

Board Report
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This year at AYC was great. The junior program is expanding, with a strong high school sailing program contributing to that growth. We have had about 20 students in each season of high school sailing so far, and they have steadily improved. Alongside the high school practices, I have been coaching the UT Sailing Team as well. Running these practices simultaneously has definitely helped both groups improve due to increased competition. The Friday practices this year have been great with as many as 17 FJ's out on the water at 1 time. The other classes such as laser 1 & 2, and Opti 1, 2 & 3, have also seen strong participation, especially at the lower levels. We have a very large group of Opti 2 sailors that are beginning to really enjoy racing. There is a lot to look forward to with regards to junior sailing at AYC!

The Summer Camps and PB&J were nearly full again. The summer camp had 110 out of 120 spots filled this year, and PB&J had 60 out of 80. The team of counselors and CIT's that I had at camp were excellent, and many of the CIT's are planning on being counselors next year. Bill did a great job again with PB&J. He continues to help build up our Opti 1 class through his instruction in the summer. All but one of the Opti 1 students this year had gone through Bill's class.

As for me personally, I found time to do a bit of sailing this year. This summer I raced with Keith Denebeim on Slip Kid in both the Independence Cup and the Moonburn Series. We finished 2nd in our fleet in Independence Cup and we won both our fleet and the overall series in the Moonburn! I always go down to the Wursthfest regatta at LCYC each year and race sunfish, and this time it happened to be the Southwest region's world qualifier event. I am pleased to say that I took 3rd overall, and qualified for worlds in 2018! AYC had a really strong presence at Wursthfest, bringing home trophies in Sunfish, with Annie Lancaster, myself, Ed Hill, and Ravi Subramanian finishing 2-5 respectively. Ethan Froelich placed 2nd in laser radials, Gray Rackley placed 5th in laser full rig, Jack Grant and Abbey Amato finished 1st & 2nd in the Opti fleet and we had many more participants throughout all fleets. Because of this, we actually brought home the Visiting Club Award, which is awarded to the out of town club with the most sailors. We beat Lakewood Yacht Club by 1! This just goes to show how strong of a club we are in terms of not only just sailing skill, but also in participation in racing by our members. This club races more than any other club I've seen and this is the proof of that!

As I said before, it has been a great year at AYC.