

AUSTIN YACHT CLUB TELLTALE

November 2014



Governor's Cup Regatta – Smooth Sailing!



At the mark!

Cover photo by Deborah Mathison

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Nov 13	AYC Board of Directors Mtg	Dec 6	J22-J/24 Holiday Party
Nov 15	Work Party	Dec 7	AYC Annual Banquet
Nov 16	Fall Series #4	Dec 13	Catalina Holiday Party
Nov 20	AYC Annual Meeting	Dec 31	New Year's Eve Party
Nov 22-23	ASA 101 Keelboat Class		
Nov 29	Wild Turkey Regatta		
Nov 29	Keel Fleet Annual Meeting		
Nov 30	Western Dance Lessons at AYC		

Congratulations to James Brock –
Dominated the Opti Fleet at the
2014 Governor’s Cup Regatta



Photo by Bill Records

From The Commodore

by John Morran



2014 is coming to a close.

I have really enjoyed getting the opportunity to serve as your Commodore this year and am looking forward to celebrating all of our accomplishments with you in the next four weeks.

Please mark your calendars for some important dates:

November 13 – Final AYC Board Meeting of 2014. Please let us know if you have anything on your mind.

November 20 – This the important Annual Membership Meeting. In addition to the year-end Board reports, AYC members will be electing officers for 2015. We need your attendance (or proxy) in order to make these important decisions. Members in attendance may present nominations at the meeting. The AYC Nominating Committee has formally presented the following slate for consideration:

Commodore: Barry Bowden	Harbor: Wade Bingaman
Vice Commodore: Molly Isbell Lewis	Race: Ed Taylor
Secretary: Chris Ehlers	Building & Grounds: Doug Casey
Treasurer: John Howard	Sail Training: Eric Rochard

NOTE: In order to keep the program short at the Annual Banquet we will be recognizing a number of our hard working members for their service this year at the Membership Meeting – so please don't miss it.

December 7 – The AYC Annual Banquet. A change of venue this year to the iconic Broken Spoke. Come celebrate with your friends at AYC. We will recognize a few award winners – but don't worry, I promise to keep my part of the program short, so there will be plenty of time to enjoy the music and dancing.

AYC Roadrunners Rock the Texas Circuit!

A few weeks ago, I attended the End of Year Regatta for the TSA Youth Circuit. The TSA Circuit consists of 15 regattas starting at the end of February and finishing at the end of October. In order to qualify for the Overall Circuit Standings you must compete in at least seven of the regattas throughout the season. The AYC participation numbers on this year are truly remarkable:

1. Out of all the clubs throughout Texas, AYC is 2nd in overall participation! (only Lakewood is higher this year - but they actually have sailors participating under their burgee who are primary members at other clubs in Houston and beyond).
2. There were only seven sailors who participated in all 15 circuit regattas in 2014. ALL 7 OF THOSE SAILORS ARE FROM AYC! That is over 4,000 miles of travel. AYC also had one sailor at 14 and three who did 12 events. Congratulations to all those who participated from AYC in seven or more events:

All 15 Regattas:

James Brock
Lucy Brock
Ethan Froelich
Fiona Froelich
Wendi Froelich
Julius Heitkoetter
Tony Slowick

14 Regattas:

Ben Froelich

12 Regattas:

Nicholas Carew
Catherine Froelich
Spencer LeGrande

7 Regattas:

Alex Tita
Marcus Tita

3. AYC sailors were consistently on the podium throughout the year in several different classes. So we now have both quantity and quality. Special recognition to Overall TSA Circuit Results:

1st Place Opti White &

3rd Place Opti Overall: **Tony Slowik**

2nd Place Opti Green: **Fiona Froelich**

5th Place Opti Green: **Nicholas Carew**

4th Place Opti White: **James Brock**

5th Place Opti Blue: **Ethan Froelich**

4th Place Laser 4.7: **Spencer LeGrande**

Congrats also to **all the parents, Coach Kate, Coach Kiel, Bill Records, Eric Rochard** and all current and past sail training volunteers for helping our Roadrunner program turn into a real team effort!

Vice Commodore Report

by Barry Bowden



The last scheduled Austin Yacht Club regatta of the year was held on October 18 and 19.

This years Governor's Cup was a rousing success, even though the wind was not cooperative. 38 boats were registered and 12 Optis and five Lasers from the Roadrunner fleet. This far exceeded the participation last year.

John Parker, with assistance from the J/24 fleet and his family, did an outstanding job in planning and managing this event. The clubhouse was transformed on Saturday evening to the "CAFÉ DU J24" with a gourmet seated dinner complete with well dressed wait staff. This was a first in my years at AYC and was a great experience.

Bob Mathison served as PRO and with the help of a good committee made the most of the light and variable winds. Sunday's racing was much improved over Saturday. Trophies were presented with photos of each boat done by **Deb Mathison**.

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The planning and effort involved in a regatta is a major task. The past two year's Governor's Cup events have been planned and executed by fleets. I think that this is a great way for a regatta to be managed since fleets have an existing structure and you know who you can ask to do different tasks.

The Governor's Cup trophy has been unused since the Leukemia Cup has gone away. It was last awarded to **Claudia Bartlett** for the Leukemia Cup in 2008. This year I suggested giving it to the fleet that had the most participation. The winner this year was the **AYC Roadrunner Optimist fleet**. Adding the junior sailors to our regatta participants has been a great success.

The Keel Handicap Fleet Wild Turkey Regatta is scheduled for Saturday November 29 after Thanksgiving and will conclude racing for the year.

AYC Fund 2014 Recap

by Johannes Brinkmann



The AYC Fund Board would like to thank its supporters and donors for making 2014 a very successful year. The Fund has raised just over \$31,500 so far this year, roughly \$30K of which was raised in this year's Fleet Challenge.

The AYC Fund is a non-profit entity that supports Central Texas sailors of all ages by providing grants that support sailing education, competitive sailing and instructor development. Initiatives supported by the Fund this year include:

- Financial sponsorship of the Jeanne Socrates speaker program
- Funding assistance for AYC's new playground
- Completion of a three-year commitment to provide funding support for AYC's Sailing Director position
- Addition to a reserve that will be used to assist the UT Sailing team with the acquisition of new racing sails for the FJ fleet, and
- Addition to a reserve for the eventual replacement of the UTST / AYC FJ fleet.
- Organization of the Summer FJ race series (special thanks to **Bonnie Lackey and Debbie Rackley!**)

The AYC Fund continues to balance making current expenditures with a strategy of long term capital accumulation that will one day enable the Fund to finance initiatives from Fund investment income. In keeping with this strategy, the Fund's cash balances increased by roughly \$20K during 2014, bringing the total assets of the Fund (after deducting current committed reserves) to just over \$105,000. This year the Fund earned more than \$4,600 in investment income, meaning that roughly 23% of the current year increase in Fund balance came from investment income.

This year's AYC Fund Board members were **Bonnie Lackey, JoAnn Welles, Debbie Rackley, Dan Hollenbeck, Johannes Brinkmann and Renee Ruais**. **Scott Young** served on the RASA board, which is the AYC Fund's operating entity. The AYC Fund Board members would like to express their appreciation to **Scott Young** for once again doing a phenomenal job organizing and running this year's AYC Fleet Challenge.

Sail Training Report

by Eric Rochard



I reviewed the 2014 Sail Training activities with **Linda McDavitt**, Long Range Plan Representative. Based on the LRP plan expectations, we were short on the Adult Expert Clinic, so this will be a priority for 2014 AYC sail training program. Another key item needing to be addressed is the inventory of AYC Sail Training assets. I checked with our Sail Training

Director **Kate** and we agreed that the priority is inventory check of the AYC Optimist fleet. This will be conducted in November. After review of the "donated" RIB, we have agreed that it will not be suitable for Sail Training and we will proceed forward with the replacement of the Skiff with a RIB.

Update on Adult Activities

For the 2015 Adult Sail Training activities, we will need to have a different program, including:

"Back to the Lake"

How can we revitalize the Centerboard fleet? We will target CB owners with special events like Race/Rally (with packed lunch on a cove / island) and first time race. If you have ideas please let me know! It is key for AYC to keep all the fleet active with at least five boats on the starting line.

"Increase Fleet Participation"

Those advanced clinics will be for healthy fleets like the J22/J24 and will provide challenging activities to develop skippers and crews. We plan to have a match racing clinic early next year (March time frame) and I am working with those fleets to get it early on the calendar.

Update on Junior Activities

Jim Casto is doing an outstanding job promoting MultiHulls to our junior fleet. He has restored a Prindle 16 and he is mentoring our juniors in the art of Cat sailing.

On a more classic approach, the AYC Roadrunner Optimist team is going to Mid-Winter at SYC. This is the big fall season Optimist event and an outstanding preparation for next year's National, also on the Gulf Coast at Pensacola! AYC will support our young sailors with **Coach Kiel** in his hometown of New Orleans – this support will be required as there are already 200 sailors registered!

SAVE THE DATE

AYC ANNUAL BANQUET

Sunday, December 7
The Broken Spoke

Your invitation is on its way!

Western dancing lessons at the AYC Clubhouse November 30, 6PM

Sailing Director Report

by Kate Noble



The inaugural US Sailing Central Regional Symposium was held at AYC Friday, October 10. **Jon Meyers of US Sailing** served as moderator for round-table discussions concerning US Sailing training programs, volunteer & staff management, adult learn-to-sail programs, and junior sailing beyond regattas. The Symposium was attended by representatives from AYC, Houston YC, Lake Canyon YC, Austin Sailboat Rentals, YMCA, and US Sailing. The diverse group made for some interesting conversations, new perspectives, and some great networking and collaborative ideas to strengthen relationships between sailing organizations in our region.

The following day, Saturday October 11, AYC hosted a US Sailing One Day Race Management Seminar led by instructor **Dr. Gil Greenwood**. Nine AYC members were in attendance: **Molly Lewis, Ed Taylor, Bill Records, Stefan Froelich, Peter Lange, Chris Thompson, Terri Wood, Jerry Clifford, and myself**. I think I speak for all of us when I say the course was extremely comprehensive and applicable! Thank you to **Vic Manning** for helping with set-up and clean-up for both US Sailing events!

Our Fall Women's Clinic was held on October 25. Our Women's Clinics are always the most popular on our Sail Training calendar and it's no surprise that we had a great turnout for this one with 17 students!



Photos by Bill Records

The clinic was a big success despite light wind. Many thanks to our wonderful team of volunteers: **skippers Linda McDavitt, Ann Kitzmiller,**

Renee Ruais, Linda Donovan, Roseanne Butera, Jenny Loehlin, Bonnie Lackey, and Chris Ehlers, and crew Lesa Brown, Rachel Lozuik, Kurt Carson, Carolyn Wilsford, and Carol Frick. Thank you so much to all of these tremendously talented ladies for supporting Sail Training and making this event so much fun! A full day of sailing was followed by an absolutely fantastic meal cooked up by **chef James Wilsford** and his team of helpers: **John Howard, Carolyn Howard, and Steve Frick.** Thank you to everyone!



Photo courtesy BBBS

On November 1, we welcomed Big Brothers Big Sisters to Austin Yacht Club for an afternoon sail. Six little brothers and their bigs joined us from BBBS's Brother-to-Brother program, a grant-funded program that provides activities for matches around Central Texas to do together. The weather was absolutely perfect and everyone had a blast! For several of the participants, it was their first time ever aboard a boat! Thank you so much to volunteers **Vic Manning, Fred Ford, Anne Riggs, Doug Laws, Elliot Bray, Randolph Bertin, Bill Benker, and David Morely.**

Junior Sailing

The Junior Sailing Program continues to be extremely active, both at home and on the road!

October 4-5 was the Pirates of the Corinthian Regatta at DCYC. All 12 of our AYC sailors (**Ben, Ethan, Wendi, Fiona, and Katie Froelich, Lucy and James Brock, Julius Heitkoetter, Nicholas Carew, Michael Morran, Tony Slowik and Reilly Linn**) did a fantastic job! Special congrats to **Michael Morran and CCYC skipper Zane Tinnell** who took 1st in C420s and **Nicholas Carew** who placed 3rd and **Katie Froelich** who placed 6th in Green Fleet! AYC swept Opti White Fleet with **Tony Slowik** in 1st (5th overall), **James Brock** in 2nd and **Fiona Froelich** in 3rd. Great job, Roadrunners!

The 2014 Governor's Cup Oct. 18-19 was fantastic—big thank you to **Regatta Chair John Parker and his team, junior PRO Bill Records and RC, Coach Kiel Killeen** for superb on-the-water support, and for all of the parents and volunteers who make junior participation in these club events possible! The AYC Opti fleet won the Governor's Cup with an impressive 12 sailors — **James & Lucy Brock, Julius Heitkoetter, Wendi, Fiona, & Katie Froelich, Nicholas Carew, Marcus Tita, and first-timers Jake Miller, Doug Denby, Eric Jayawant and Alex Lange!** Special congrats to trophy winners **5th place Fiona, 4th place Marcus, 3rd place Julius, 2nd place Lucy and**

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1st place Jamie! Laser sailors **Ben Froelich and Will Abrams** were joined by Opti sailors **Ethan Froelich, Reilly and Skylar Linn** in the Laser class. All five competitors upped to the full rig given the light conditions and they all did a fantastic job! Congratulations to **Ethan** who took 1st in the fleet!

At the final TSA regatta of the year at Lakewood Yacht Club October 25-26, AYC once again showed up in full force. Congrats to all of our AYC competitors: **Michael Morran, Ben Froelich, Spencer LeGrande, Nicholas Carew, Katie, Ethan, Wendi and Fiona Froelich, Tony Slowik, Lucy and James Brock, and Julius Heitkoeffer**. Congrats to our trophy winners: **Michael Morran and CCYC skipper Zane Tinnell** placed 2nd in C420s, and **James Brock** who placed 3rd and **Tony Slowik** who placed 1st in Opti White Fleet.

It has been a truly record-breaking year for our AYC Roadrunners on the road. Check out contributors **Stefan Froelich and Jeff Brock's** article, next page, for the end-of-year TSA stats and report.

ROADRUNNER SAILOR OF THE MONTH!



Doug Denby

Doug Denby joined AYC with his family in October and hit the ground running! Doug participated in the Centerboard Clinic back in September and we could hardly get him off the water! His enthusiasm is contagious and he can't seem to get enough of sailing. Doug is always up for anything and eager to learn as much as possible. He's been making huge strides at Opti I and is catching on very quickly. Doug even raced the Governor's Cup Regatta this past month! The light conditions and our supportive team of Roadrunners made it a great first-ever racing experience.

Welcome New Members

Photos by Deborah Mathison



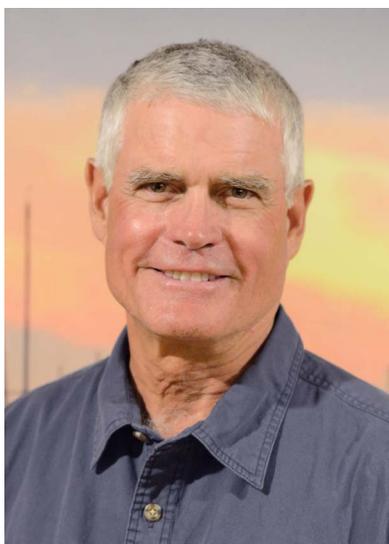
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Texas Sailing Association 2014 Summary

By Stefan Froelich and Jeff Brock

Photo by Tony Slowik

The Roadrunner Board is proud to announce the 2014 Texas Sailing Association circuit has ended with outstanding performance by Austin Yacht Club youth sailors. At the TSA annual meeting they shared some interesting statistics. Most clubs have had generally static TSA attendance over the last few years. AYC, however, went from ~35 racer-regattas per year in recent history to 190 racer-regattas this year. We are now the second biggest club, in attendance, on the 24 club circuit. Our average attendance was 13 racers per regatta and our maximum attendance for a single regatta was 23 competitors.

Only seven sailors, all from Austin Yacht Club, competed in all 15 two-day TSA events. They were recognized for their 4,948 mile Road Warrior status with an award on Saturday night: **Julius Heitkoetter, Tony Slowik, Lucy and James Brock, Fiona, Ethan, and Wendi Froelich**. The team endured much homework on the road, soggy sandwiches on the water, lots of wind, no wind, getting fogged in on the water, and even a water spout warning! They learned not only how to sail better, but also gained independence, responsibility, and made many friends.

Our annual summary for individual racers who earned state rankings for Team AYC looks like this:

FLEET	RACER	FLEET RANKING	STATE RANKING	REGATTAS ATTENDED	INTERESTING SAILOR FACT
Optimist Green (beginner)	Nicholas Carew	5	5	12	Loves bullets!
	Alex Tita	8	8	7	Sportsmanship award at CCYC for helping another sailor
	Katie Froelich	9	9	12	Youngest sailor on the circuit
Optimist White (under 10)	Tony Slowik	1	3	15	Qualified for USODA 2015 team trials
	James Brock	4	16	15	Youngest in the championship fleet
	Fiona Froelich	Green 2 White 6	Green 2 28	15	Happiest sailor on the circuit
Optimist Blue (11-12)	Ethan Froelich	5	11	15	Qualified for USODA 2015 team trials
	Lucy Brock	6	13	15	Texas Girls White Fleet Champion
	Julius Heitkoetter	10	21	15	Knows his rules!
	Wendi Froelich	17	32	15	Always thanks the race committee
Optimist Red (13-15)	Marcus Tita	8	26	7	Windsurfer turned Opti sailor
Laser 4.7	Spencer LeGrande	4	4	12	Most on-the-water practice hours
	Ben Froelich	6	6	14	Ready for radial!

Additional Roadrunners who competed this year: **Mahima Singh, Jus Singh, Michael Morran, Meredith Morran, Reilly Linn, Skylar Linn, Jules Bettler, Reece Butler, Andrew Butler, Will Abrams, Clemence Bossart, Solene Bossart, Joshua Dawe, Ricky Trent, Noah Zahm, and Nikki Goodwin.**

At the TSA organizational level, **John Morran** has just been elected TSA Commodore. **Jeff Brock** is now Co-chair and **Stefan Froelich** is the Green Fleet representative. In conclusion, we want to extend a huge invitation to all those who have not yet become ROADrunners and join us on the adventures. First time travelers are always welcome! Thanks to the AYC Board, the AYC Fund Board, the Sail Training Department, and for all the tremendous parent support on the road!



GOVERNOR'S CUP REGATTA

Governor's Cup Regatta – Chair Comments

By John Parker

When **Barry Bowden** first approached me about engaging the J/24 fleet as the team to run the 2014 Governor's Cup Regatta, I was uncertain of the tasks and effort required.

I needed some time to discuss this with our fleet members as I knew that it would be a significant commitment. After asking a few questions to orient ourselves to the task, we decided that we could work together to put on a successful event. We began by considering the basic elements of the event such as registration, food, and race committee. However, we discovered quickly that we could add multiple activities to the event enhancing the experience for everyone.

As there were numerous new members and others interested in volunteering, we were able to distribute tasks among more than 50 volunteers over the weekend. Our thanks goes out to all of those who volunteered their time, donated items, and helped provide the required materials to make this a success. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

Below are lists of committee members, volunteers, and those who donated to the event. Please express your appreciation to them when you see them.

Regatta Committee

David Broadway	Registration
Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás	T-shirts and Trophies
Meiling Parker	Advertising
Cathy Parker	Social Committee
Jennifer Putnam	Food
Bob Mathison & Bill Records	Race Committee / PRO
Matt Roberts	DJ & Entertainment

Austin Yacht Club Staff

Jackie Wheelless	Kate Noble	Tom Cunningham
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Volunteers

John Grzinich	Terry Schertz	Sandra
Laura Miller	Jerry Clifford	Adolfo Bernal
Justin & Chris Wolfe	Chuck Waldron	Doichin Tzolov
Harry Polly	Larry Ratliff	Ben Miller
Zack Putnam	Danny Lien	Deborah Mathison
Nicholas & Brooke Denby	Bob Musselman	Noelle Munoz
Nicole & Steve Welch	Peter Lange	Greg Scully
Lynna Holland	Scott Brinkman	Chris Hammel
Rosanne Butera	D. Puztai	Stefan Froelich
Ken Taylor	Eric Barreveld	McKenna Boyd
Jimmy Cain	Ricky Pettif	Tim Woodard
Candace & Gordon Miller	Russ & Jill Shermer	Brandon Furey

Donations

Lorraine & Shawn Bradley	Vic and Pat Manning
Paul & Sal – West Marine	John and Meiling Parker
Sfu Juengst	



Photos by Candace Miller



Governor's Cup Regatta – On the Water

By Bob Mathison

Governors Cup Regatta 2014 started off like the words to the old German Christmas carol, "All is calm, all is bright." Light winds, oscillating from north to south all Saturday morning and into early afternoon, finally settled in as dominantly southerly breezes. The winds held steady, just long enough to get the multi-hulls over the line. The trimarans sailed halfway to their first mark when the winds shifted 180 degrees and that race was abandoned. The race committee spent the next few hours staring at a gyrating cassette tape, twisting in the ever-shifting wind. After observing the wind retreat from the north, back to the east and finally back to the south, the southerly breeze prevailed long enough to get off a fair start for all boats. Thus, Saturday ended with only one race scored.

36 keelboats and multi-hulls participated, while another 18 Optimis and Lasers competed on their own course.

Sunday's racing proved to be far more exciting, with fairly consistent southerly breezes from 5-10 mph resulting in competitive racing and three scored races.

Results:

The large multi-hulls sailed one race on Saturday and two races on Sunday. **Steve Frick** on Tritium was the overall winner. **Jim Henrickson** took second place on Warrior, followed by **John Kuc** on Swallow and **John Howard** on Lagniappe.

Six boats made up the PHRF Spinnaker fleet. **Claudia Bartlett** took first place bragging rights on Speed Racer with four bullets. **Steve Vaughan** on Air Supply took second, followed by **Claude Welles** on Infinity with third, **Brigitte Rochard** on Coyote, **Johannes Brinkmann** on J80 and **Christina Wolfe** on Spade Foot.

Two boats competed in PHRF Spinnaker B fleet. First place was **Remus Broussard** on O followed by **Jim Johnstone** on Shocker.

Five boats competed in PHRF Non-Spinnaker with **George Dahmen** on Hans and Frans taking first. **Doichen Tzolov** took second on Lemon Jello, followed by **Hector Lujan** on Banshee. **John Vance** sailed Louise Jane and **Robert Anderson** on Flying Cloud.

There were three J22s on the line with **Pierre Bossart** taking first place on Flying J. **Bruce Uphaus** on Riff Raff took second, followed by **Gordon Miller** on Caledonia.

The J/24 fleet presented seven boats. In first place was **Stuart Juengst** on Vang Go. **David Broadway** on Superman with second; third place was won by **David Grizzle** on Mizzmo. **Christopher Hammel** sailed in on Jolly Bevo I, **David Gamble** on Ooh Aah, and **John Parker** on Chupacabra and **Jorge Marín-de-Nicolás** on Thunder Cookie. Of interest on the first Sunday race, Mizzmo was over early possibly costing him first place, but as they say "if you aren't over early once in a while, you aren't trying."

Catalina 22s had four registered boats. **Ted Owens** took first place on Mojo. **Wade Bingaman** on Dry Heave took second followed by **John Grzinich** on Beebopalula.

The racing was exciting and the down-wind finishes made for a colorful finale, with spinnakers a-flying.



More photos >>>

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Ethan Froelich



Lucy Brock



Reilly Linn



Fiona Froelich



Will Abrams

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Julius Hoelketter



Marcus Tita



Ben Froelich



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J/24 Fleet Update

by John and Meiling Parker



J/24 Launching/Retrieving

The lake level is on a downward trend again and is currently near 622.6' MSL. At this level, the metal ramp on the north side becomes marginal for J/24 launching and retrieving.

Please contact **David Broadway, Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás, or John Parker** if you would like any information on techniques for using the metal ramp with your J/24.

Local Racing

Fall Series (Oct 26 – Nov 16)

The first race of the Fall Series brought three J/24s to the line. Participants competing thus far include **Dave Broadway, Stuart Juengst, and Chris Hammel**. More on this series in our Telltale article next month.

Governor's Cup Regatta (Oct 18 and 19)

The J/24 fleet had a great time putting the Governor's Cup Regatta together. However, the J/24s still made it a priority to race this Regatta as it typically brings good breeze and lower temps as the fall sailing season begins. Though there was a bit of a wait on Saturday for the breeze to come in, Sunday brought sufficient breeze for us to have four total races for the six competitive teams of Vang Go with **Stuart Juengst**, Superman with **Dave Broadway**, Mizzmo with **David Grizzle** and visiting helmsman **Stuart Lindow**, Jolly Bevo I with **Chris Hammel**, Ooh Ahh with **Dr. Dave Gamble**, and Chupacabra with **John Parker**.

Out of Town Events

JFest – Lakewood Yacht Club, Seabrook, TX (Nov 1 – 2)

Each fall for the past few years has brought the traveling J/24 fleet to Lakewood Yacht Club in Seabrook, Texas for JFEST. Six of the fifteen boats were from the Austin Yacht Club. Teams Giggles, Vang Go, Superman, Thunder Cookie, Jolly Bevo I, and Chupacabra enjoyed great sailing event. At the end of this 6th J/24 circuit stop of 2014, **Natalie Penner** and team Giggles won the Regatta in first place of three of the six races. Congratulations to Team Giggles.

Remaining out of town circuit regattas of 2014

	VENUE	EVENT	DATES
J24 Circuit Stop	Lake Canyon Yacht Club	Texas Circus	Nov 15-16

If you are interested in participating in one of these out-of-town regattas with the AYC J/24 Fleet, please contact **John Parker or Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás**. For general information on the J/24 Texas Circuit, you may visit <http://www.j24texas.com> for additional details.

If you would like your email added to the J/24 fleet mailing list, please let us know. We use the mailing list periodically throughout the year to communicate upcoming events with the fleet.



Brayton Mager – Enthusiastically crewing with Team Superman at JFEST. Photo courtesy: Jorge Martín-de-Nicolás



Team Giggles with Rod Johnstone, original builder of the J/24, at the JFEST Awards ceremony. Photo courtesy: Natalie Penner



J/24s returning to Lakewood Yacht Club under spinnaker following races. Photo courtesy: Roselyn Pierce

J70 Fleet Update

by Bruce McDonald

For the second year in a row, an AYC boat has won the Southwest District J70 Circuit Championship. As you might recall, the Matt Romberg/Sean Nunes team made a strong showing last year and took a solid first place in the six-race/seven-boat series. This year, the J70 fleet swelled to 17 boats with four of the stops on Galveston Bay and one each at Fort Worth Boat Club and Corpus Christi.

The circuit was marked by great winds, including some scary, equipment-breaking conditions. The leader managed to change with each circuit stop. The competition was at a very high level with aggressive starts, close mark roundings and close finishes. The two top boats were separated by one point going into the final circuit stop at J Fest. In the end, the team of **Bruce McDonald, Bob Leonard, Jeff Brock and Seth Cunningham** eked out a first place in the circuit.

In reflecting back on our success, other than providing and driving the boat and organizing the team, I can take very little credit for our amazing success. When I upgraded to the J70, I found that the quality of crew that I was able to attract was significantly better. We had clear delineation of duties on the boat. **Bob Leonard** is my pit man and mechanic. He came from the J80 class, so he was no stranger to travelling and organizing a circuit team. By the first regatta, he knew the boat inside and out and kept everything in the front of the boat running smoothly and effortlessly. His help was invaluable in getting the boat packed for the road and to the regattas and bringing a certain maturity to the program. **Jeff Brock** brought incredible energy to the program as trimmer and tactician. He was great in keeping the team focused. Even when things looked hopeless, he pulled us together as we knocked off one boat after another. In Corpus Christi, when we needed to win both of the last races to win the regatta in 20-knot winds and four-foot chop. As I battled fatigue, he kept yelling, "you can do this... you can do this." And we did. In the last regatta, he kept repeating the mantra, "Remember, you have lived your whole life for this day. Make it count." **Seth Cunningham** is in charge of boat speed and big picture strategy. As an honest-to-goodness rocket scientist and engineer, he kept a continuous feed of information concerning the big picture. In concert with Bob, his spinnaker sets and douses were a thing of beauty.

Putting together a circuit program requires a tremendous amount of effort, but it is rewarded by being able to sail with a great group of guys and against some incredibly talented sailors in a wide range of conditions. We are working on getting the fleet to come to AYC next year. Hopefully El Nino will make it happen.



J22 Fleet Update

by Bob Mathison



The 2014 Governors Cup Regatta included three boats registered and four races scored with **Pierre-Louis Bossart** taking first place followed by **Bruce Uphaus** and **Gordon Miller**.

Race committee for the two-day regatta was a J22 fleet effort with **Fleet Captain Bob Mathison** serving as PRO for the regatta assisted by 15 volunteers, of which nine were members of our fleet! Special thanks goes out to **Lynna Holland, Rosanne Butera, Jerry Clifford, Chuck Waldron, Jimmy Cain, Terry Schertz, Ricky Pefit, Ken Taylor, Peter Lange, Daniel Puztal, Scott Briinkman, David Tucker, Danny Lien, Eric Barveld and Bob Musselman**.



Photo by Deborah Mathison

Day one was a classic race committee challenge on Lake Travis with light winds shifting in all directions. When the weather fronts finally settled in, we were able to get one race scored. Day two was much better with mostly east, southeasterly winds remaining steady enough to score three races.

As you read this, the 2014 Fall Series is off to a great start with eight boats starting! Two round-the-buoy races were scored and the fleet racing was as competitive as I've ever seen it with the positions changing constantly. In fact, third and fourth place in the second race was determined only after an extensive discussion of Rule 18. The situation had a starboard tack boat and a port tack boat finishing downwind at the committee boat. Who won? The answer surprised me and others so check out this link and learn the rule. <http://www.speedandsmarts.com/TipsTests/Question/126>

Four of our fleet members are active in J22 Southwest District racing and all are competitive. Through six series this racing season, **John Halter** (Project Mayhem) sits in second place and **Linda McDavitt** (Bonfire) is currently in fourth. **Ken Taylor** (Frankly Scarlet) is 22 and **Bruce Uphaus** (Riff Raff) is 23. These folks take racing to the next level and help us improve at the club level through their active participation. If you would like to race your boat or crew for someone at the district level, contact me or one of these skippers.

The combined J22/J24 Fleet Christmas party is scheduled for Saturday, December 6 so keep your ears open for further details.

See you on the water!

C Fleet Update

by Chris Thompson

Ahhh fall! Governor's Cup was a great success – a handful of boats made up the wide ranging non-spinnaker class with **George Dahmen** taking the trophy in an Ensign. A new entry in the mix, Lemon Jello with the team of **Doichin and Tsolov**, took second in a weather (no wind) delayed event.

The Fall series is coming to a close with only one series race left (11/9) for C-Fleet this year, as I pen this article. **Bill Record's** Café au Lait is once again the boat to beat and a half dozen other Pearson 26's, in addition to some of the C-Fleet regulars are chasing him. We close out the season with the last RC duty of the year on 11/16. Any new members needing service credit are welcome to join us on race committee. RC is a great learning and social experience – and the free meal provided by the social committee is nice too! The Wild Turkey Regatta is the last chance of the year to strut your stuff so mark November 29 on your calendar. A good way to work off some turkey dinner and the prizes are most intoxicating.

The Frequent Sailor Program has over 200 entries for 84 different boat/captains to date. The highest number of individual tickets is nine. There are two more chances to enter – Wild Turkey Regatta and the annual Keel



Some of the Frequent Sailor Program prizes

Handicap Fleet meeting (date TBD), plus another if you have not paid your KHF dues. There will be around 10 or more prizes to win and you must be at the meeting to claim them. You do not have to be a KHF member to participate in the prize drawing but you must be a KHF member to vote.

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Notes from your GM

by Jackie Wheelless

"Lake's dropping, I'm trying to keep the docks off of the stumps!"
....."There's NO WIND!" These are the repetitive conversations that the AYC staff seem to have this time of the year during our weekly staff meetings. **Tom Cunningham** stays busy trying to keep up with the lake levels and dock placement, **Kate Noble** continually reads the wind forecasts to decide whether to brave the lake or keep the fleet of junior sailors indoors. Meanwhile, I try to stay a step ahead of Mother Nature in case of freezing weather so that I can safeguard the AYC botanical garden!

This is also the time of year that we put out a call for all members to grab their favorite gardening tools and join us for the annual Fall Work "Party". **Tom and B&G Commander Doug Casey** have a list the size of Santa's of duties to be performed during the "party". The short list includes: trimming shrubs, raking, pulling up old fencing, painting metal picnic tables and chairs at the cabins, painting BBQ grills, mulching trees and shrubs...in short, making AYC SHINE! This is the most excellent time for probationary members to earn credit for service to their club. Please join us SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 FROM 9:00 A.M. UNTIL...WHENEVER.

Saturday, November 22, there will be an extensive field mow at AYC.... please be aware of moving mowers!

Harry Polly and Gary Payne hosted 2 weekends of ASA101 classes during the month of October. **Kate Noble and I** will be working with **Harry and Gary** to streamline the registration process for these classes. Please watch the website for upcoming information about the ASA classes.

The gate code is continuing to change MONTHLY....please watch the website and your statement for the most current code.

As you are all probably aware, **Past Commodore Christopher Dwight, Secretary Jennifer Schwan and Race Commander John Halter** will all be sailing off the Board in 2015. I for one would like them all to know what a pleasure it's been working with them and for them. **Christopher**, I'll miss trying to figure out whether or not you've received my emails and where the heck you are in the universe at the very moment of the monthly Membership Committee meetings. **Jen**, I'll miss your sassy quips to my rather sassy emails and how you "hold my hand" while I interpret the AYC Handbook and Bylaws. **John**, I'll miss printing off the Starts and the SIs and the NORs and helping you keep up with your laptop.

We have a busy month ahead with the November 20 Annual Membership Meeting. Please make a special effort to be present at this year's meeting....**Commodore John Morran** has more planned than "just business" – but you'll have to be present to find out what surprises he has in store!!! Hope to see you there!

Social Committee News

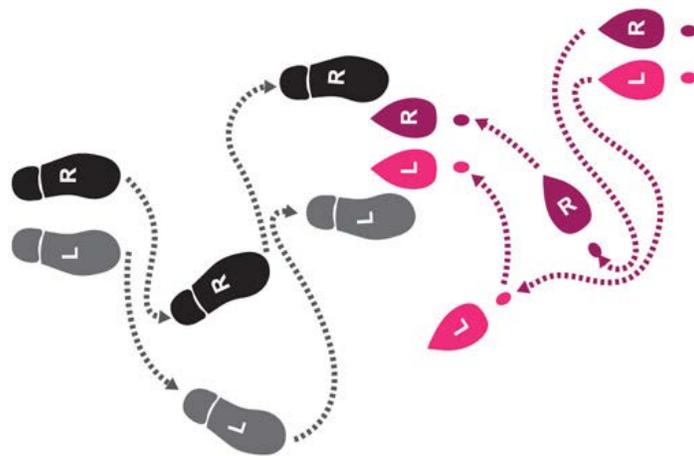
by Pat Manning

Probably by the time this article is published, the Social Committee will have prepared and served our last meal for the 2014 season. By my calculations, that is over 1500 meals consisting of entrees, sides, salads, breads, and desserts. We have also added food and beverages to the catered events, which were the Opening Day Ceremony and the Pirates of Lake Travis Summer Party.

So at this time I want to express my most sincere appreciation to the members of the 2014 Social Committee: **Annie Frey, Colleen Taylor, Deborah Mathison, Jen Brown, Kathy Johnstone, Katie Johnson, Margo Bower, Marilyn Hammond, Molly Lewis, Norma Lien, Shawna Martin, Susie McDonald, Tiffany Bennett, and recently we have had help from a brand new AYC member, Terri Wood and Carol Frick** has been making our desserts. Believe me, all that we have done would not have been possible without the many hours of volunteering by all of the people named above. THANK YOU one and all.

Also by the time you read this article, you should have received your invitation to the Boot Scootin' Annual Banquet at the Broken Spoke on December 7. You will need to RSVP by November 20 to the AYC Office at 512-266-1336. I hope many of you will be able to attend the festivities and kick up your heels as we finish out the 2014 Social Season.

Since some of you might be a little reluctant to attend the Annual Banquet this year because your Western dancing skills may not be up to par, I have been able to arrange for a special western dancing lesson by AYC members and professional dancer, **Sherri Reynolds and her husband, Kevin**.



This lesson will be held at the AYC Clubhouse on Sunday, November 30 at 6:00pm and is offered to couples only. We will polish up our two-step and western swing dancing skills, or maybe just learn enough to get by. If you would like to take advantage of this special offer, please email me at pbookkeeping@att.net so we can know how many couples to expect.

It has been a wonderful year and I have really enjoyed being the Social Chair and having such a great, supportive committee, AYC Staff and AYC Board. Thank you all.

AYC Scuttlebutt

by Bill Records

Governor's Cup

In recent years AYC regattas have experienced a decline in participation. A lot of reasons for this have been suggested – bad economy, low lake levels, frequent dues increases, too many series races. However the one-day regattas, such as Red Eye and Independence Cup, have done relatively well. Since they don't take up a whole weekend, those with busy schedules can attend.

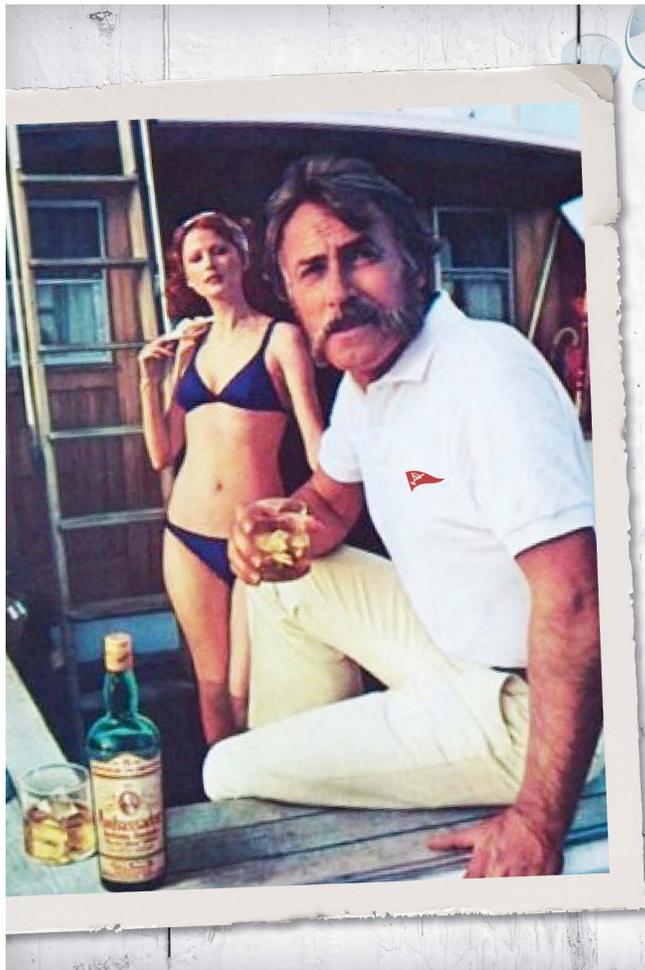
A former Vice-Commodore said a successful regatta is one where you have good food and drinks, a great party, and oh yes, some racing if possible. So if the weather is bad and/or there is no wind, everyone has a good time. **Meiling and John Parker** followed this model in chairing this year's Governor's Cup. I haven't had as much fun at a regatta since **Wade Bingaman** reworked Turnback!

The Saturday dinner was the highlight of the weekend. **The Parkers** and crew turned the clubhouse into a five star restaurant! I think that I recognized some of the wait staff! I never have heard so many people talking about what a great regatta it was and no one mentioned the lousy

wind. Also, I think that good advertizing helped the turnout. Posters and flash emails were produced well in advance.

55 boats registered compared to 34 last year. A large part of the increase was represented by junior sailors, 17. As PRO for the junior line, I had the best gig in the regatta. Since the wind was light, the kids normally sailing 4.7 Lasers chose to go full rig. In the Laser class, we had two new members, **Reilly Linn and brother Skylar Linn**. Both sailed well, with **Reilly** taking third place. **Will Abrams** sailed very well at times and placed fourth. At the top of the fleet, it was a battle of **Froelichs, Ethan and Ben**. **Ethan** won his first regatta on a Laser and **Ben** came in second.

The Opti fleet had new members **Doug Denby, Alex Lange, Eric Jayawant, and Doug Miller** racing in their first regatta at AYC. They were real troopers, finishing every race. The racing was very competitive and close except for **James Brock** who early on established that he was the one to beat. He dominated the fleet, winning all but one race (2nd). His throw outs were a 2nd and a 1st! **Lucy Brock** challenged in every race and took second. **Julius Heitkoetter** sailed consistently taking third place. **Marcus Tita** got two seconds and placed fourth overall, while **Fiona Froelich** sailed aggressively to take fifth. The competitiveness and sportsmanship of our junior sailors and the pipeline of new kids coming into the program is a testimony to the fine work of **Sailing Director Kate Noble and Coach Kiel Killeen**.



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AYC 2014 RACE CALENDAR

Nov 16	Fall Series #4 First Gun 1:30p RC – PHRF C
Nov 29	Wild Turkey Regatta

AYC 2014 NON-RACING EVENTS

Nov 13	AYC Board of Directors Meeting	7:30p at the Clubhouse
Nov 14	Opti I Practice	4:00 - 6:30p
Nov 15	Opti II and III Practice	1:00 - 3:30p
	Laser and FJ Practice	4:00 - 6:30p
	Work Party	9:00a
Nov 16	Free Sail Sunday	1:00 - 4:00p
Nov 19	Opti II and III Practice	4:00 - 6:30p
Nov 20	Annual Meeting	7:00p at th Clubhouse
Nov 21	Opti I Practice	4:00 - 6:30p
Nov 22-23	ASA 101 Basic Keelboat Class	8:30a - 5:30p
Nov 22	Opti II and III Practice	1:00 - 3:30p
	Laser and FJ Practice	4:00 - 6:30p
Nov 23	Free Sail Sunday	1:00 - 4:00p
Nov 26	Opti II and III Practice	4:00 - 6:30p
Nov 28	Opti I Practice	4:00 - 6:30p
Nov 29	Opti II and III Practice	1:00 - 3:30p
	Laser and FJ Practice	4:00 - 6:30p
	Keel Fleet Annual Meeting	Following Wild Turkey Awards
Nov 30	Western Dance Lessons	6PM at the Clubhouse
Dec 3	Opti II and III Practice	4:00 - 6:30p
Dec 5	Opti I Practice	4:00 - 6:30p
Dec 6	Opti II and III Practice	1:00 - 3:30p
	Laser and FJ Practice	4:00 - 6:30p
	J22-J/24 Holiday Party	4:00p - 11:55 at the Clubhouse
Dec 7	Roadrunner Holiday Party	12:30p - 2:30p at the Clubhouse
	AYC Annual Banquet	5:00p - 11:00p at the Broken Spoke
Dec 10	Opti II and III Practice	4:00 - 6:30p
Dec 12	Opti I Practice	4:00 - 6:30p
Dec 13	Opti II and III Practice	1:00 - 3:30p
	Laser and FJ Practice	4:00 - 6:30p
	Catalina Holiday Party	5:00p - 11:55p at the Clubhouse
Dec 31	New Year's Eve Party	8:00p - 1:00a at the Clubhouse

KEEL FLEET ANNUAL MEETING

The Keel Handicap Fleet will hold its annual meeting immediately following the Awards presentation at the Wild Turkey Regatta. Members in good standing (dues paid) for the 2015 year are eligible to vote on matters brought before the group.

Matters to be discussed will include 2015 fleet officers, fleet splits, handicap committee appointments and regatta assignments for 2015.

All keelboat owners are encouraged to join for 2015 and participate. Individuals who are interested in officer positions (Secretary, Treasurer, KHF Captain, sub fleet captains, and handicap committee positions) should make their interests known to Jim Johnstone, the current KHF secretary.



Governor's Cup – Smooth sailing!

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