the United States."

A broad diversity in the entry field, both in terms of the location and the size of the competing clubs, has been a hallmark of the Resolute Cup since the inaugural edition, then called the U.S. Qualifying Series for the New York Yacht Club Invitational Cup, in 2010.

"By expanding the field to 30 entries, we have been able to invite a full range of American sailing clubs," says **Patricia O'Donnell**, the event chair. "We can't wait to welcome back old friends from clubs such as Larchmont, Newport Harbor, Eastern and Carolina, which have raced in all three previous editions. We're also excited to see first-time entries from lesser-known sailing hotbeds such as Austin, Cleveland, Philadelphia, Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire, and Wisconsin's Lake Geneva. We anticipate an extremely competitive regatta."

The regatta is broken up into two parts. The 30 teams will be split into three divisions for two days of qualifying, sailing in both the Melges 20 and the Sonar fleets. The top 10 teams will qualify for the Championship Fleet, which will sail the final two days in the Melges 20s. The Silver Fleet will race the New York Yacht Club's fleet of Sonars.

Live race tracking for the duration of the regatta and a live webcast of the event's final two days will enable friends, family and fellow club members around the country to follow their team as compete for one of sailing's most challenging Corinthian honors.

## Competing Clubs

American Yacht Club (Rye, N.Y.); Austin (Texas) Yacht Club; Balboa Yacht Club (Corona del Mar, Calif.); Bayview Yacht Club (Detroit); Beaufort (S.C.) Yacht and Sailing Club; Beverly Yacht Club (Marion, Mass.); Carolina Yacht Club (Charleston, S.C.); Chicago Yacht Club; The Cleveland Yachting Club (Rocky River, Ohio); Coral Reef Yacht Club (Miami); Corinthian Yacht Club (Marblehead, Mass.); The Corinthian Yacht Club of Philadelphia (Essington, Penn.); Eastern Yacht Club (Marblehead, Mass.); Lake Geneva Yacht Club (Fontana, Wis.); Larchmont (N.Y.) Yacht Club; Long Beach (Calif.) Yacht Club; Nantucket (Mass.) Yacht Club; New Bedford Yacht Club (South Dartmouth, Mass.); New York Yacht Club; Newport Harbor Yacht Club (Newport Beach, Calif.); Riverside (Conn.) Yacht Club; San Diego Yacht Club; Sandusky (Ohio) Sailing Club; Sea Cliff (N.Y.) Yacht Club; Shelter Island Yacht Club (Shelter Island Heights, N.Y.); Southern Yacht Club (New Orleans); St. Francis Yacht Club (San Francisco); Storm Trysail Club (Larchmont, N.Y.); Wadawanuck Club (Stonington, Conn.); Winnepesaukee Yacht Club (Gilford, N.H.)

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# Roadrunner Regatta

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Story by Stefan Froelich

Photographs by Bruce McDonald

Saturday morning started with amazing homemade breakfast facos, followed by dreary weather, but midday the rain cleared and 98 sailors launched out onto an officially full lake. The start line for the Texas Junior Laser Championship was near Windy Point and the initiative to promote the double handed fleet worked.

The regatta was very successful under the guidance of **PRO Barry Bowden**. Many thanks to Optimist Green Fleet **PRO Bill Records** and **Optimist Championship PRO Vic Manning**. We appreciate **Dan Ohe** for providing the spectator boat for our out-of-town guests. Perhaps the highlights of the weekend were the **Markus Burgers**, but if you are interested in the results of each of the 21 sailors please click the following link: <https://www.regattatech.com/events/TSA/AYC16/scoring/showResultsRoster>

The Texas Junior Laser Champion is AYC's own **Spencer Legrande**. **Ethan Froelich** and **Alex Wise** won in the FJ division and the top AYC Optimist sailor was White Fleeter **Lucas Tenrerrio** who had an impressive 8th place overall and 2nd in his fleet.

Many complimentary words were received regarding **Ed Taylor's** impressive trophies. **Renee Ruais**, thanks for scoring and to regatta photographer **Bruce McDonald** we appreciate you hanging out with the pink bunny puppet to get some great photos on Saturday afternoon.

Lastly, the Roadrunner Board is very thankful to the newer RR racers for your attendance and impressed with your enthusiasm and results. We

## LASERS AND FJs



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## “Get Back” to Turnback

by Diane Covert, Turnback Canyon Regatta Chair



With Lake Travis again full, the classic “Turnback Canyon Regatta” returns to its two-day long-distance format this year. In addition to super-fun social activities, we expect to have fleets of multi-hulls, keel boats, and one-design boats participating in the regatta on Memorial Day weekend. Turnback 2016 will take place on Saturday, May 28 and Sunday, May 29, sailing up the lake to Bar K Park in Lago Vista, then back. REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN – see the AYC website for full information (<http://www.austinyachtclub.net/2016-turnback-canyon-regatta-post/>). We hope that many AYC members will participate, and we expect a number of boats from other clubs and locations.

Pre-regatta activities and festivities begin on the evening of Friday, May 27. Keel fleet will provide a keg of beer to get the weekend started off right! Those who haven’t already registered online can sign up that evening at AYC, and race packets and t-shirts will be available.

Speaking of t-shirts, we have a very cool one for this year! Logo and shirts are being produced by AYC member **Cathy Ellenbrook**. You get one shirt with registration and there are plenty of extra shirts to purchase for your crew, family, and friends at the bargain price of \$15 each (order in advance online or buy them on-site before or after the regatta).

Race day, Saturday, May 28, will kick-off early with complimentary breakfast tacos, coffee, and other items. Last-minute registrants can sign up and the remaining race packets and shirts will be distributed. Those who have extra camping gear can load it on a U-Haul provided by AYC which will shuttle gear back and forth to Lago Vista. A skippers’ briefing

will be held by the Race Committee, with the regatta following.

And then it’s off to Lago Vista! It should be a beautiful sail of approximately 20 miles. Participants in both the racing and cruising classes will wind their way up the now-full Lake Travis – around Hudson and Arkansas Bends, past Lakeway, then north and west passing Calcasieu Point, and finishing up at Bar K Park in Lago Vista. (Check out excellent maps of Lake Travis by googling “Lake Travis maps LCRA”).

On Saturday we will anchor on the water’s edge and kick back and enjoy the City of Lago Vista’s Lagofest party in the park. Anchoring guidelines are in the Turnback section of the AYC website and we will have stakes planted on the beach for boats to moor to. AYC will also provide additional ice to replenish your coolers. There will be a designated place in the park for those who want to camp, as opposed to spending the night aboard their boats,

Saturday afternoon and evening, “Lagofest” (<http://www.lagovistatexas.org/lagofest.html>) will feature live bands, including the Eggmen (a Beatles cover band), Drew Womack, and Hector Ward & the Big Time. You will be able to purchase BBQ or Cajun food from the on-site food vendors along with imported and domestic beer, water and soft drinks. It should be a great party!

Sunday, bright and early, there will be complimentary breakfast tacos, pancakes, and other breakfast items on the beach. Then, the second leg of the regatta will run back down the lake to AYC. After returning to AYC, enjoy complimentary beer and beverages, and join us for a Junior Sailing fundraiser and cookout, available to purchase. Concluding the weekend will be the Turnback 2016 Awards Ceremony.

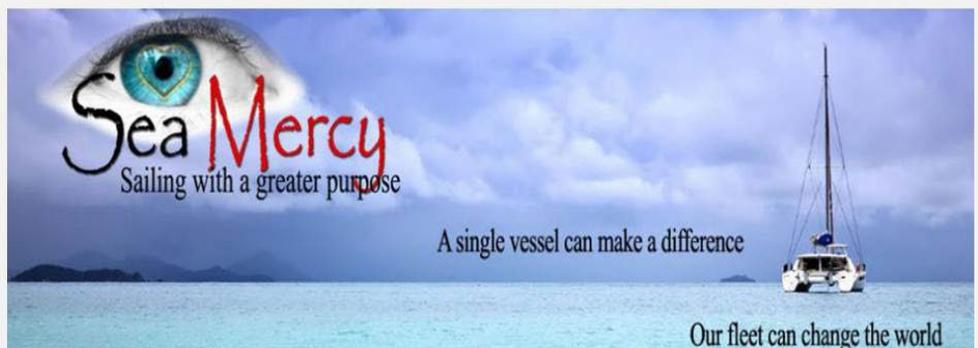
Turnback has been a legendary part of AYC’s history, and the story only gets better this year! The 2016 version of the Turnback Canyon Regatta promises to be an excellent event thanks to all our dedicated volunteers and our great AYC staff. Hope to see you there!

Follow David and Cindy Balfour’s cruising adventures at:

[www.sailblogs.com/member/svfullcircle](http://www.sailblogs.com/member/svfullcircle)

This season they will be working with Sea Mercy to help with the restoration efforts in Fiji following Cyclone Winston. For more information or to donate please visit:

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1	June 4, 11, 18 & 25	9:30-11:00
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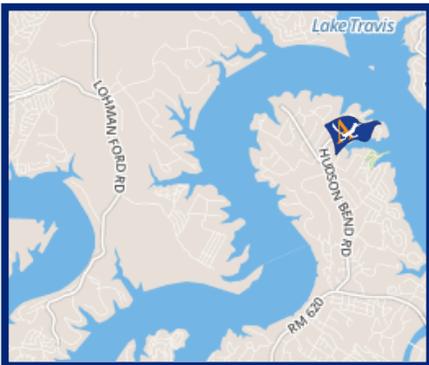
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4	July 11-15	\$395	\$480
5	July 18-22	\$395	\$480
6	July 25-29	\$395	\$480

## J/24 Fleet Update

by David Broadway



On April 16-17, six of the 12 J/24 entries were AYC-based and racing the Cowtown Stampede and J/24 Southwest Championship World Qualifier, the second 2016 Circuit event, hosted by the Fort Worth Boat Club.

Strong breeze on Saturday allowed for four races. **Natalie/Bob Harden's team Giggles** led at the end of the day on a tie breaker with eight points (1/3/3/1). On board were **Brandon Fury, Eric Charsky, and Reed Cleckler**. On Sunday, lightning and rain caused postponement and eventual abandonment on the day. Hence, **Giggles** has won the first two 2016 Circuit stops and has now qualified to race in the 2017 J/24 World Championship event in Port Credit, Ontario, Canada!



FWBC Giggles, courtesy FWBC

**Dave Broadway/Laura Miller's Superman team (4/8/7/3)** rounded out the top five while **Brian Metz** assumed his first role as skipper of the **ChupaCabra** team.



FWBC #2 Superman kite, courtesy FWBC



CC Metz FWBC, courtesy FWBC

On May 21-22, the Road Warriors will head to Circuit stop #3 at the Dallas Corinthian YC for the Corinthian Cup. Just as there were 18 entries at the Austin stop, there are already 18 entries, including seven entries from AYC, registered for this event.

On May 7-8, **Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás** followed up his earlier road trip to the Southern California Midwinter Regatta with another CA adventure to the Santa Barbara Sailing Club for their Cinco de Mayo Regatta, a S. CA J/24 Circuit event. Meanwhile on the home front, **Doichin Tzolov and Erich Meiske** will soon launch their **blue J/24, the former Patty Wagon!**

Thanks to the J/24 Race Committee volunteers on May 8 including: **Pat Caughey, Jack Cowley, Stu Juengst, Dave Fisher, Rhonda Moore, Odeta Pine, Dan Fingerhut, Laura Miller, and Dave Mundell.**

## Catalina 22 Fleet Update

by Steve Pervier



Spring series ended just as it stood a month ago! After RC duty and a no-race drifter, the last series date was stormy, leaving us a two-race series. **Brian Grothues, John Grzinich, and I (with thanks to our crews)** won nicely bright metal trophies with a clever reflective, see-through AYC logo. See the A – a Roadrunner – and a Sailboat!



On May 1 we started summer series with another odd wind. As on our only spring series race date it was strong, shifty, and gusty, but from nearly the opposite direction. I credit my crew members, **Cheryl and Lizette**, who did all the headsail and foredeck work so well, with allowing us to best **Griz and his guys.**



This boat could soon be hard to beat!

**Carmine** is a fine Ensign racer, while **James** is new to racing. We hope both will join AYC! Surely Griz will have them well practiced in time for our next race day.

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During these next summer series dates (5/15, 5/22, 6/5, 6/12) several C22 skippers plan to sail with spinnakers. With some crews being new or new to this sail, some boats newly rigged, and others not having flown the chute for a while, it will be a learning curve for many. Those sailing jib/genoa may be quite competitive until we master the complexities of the kite! We hope C22s racing Turnback will enjoy their new skills and improved downwind speed.

Don't forget the Beer Can series, every Friday evening. The Catalina 22 start is early, giving us more sailing time before the wind drops. Join us for a laid-back, photogenic evening sail and a festive burger social. For a change sometime, several of us could go together on one of the big boats owned by C22 fleet members.

June 25 is the first date of Dog Days series (Saturdays, first signal 4pm) and it is our next C22 race committee date. Let me know if you want to serve, and include your preference for chase boat or main boat duty, including PRO. RC can be a rewarding challenge, and it gives a different view of racing, which can help your own performance on the course.

Please contact me if you need crew or want to crew (including guest skippers), or if I can help with boat rigging, parts, etc. We think that over a dozen AYC C22s are ready to race, or could be ready with little work — so let's enjoy our full Lake Travis and our amazing Austin Yacht Club together!

## C Fleet Update

by James Parsons



### Merman and Guardian Angel Sighting on Lake Travis, Following a Boom to the Head

I was on (slash in) the water for a total of four hours on May 1 ... only remember a total of four minutes.

The race started great aboard the **Pirate Unicorn**. I only know this, from what I was told and from the drone video courtesy of the **Mandeville's** (friends of **John Howard**).

Reports are we were leading for the first two legs. **Keith and John Dufor** were following, and **Bill Records** had a bad start, with a green sailor onboard, as his only crew. He didn't do too shabbily though.

On the downwind leg, we deployed a rather long unicorn horn. Wait, that may have been a dream. We deployed a whisker pole. Not long after, I had my first real (non practice), man overboard. My foredeck (**John Tomlin**) tried a fancy maneuver when jibing, and he ended up getting pole vaulted 15 feet underwater. We made the quick turn, he held onto the pole and swam back up, and we were off again, having dropped a few places.

**Keith, John, and Bill** zoomed by. I made a reference in an earlier article, that the **Pirate Unicorn's** sacrifice to Neptune, is that for every C Fleet boat we get passed by downwind, a crew member has to get in the water. Remember that, because he got quite demanding.

At the finish, **Keith** finished 17 seconds ahead of **John Dufor**. Eight minutes later, **Bill Records** finished, with us on closing in on his heels

(reportedly). We lost by nine seconds after the spin/non spin corrections. **Mack and Chris Thompson** were the next group, finishing 5th and 6th. **Ted, Dave, and Jeff** rounded out the rest of the fleet.

After the race, we had two sacrifices left to Neptune. So **Brice Elder** jumped in the water (as he is known to do post race) with a pool noodle, and we were going to do our routine man overboard drill practice.

This is where things took a rather dramatic turn. Neptune demanded sacrifice immediately, and sent a gust of wind.

I was not helming, and must have been standing, and unaware of the boom coming for my head. WHOOSH, BOOM, SPLASH! It wasn't a Batman fight scene, it was me swimming for my life. **Brice** became a merman, swam over as fast as he could, and gave me the pool noodle to help me stay afloat. I was very dazed, and asked (several times), if we had finished the race. My short term memory went the way of the dodo (at least for the rest of the day). He waved down a motorboat, and they took me to shore.

This is where the guardian angel steps in, **Terry Schertz**. She met me at the dock when I was dropped off, and recognized that a few of my marbles had been lost, when I was unable to recall anything from the day (perhaps asking again if we had finished the race), nor knew what had happened to me. She helped me up to the Club, where I seem to recall hearing a few familiar voices (a few of them doctors). From there, **Molly** whisked me away to the hospital ... thank you so much to **Brice, Terry, Molly**, and everyone else who helped me out.

Around once every 15 minutes I asked why the left side of my face hurt so much, I was told by my girlfriend that I was hit in the head by the boom. My response, every, single, time: "Ouch!" and I tried to touch my face. This happened no less than 30 times, and I only remember it once. It was like a scene from 40 First Dates.

I also remember a joke: When I asked how I got to shore, she told me that some women motorboated me to shore. I then asked her if I motorboated them. Everyone in the room (including my mom, who was on the phone) had a good laugh. (My girlfriend realized she would need to rephrase that response, should she be asked again.)

I consider myself extremely lucky to have not been hurt worse, and to have had so much support from the AYC family during the ordeal. A number of sailors also came over to our new apartment on Monday to help celebrate my belated birthday. We had been moving during it, so I was going to delay it. Interestingly: during the ordeal, I did not recall moving to our new place. Unsurprisingly, a few things that I packed away that morning, are yet to be found.

## Keel Fleet Update

by Karen Bogisch and Bob Goldsmith



### Spring Series Wrap-up

The Spring Series brought all kinds of weather, regular prevailing winds, westerly winds, no wind, and thunderstorms. Despite the best efforts of the race committees, except for the

multi-hulls on April 3, no races were contested on April 3 and April 17. April 3 brought swirly winds that never filled in. At times, the wind was shifting 180 degrees. The race committee was able to start the multi-hulls but was forced to abandon the rest of the races for the day. On April 17, the forecast was for thunderstorms, but the intrepid B Fleet race committee went out hoping to squeeze in a race before the rains began. Unfortunately, the rains, lightning, and thunder came around start time, and once again the race committee was forced to abandon. Despite the weather, the Keel Handicap Fleet had a great turnout for the Spring Series. A fleet had 12 boats that raced with **John Bartlett** coming out on top. B fleet had six boats that raced in its two races with **Dane Ohe** emerging victorious. **Bill Records** led C Fleet's 13 boats with a first place victory over two races. Hopefully, the Summer Series will bring fairer winds and even more boats!

### Summer Series #1

The Summer Series is off to a rousing start with a very interesting Race 1. A Fleet results are detailed elsewhere. In B and C fleets, which start together in this series, **John Maddalozzo** in his Capri 25 port tacked the entire howling mob at the start and was never seen again as he went on to beat the entire starting group. Elsewhere, the traditional C Fleet cage fight raged in full cry – this is one of the most competitive PHRF Fleets ever at AYC – also see elsewhere for details. In B Fleet, all that remained after the Capri 25 lit the afterburners were **Dane Ohe's Pearson 31** and **our Hunter 28.5**. Of course these are both boats with winning records to uphold, so this was going to be another battle. Dane started with an unfair advantage – his all female crew – who called themselves "Dane's Dames" – were obviously a bunch of ringers from some East Coast sailing school. We did our best with our usual crew as the boats threw everything they had at each other for two hours. On the water, the lead must have changed at least half a dozen times. Dane pinched us off at the finish line, but we stayed so close that we were able to correct over. So there was something there for everyone. Our boat will be back for more of that kind of action. Hope you are too.

### America's Cup World Series, New York – it looked like lake sailing!

On Sunday May 8, the America's Cup World Series was contested on the Hudson River with six flying catamarans. I hope some of you got to watch it as it was like sailing on Lake Travis with a current. Boats were over early due to the strong current, and the lead went back on forth due to

the wind shifts and puffs. In Race 1, Artemis Racing tacked around the gate after the 3rd leg and got in phase with the wind and never looked back. In Race 2, Team France was able to find favorable winds and take the win. But the greatest comeback was in Race 3, Team New Zealand drifted over early and snagged the starting buoy falling far behind. However, on the fourth of five legs, they sailed to middle the course, found the wind and sailed for the win in the race and the series. All and in all, it was very exciting to watch the fast catamarans trying to find the wind playing the puffs. Can't wait to see what happens on Lake Michigan in June.

### Upcoming Keel Fleet Events

Keep on coming out for the Beer Can races on Friday evenings. We have **Jim Merritt** speaking the Friday evening before Turnback Canyon Regatta. And don't forget the first night race of the Moonburn Series on June 17!

**John Thurston's** Ross 30 doesn't just look like a fighter plane – it goes like one too. Looks like it will take home some silver for John from the Spring Series.

## J70 Fleet Update

by Bruce McDonald



The weekend of April 24 and 25 saw AYC hosting the J70 fleet. Due to abysmal weather forecast and competing events, the turnout of boats was light, but there was no shortage of talent.

The first day, there was very little alternating with no wind, and we were unable to start a single race. The forecast for Sunday was not much better. The bright

spot of the day was a fabulous spaghetti dinner put on by **Commodore Molly Lewis and her kitchen crew**.

The next day, we were pleasantly surprised by winds from the south at 12-18 knots. Our race officer, **Barry Bowden**, and his committee managed to pull off six four-leg highly contested races with hardly a moment to catch one's breath between them.

First place was captured by the team of **Matt Romberg, Terry Flynn and Jonathan Baker**. Second went to **Scott Young, John Morran and Scott Spurlin**, and third to the **FWBC team headed by Rick Shafer**.

Photographs by **Cheryl Pervier**.



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## Ensign Fleet Update

by Tom Groll



The Summer series started off with great wind and a great turnout by the Ensign fleet! We had eight boats cross the starting line in both races. **Jonathan Baker** showed us once again that **J. Seagull** is a really fast boat with great sailors aboard. By starting at the pin end and immediately tacking to port, **J. Seagull** crossed the entire fleet and led from start to finish.

The rest of us traded places throughout the race, but in the end #578 with the very able crew of **Lewis Price and Hazel Sanchez** prevailed over the rest of the pack for 2nd place. Coming in very close behind was #1414, **Prickly Pear**, sailed by **Bill & Kelly Hawk**, and #1068, **Festina Lente**, sailed by **Randolph Bertin**. Had it not been for a broken spinnaker halyard on #588, **Styf Kopf**, the **Dahmen brothers** would likely have finished a little sooner than they did. Coming in close behind was #695, **Sundance**, sailed by **Doug Laws**, then #1167, **One With The Wind**, sailed by **Dave Gamble**, and #1152, **Blue Dreams**, sailed by **Eric Creamer**.

In race #2, **Jonathan Baker** once again got out to a substantial lead, but at the windward mark the filler broke off at the rudder post so he decided it might be best to head to the harbor. The filler was only 50+ years old, so it's kind of hard to believe it would break so soon, but this is a good reminder to all those that plan to sail in the upcoming Region IV Championship that now is a good time to check out all those critical parts.

And speaking of the Regionals, they are quickly approaching! The regatta starts on Wednesday, June 15 with registration, check in, sail measurement, boat launching, and hopefully a practice race. The real races start on Thursday, June 16 and end on Saturday June 18. We hope to get in as many as eight races, but will not do more than three in any one day (nor no more than two on Saturday) in an attempt to keep things civilized. There will be revelry each evening, culminating with the banquet at the AYC on Saturday evening. If you have not already done so, please submit your registration forms as soon as possible so that we can get a good estimate of how much beer we'll need (oh yeah, and food, too). It looks like we'll have a great event with the lake being full, and a very competent race committee headed up by **Brad Davis**. We're expecting a good showing from our out-of-town competitors, so if anyone has any rooms to offer for lodging accommodations please let me know soon. Let's show the Ensign Class and the rest of Region IV what a great Club and fleet we have!



## MoonBurn Night Racing Starts on June 17

After the first two articles for the MoonBurn used "Twas the Night Before Christmas" and "Gilligan's Island" for inspiration, I am going to make a drastic change, and use normal English. Gasp, shock, horror. Don't worry though, I will make a few references to mythical creatures and fictional characters.

The first MoonBurn race is almost upon us. In case you have been hiding under that harsh orange light that comes up daily, and causes the wind to disappear in the heat of summer, the MoonBurn series is a full moon series put on by AYC's Keel Fleet.

The dates are June 17, July 15, and August 19 (all Fridays, after Beer Cans). Starts at 8:30, 8:30, and 8:00 p.m. respectively (timed with the sunsets). The start will be at Mile Marker 6, with a likely reach into the sunset. One of them includes a 9:00 p.m. moonrise!

I am so very excited to share the joys of nights sailing with other sailors, in the form of a race. It is going to be a memorable experience, and hopefully because of how fun and unique it is.

The last thing I want is for it to be memorable because of a safety issue. So here are some thoughts about safety, with some jokes thrown in for good measure. . .

Night racing is not to be taken lightly. There are motorboats, sailboats, land, the great unseen wind, power lines, krakens, mermaids/mermen, amongst others. After getting hit in the head and knocked off after Summer Series #1, I am grateful it was during the day, and a merman in the water to help me out. We don't have that luxury at night. When you can't see your windex atop your mast, nor puffs of wind on the water, accidental jibes are the number one danger to be mindful of.

I've got an article in this issue of the Telltale, about my ordeal on May 1. Number 3 below is a direct result of an idea one of my friends/crew had (thank you **Emilie Lynch**).

**Skippers, what do you need for a night race that you don't need for a day race?**

1. Mandatory: Navigation lights (\$11 solution below);
2. Mandatory: A spotlight to show your sail number (and can double as a warning to motorboats of your location, by shining it on your sail, or in their eyes);
3. Optional: Glow sticks for your crew. Should they fall off, you can see them! Glow stick bracelets will be provided pre-race, and are included in the cost of the series;
4. Optional: Extra crew member for spotting

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dangers; 5. MoonScreen: just kidding. You can't get a MoonBurn.

More on number 4: When I sail at night, I usually take on the spotting duties and have someone else experience helming at night for the first time in their lives. I am too competitive to not be helming in a race though, so I will have someone else dedicated to this role. I wouldn't worry about extra weight up front slowing you down. Not seeing another boat or an unlit spare dock (east side of the lake, between markers 10 and 11) will slow you down way more.

Also, passing Mile Marker 9 to port on the way up the lake, and to starboard on the way down the lake, is absolutely mandatory. This will keep us clear of the power line danger (new power lines were installed, and lower than the old ones). One nice landmark is the last ball on the western side of the power lines is very close to 9.

Don't have navigation lights? Solved, for \$11: [tinyurl.com/NavLightsWalmart](http://tinyurl.com/NavLightsWalmart) (aff light? Tape a flashlight to your transom)

Here's some more info, in list form:

**Cost:** \$25. For Keel Fleet members: \$20. Includes all races, and the awards/party on Aug 19.

**Dates:** June 17, July 15, August 19 (all Fridays)

**First gun:** 8:30, 8:30, and 8:00 pm

**Course:** 1. Start at 6; 2. Pass 9 to port; 3. Round mile marker given your class from RC (likely between 10 and 12, depending on winds); 4. Pass 9 to STARBOARD; 5. Finish at 6.

**Finish time:** Back to the Club by midnight is the goal.

**Dinner:** Usual Beer Can dinners, will start earlier than usual for MoonBurn nights.

**RC and Cooks:** The race you volunteer for, gets credited as equal to your worst finish.

**Winds:** Personal experience from three times a week summer evening sails: 7 to 10 knots, almost without fail (after sunset).

**Name:** One night while sailing, I lamented sailing during summer days. Little to no wind, hot temperatures, and sunburns. But night time? Perfect winds, perfect temperatures, and you can't get a MoonBurn.

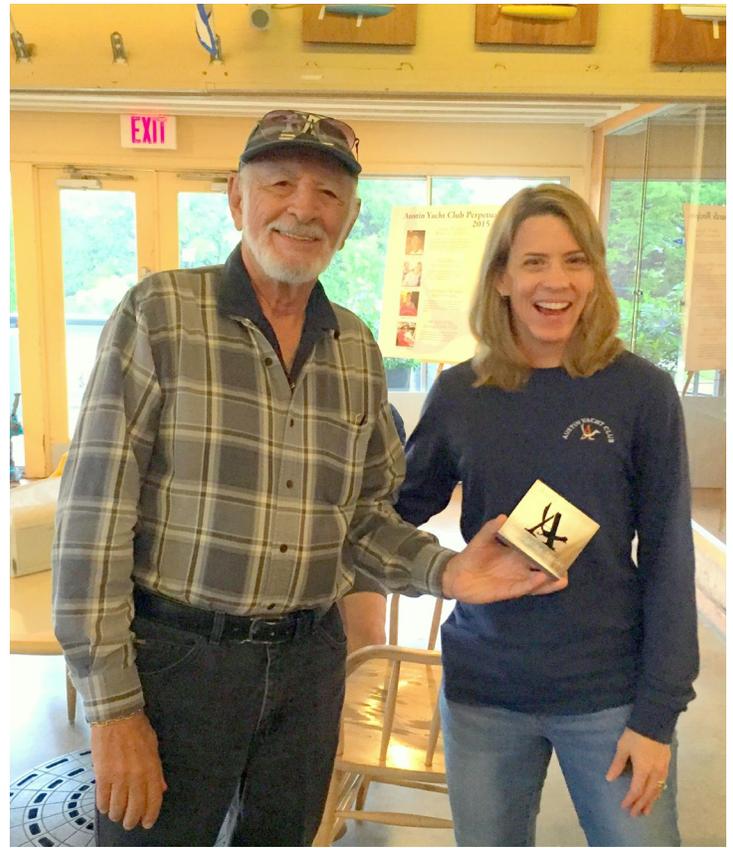


# Spring EOS

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## Linda McDavitt's Race Around the World

from Linda's Blog



*From May 20, 2016 ClipperTelemed+ Crew Diary by Lynn Ellwood. ClipperTelemed+ placed second on the leg from Seattle to Panama.*

Yesterday at Happy Hour, John lead us in a quiz designed to teach the non-UK folks a bit about the English language as spoken aboard this UK vessel.

I learned that "chuffed" meant something like "proud and happy". That is how we are all feeling today, the day after a challenging finish to the portion of the race marked by gate 3 of the race course. "Exciting" and "action packed" don't begin to describe it!

A couple watch cycles before, we were in third place. The next watch put us in first. LMAX Exchange drew near and we kept them in our sights, always maneuvering to keep ourselves between them and the gate. In the few hours before reaching the gate, we had light air and heavy air, wind shifts and squalls to contend with. Our tactics drew us to the far side of the gate and we engaged in a tacking duel to the western point of the gate.

I wish I could show you a picture. Dusk was upon us. The humid air and the water all around was golden with the sunset. I will forever hold in my memory a view of LMAX Exchange in dark profile in the beam of the setting sun. With thunderhead clouds quickly building all around us. And lightning in the distance.

A squall came through, flattening the cresting waves and drenching us as we raced on. Yankee down, Yankee up, now light air, staysail down, staysail up, wildly swinging wind direction, tack, tack, tack again. Finally, a couple of miles from the virtual mark, the wind settled in. Quite soft. We were reaching for the mark. LMAX Exchange made a bold move and hoisted a spinnaker. Slowly, they crept ahead. It was agony. We saw them drop the spinnaker and head up for the line, crossing only about 500 meters ahead of us. What an exciting and dramatic finish to this phase of the race.

The crew stood on the deck and applauded LMAX Exchange as we drew near them at the line. It was amazing to be in such close quarters after several weeks of racing in open ocean. A wonder to see other humans up relatively close!

Thanks to LMAX Exchange for returning the tribute with a "victory lap" around us and an enthusiastic cheer for us!

After that, our fighting spirit overcame us once again, and the call went out, "Let's go get 'em!".



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May 28-29	Turnback Canyon Regatta
Jun 1, 8, 15, 29	Endless Summer Junior Series 5:30 - 8:00p
Jun 1, 8, 15, 29	Sunfish/Laser Series 6:00p
Jun 3, 10, 17, 24	Beer Can Races 7:00p
Jun 4	Summer Series #4 1:30 start RC: B Fleet
Jun 12	Summer Series #5 EOS 1:30 start RC: C Fleet
Jun 15-18	Ensign Class Assoc Regional Finals
Jun 17	MoonBurn Series #1 7:00p
Jun 25	Dog Days Series #1 4:00p start
Jul 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Beer Can Races 7:00p
Jul 2	Independence Cup Regatta
Jul 6, 13, 20, 27	Endless Summer Jr Series
Jul 6, 13, 20, 27	Sunfish/Laser Series 6:00p
Jul 9	Dog Days Series #2 4:00p start
Jul 15	MoonBurn Series #2 7:00p
Jul 16	Dog Days Series #3 4:00p start
Jul 23	Dog Days Series #4 4:00p start
Jul 30	Dog Days Series #5 EOS 4:00p start

## AYC 2016 NON-RACING EVENTS

May 28-29	ASA 101 Basic Keelboat Certification 8:30a - 5:30p
Jun 4, 11, 18	PB&J 1 9:30a - 11:00a
Jun 4, 11, 18	PB&J 2 11:00a - 12:30p
Jun 4	Sail 4 Kids 12:00p - 5:00p
Jun 12	Summer Series EOS Banquet Follows the race
Jun 13 - 17	Jr Sailing Camp 1 9:00a - 5:00p
Jun 18 - 19	ASA 101 Basic Keelboat Certification 8:30a - 5:30p
Jun 20 - 24	Jr Sailing Camp 2 9:00a - 5:00p
Jun 23	AYC Board Meeting 7:30p
Jun 27 - Jul 1	Jr Sailing Camp 3 9:00a - 5:00p
Jul 9, 16, 23	PB&J 3 9:30 - 11:00a
Jul 9, 16, 23	PB&J 4 11:00p - 12:30p
Jul 11 - 15	Jr Sailing Camp 4 9:00a - 5:00p
Jul 16 - 17	ASA 101 Basic Keelboat Certification 8:30a - 5:30p
Jul 18 - 22	Jr. Sailing Camp 5 9:00a - 5:00p
Jul 25 - 29	Jr Sailing Camp 6 9:00a - 5:00p
Jul 28	AYC Board Meeting 7:30p



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